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## Stunning Three-Building Expansion Built for Grace Church



Congratulations to Authorized Builder, Whitener & Jackson, Inc., of Manassas, VA, on receiving first place in the religious category of our 2023 Excellence in Design program for their exceptional project. American Buildings and Whitener & Jackson, Inc., worked together on this complex design to provide the church's desired functionality and aesthetics.

This beautiful three-building expansion was built for Grace Church, allowing plenty of space for its 6,000 member congregation. It is located on an 11.3 acre site in Eastern Prince William County, Virginia, that required extensive site work and utility relocation to prepare for the construction. A metal building was chosen to provide maximum column spacing to achieve the necessary open area required for the large worship center. The development features over 16,000 sf of sanctuary space with stadium seating and an extensive audio-visual system. Three mezzanines house classrooms, offices, and a bridge linking the second-floor units.



The exterior of the metal building was adapted to accommodate the aesthetics and standards required by the local jurisdiction and surrounding structures. It is clad with brick and metal panels, an outdoor staircase building, and a massive 100' tall custom cross. A glass curtain wall adds dimension to the captivating entrance and ensures plenty of natural lighting. Membrane roofing is used over the metal deck to protect second-floor units, and the entire structure is surrounded by parapet walls.

