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Rendering of the proposed new sanctuary.
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Village Community Presbyterian Church celebrates start of construction on new sanctuary

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Despite the threat of rain, members of the Village Community Presbyterian Church in Rancho Santa Fe broke ground for a \$19 million church expansion project Dec. 7 after their traditional morning worship service.

"We realize that this is not about just a building of brick and mortar, but it's about building a church community that is growing both spiritually and physically," said the

Rev. Jack Baca.

Eight years in the planning, the church campus rebuilding program is expected to take about 16 months with a completion date estimated for the first quarter of 2010.

"Now that we have all of the approvals and permits, construction should progress on schedule and soon the Village will have a glorious worship facility that will serve as a community touchstone," said Don MacNeil, chairman of the Building Committee for the Village Church.

Designed by San Diego-based Domus Studio Architects, the project includes two new



Associate Pastor Scott Mitchell, Senior Pastor Jack Baca and Associate Pastor Jan Farley are ready to start building.
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