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“God is in the details.” So goes the famous quote from German architect Mies Van der Rohe, and no statement better reflects the most important guiding principle of a firm that has been setting a standard of excellence in architecture for four decades. For the last forty years, Helbing Lipp Recny Architects has been providing building design, structural engineering, master planning and interior design services in the Northern Virginia / Washington DC Metro area, West Virginia, and surrounding states with innovative designs that successfully meet functional needs as well as budget and scheduling goals.

Originally founded in the Tysons Corner, Virginia area by Thomas Helbing and David Lipp in 1973, the firm experienced success from the beginning and enjoyed healthy growth with a diverse clientele and excellent employees. Known at the time as Helbing Lipp Ltd. Architects Engineers, in 1983, a branch office was opened in Charles Town, West Virginia to provide quality design services to the eastern panhandle area in both the public and private sectors. In 2008, John Recny became a principal and today he and Mr. Lipp are actively managing the firm. This year marks four decades of practice for the firm and it is proud to announce that its new name will be Helbing Lipp Recny Architects to reflect the new ownership while acknowledging the firm’s heritage.

Over the years, Helbing Lipp Recny Architects has become one



Arlington Church of Christ — Credit: Helbing Lipp Recny Architects

of the premier design firms for churches and other religious and institutional buildings as well as public and private schools. However, its expertise is not limit-

ed to these project types; they also have developed an extensive portfolio of restaurants, office buildings and health care facilities and other projects. “We are a small

to medium sized firm – typically between 10 and 15 professionals make up our staff. While we focus on religious, educational and

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New Sanctuary — Credit: Helbing Lipp Recny Architects



Jefferson High School Common Area — *Credit: Immortal Images*



Jefferson High School Gymnasium — *Credit: Immortal Images*

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other institutional building design, we also enjoy excellent long-term relationships with a number of repeat corporate clients including McDonald's and Sun Trust Bank," says John. In recent

years, Helbing Lipp Recny Architects has added more renovation and addition projects to its portfolio. "A lot of our projects are very difficult renovations and additions, and we really enjoy the

challenges they provide," states David. "About seventy-five percent of our recent work includes some renovation. Often times, these clients ask us to generate

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new master plans along with their addition or renovation, to set a vision for future development of their facilities.”

There are many reasons that Helbing Lipp Recny Architects

has enjoyed so much success for so long, not the least of which is their ability to listen to their clients and discover their real needs. “Responding to our client’s needs in a unique and cost effec-

tive manner is key to us,” continues David. “We make it a point to be good stewards of our client’s money,” adds John. “The goal of each project we undertake is a clear and concise design solution to program requirements. We recognize that the project budget is always a controlling factor in the design process, and we meet this challenge while providing unique, distinctive, stimulating and inviting spaces.”

Going hand in hand with the firm’s ability to listen to the client’s needs is its dedication to be as hands-on as they can possibly be with all aspects of a project. “Limiting the size of the firm is intentional, and it allows us, as Principals, to provide personalized service to each project from inception through construction. Every client knows that working with our firm means they have access

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to the principals by phone or email at any time,” adds John.

Of course, the Principals realize that none of their success would be possible without a professional and talented staff. “Helbing Lipp Recny Architects is blessed with a staff of passionate and energetic people,” notes John. “Our seasoned architects and designers are supported by a group of young emerging professionals, and we have a collaborative studio environment in which to develop your project and produce the documents necessary to construct it successfully.” In fact, the construction documents that the firm pro-

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duces are superior and very much appreciated by everyone involved in a project. “We often get feedback from contractors that tell us our drawings and details are very usable and easy to understand,” states David.

The relationships cultivated by Helbbing Lipp Recny Architects extend not only to their staff and clients, but also to their consultants. “We have established long-term associations with recognized consultants in structural engineering and mechanical/electrical engineering, audio-visual system designs and other specialty areas and we include these consultants

