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metropolitan memorial umc

Client: Metropolitan Memorial United Methodist Church

Location: Washington, D.C.

Project Type: Renovation

Seat Count: 600

Opening: July 2008

Construction Cost: \$2.9 million

Architect: Quinn Evans Architects

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AD Scope: Acoustics | Audio | Video

Metropolitan Memorial United Methodist Church has a rich history going back to the 1850's. In 1931, the construction of their present facility was underway. By 1957, the church was too small and an expansion of the main sanctuary was in order. Now, 50 years later, the church has made the decision to re-evaluate the existing conditions of the Main Sanctuary, Great Hall and Vestry in order to grow and expand with the changing times.

Acoustic Dimensions worked with the church in the facility restoration and improvement program that included overcoming acoustics issues and upgrading the audio and video systems. Metropolitan places a strong emphasis on their traditional music ministry and the high, vaulted ceiling coupled with reflective surfaces found in the main sanctuary create natural acoustics that are highly responsive and reverberant. A new sound system was needed to improve speech intelligibility and sound isolation issues were addressed. The church also desired a permanent video production system and archival recording for this room, with the intention of producing DVD recordings of services for distribution as well as live web streaming.

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