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## **Himmelman Completes Construction of Journey Church in Castle Pines**

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LAKEWOOD, Colorado -- Himmelman Construction, Inc. (Himmelman), a privately held commercial General Contractor headquartered in Lakewood, Colorado, announced today the completion of the new worship facility, Journey Church, in Castle Pines, Colorado. Journey Church is located at 9009 Clydesdale Road on a 12.6-acre section of land between the Surrey Ridge and Oak Hills neighborhoods within Douglas County. A Grand Opening celebration was held Sunday, August 13, that included three worship services, children-friendly activities, and a community fair. Facility development and strategic planning expertise was provided by Church Facility Solutions, LLC (CFS), a church real estate and facility development services firm headquartered in Denver. Design services were provided by Denver-based Lee Architects & Interior Designers.

This 14,250 square foot, 2-story plus mezzanine religious facility includes a 348-seat worship auditorium on the main level, as well as a lobby, restrooms, and refreshment area. The lower level includes six youth classrooms, a nursery, toddler room, and multiple gathering and youth rooms. The project also includes a 160-space parking lot, and over 12 acres of site development valued at \$1.7 million. The landscaping design for this project adhered to Douglas County's regulations and long term water use and sustainability as well as the utilization of native tree and shrub species found nearby in the native Colorado foothills. The split level structure is steel erected with an exterior face that includes metal, stucco, and stone.

"At our core, we are a Construction Management / General Contracting firm that focuses on community-based projects, which includes worship facilities of all types. For us, the Journey Church project was an opportunity to not only build an exceptional worship facility but to build strong and lasting relationships with Pastors and a congregation for whom faith, family, and community is a daily commitment," said Chris Smith, Himmelman Senior Project Manger. "We are proud to be associated with such an enthusiastic group of worshipers dedicated to the growth and advancement of their parish," Smith added.

Journey Church was founded over ten years ago, initially holding its services in a Denver hotel ballroom. As a contemporary church with roots in the Free Methodist denomination, Journey Church is a vibrant and growing congregation in the community. Having more than doubled in size since its inception, the church was located in an old grocery store in Centennial until earlier this summer. Searching for the appropriate piece of property to build a new and permanent worship facility began over five years ago. Utilizing its new location as a hub, on the west side of Interstate 25 between the Castle Pines Parkway and Ridge Gate exits, the congregation's long term vision is to establish more community churches throughout the Denver metropolitan and surrounding areas.

"We are so encouraged by the growth our people are experiencing and the momentum of realizing our vision taking place. More than a new building, the people make Journey a real church, for real people," said Executive Pastor Travis Waits. "More than just increased attendance numbers, the depth of growth in spiritual maturity has been extraordinary to witness and we are so proud and excited for the future of our church," Waits added.

Waits and his family have been a part of Journey Church for over four years. Serving as the Executive Pastor, Waits oversees the church ministry team and all ministry programs strategy. Please visit journeycolorado.com for additional information on service times, weekly ministries, resources, and the events calendar.

Founded in 1955, Himmelman is a full-service construction management and contracting firm, providing a wide range of preconstruction and construction services to owners and developers across the State of Colorado. For over 23 years Himmelman has been establishing a reputation of distinction in building properties for the religious, K-12 education, municipal, and office markets. To view Himmelman's entire service offerings and award winning project portfolio, please visit himmelmanconstruction.com.

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