

AN INTERVIEW WITH CINDY MESKAUSKAS

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In a few words, tell us about your design and build experience with T&W.

Seven years ago, as we were preparing for a 65,000 square foot children's space addition/renovation to our building, we determined the design build method would be the most effective way to approach the project. We interviewed over a ½ dozen commercial design build teams – both local and national, and all well-respected. While T&W had extensive commercial experience, it was their unique perspective and knowledge of church building that convinced our search team to unanimously choose them. Since that time we have partnered with T&W and their design team, through 4 renovation/addition projects and are launching the 5th, a new build project, in 2019.

T&W uses independent architects and site engineering firms for design. In what ways did these designers work to serve your best interest for your project?

Having the architects, designers and engineers working collaboratively on projects has been a benefit for us from the initial design/discovery meetings through the close of the projects. It's one team, all with a seat at the table, working together to put together the best solutions for our space needs.

Talk about the transparency of T&W's open book estimating. Was it helpful to see all the numbers and subcontractor quotes?

Any organization contemplating building or expanding is, of course, concerned with the quality of the work, the cost of the project and the timeliness of completion. This is never more true for a church like ours, who is focused on being good stewards of the gifts and donations given to move our vision forward. T&W's transparent approach gives us the confidence and security to know we are making good decisions.

Describe how the construction phase went for your project.

It is obvious by the fact that we are moving forward on our 5th project with T&W that we are well pleased with the quality of the construction, and the construction process itself. It does not mean that there have not been challenges along the way (especially on renovation projects to existing structures where unknown conditions pop-up as the project moves forward) – but T&W has kept us informed, come up with creative solutions, advised us of the pros and cons of decisions we need to make. Two of our satellite campus projects, a 40-year old existing building and a 100-year old existing building were going through renovations simultaneously. T&W did everything possible to keep both projects moving along on schedule, sometimes moving subs from one building to the other to meet deadlines.

What was the greatest benefit to you and your team by working with T&W?

Hands down, the relationship we have built over the years, based on the integrity of the company, their staff and the team they bring to the project.



The Traders Point and T&W team during the construction of Traders Point Christian Church Downtown campus

