

The APC church property is currently under review for consideration for Historic Designation by the Historic Affairs and Landmark Review Board (HALRB) of Arlington County. The owner of the property, Arlington Presbyterian Church, is opposed to this designation. Here is our statement:

On Sunday, November 17, the Arlington Presbyterian Church faith community declared the will of our members by a vote of 34 to 19 to redevelop our entire church property. Our intensive, multi-year discernment process has led us to an innovative vision for rebirth and renewal in a brand new facility that will include new worship space and church offices, a child care center, retail consistent with our ministry, and much needed affordable housing. Our congregation desires to create new, 21<sup>st</sup> century worship space, retain a meaningful presence on Columbia Pike, and serve the community with an intentional connection to our mission. Partnering with the Arlington Partnership for Affordable Housing, we will continue our tradition of faithful action, willing to shed our latest shell in order to meet the new needs of our community by providing much needed affordable housing—a top priority for Arlington County. We are not seeking an historic designation, nor do we want one. And, the existing structure, in fact our third church building, was not identified for preservation in the Columbia Pike Initiative. As good stewards of this valuable land, we intend to redevelop our property with uses permitted by the County's zoning ordinance and in concert with our vision for the future of Arlington Presbyterian Church.