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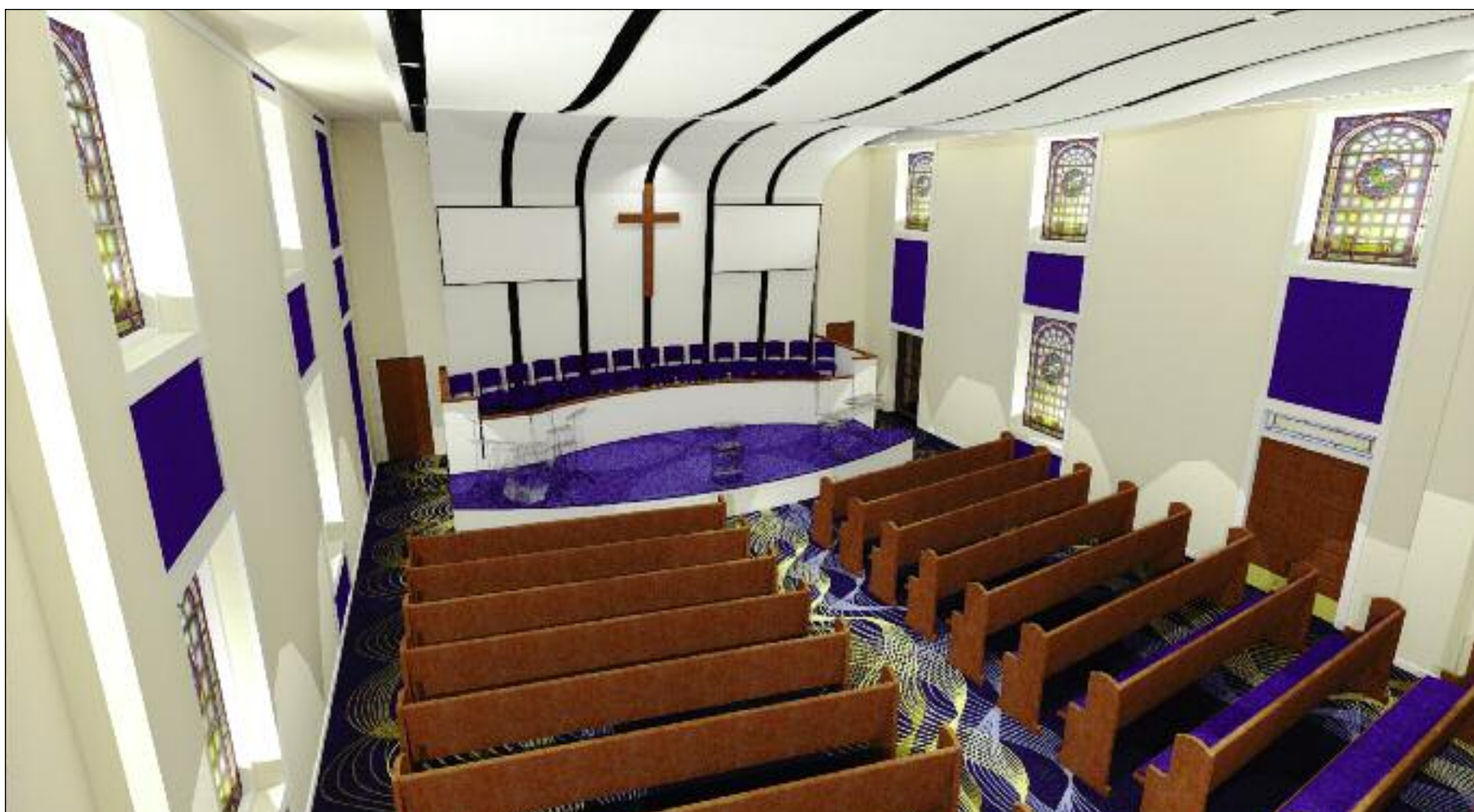
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Sanctuary Renovation — *Credit: Helbing Lipp Recny Architects*

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in our project design teams as necessary,” explains David. In addition, the firm is an advocate of including the General Contractor in the design process. “We consider the contractors and consultants we work with as an extension of our firm, and they play an important role in making sure the project is designable and under budget.”

What perhaps best tells the story of the success Helbing Lipp Recny Architects have enjoyed comes from none other than the clients themselves. The following quotes are but a small sample giving testimony to client satisfaction.

“You have been the best to work with that I could have possibly hoped for. Your ideas for the cross, atrium and the suspension of the balcony/Fireside Rooms were exceptional.” – Ron Urice. Immanuel Bible Church, Alexandria, Virginia.

“We are especially grateful and thankful for your listening and being attentive to our needs and concerns as we communicated them as best as we knew how and then demonstrating through your responding designs and solutions that you were ‘listening’. Also, the effort and depth of your support and services in explaining and defining the developing design options to arrive at the most optimal and affordable solutions was outstanding.

Our resulting project outcome has demonstrated and confirmed your firm’s level of expertise and atten-

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Jefferson County Judicial Building — Credit: Helbing Lipp Recny Architects



Trinity Christian School — Credit: Helbing Lipp Recny Architects

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tion to detail and the needs of your client. Now that our project is under construction, within the initial program space and budget while on schedule, we clearly know that our choice of your firm was guided by more than our own human wisdom. We are thankful to God for your firm being our partner as we look forward to expanding our ministries and services to our community and neighbors through this project.” – Robert Clontz, Building Committee Chairman, Centreville Baptist Church.

Looking to the future, Helbing Lipp Recny Architects has every reason to see it as bright. While transitioning to a new name and ownership, the firm maintains a history of architectural excellence that spans four decades and several states. It is exactly that legacy that drives the vision for Helbing Lipp Recny Architects forward. “As the firm transitions to a new generation of ownership, our goal is to not lose sight of what has kept us in business for 40 years – personal attention to each one of our clients,” explains John. “With that as our cornerstone, we’ll continue to provide excellent architecture that serves our clients, meets their program needs, stays in budget, and results in beautiful and innovative buildings.”

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