

# The Arboretum Tour

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Space is limited.

In 1959 Rev. Robert Schuller approached Richard Neutra with an audacious proposition: design a drive-in church for an outside ministry. Neutra's response is an elegant pavilion of glass supported by tapered steel beams and set into an expansive landscape. An elevated platform permitted the minister to stride from the interior to address 600 cars parked outside. In effect, the preacher became a liturgical reenactment of one of Modernism's primary tenets, eradicating the boundary between indoors and out.

Now part of the Christ Cathedral campus, the Arboretum's rehabilitation reflects a deep commitment to give new life to one of Neutra's most important achievements. Initially, the project indicated a mild cleanup before worship resumed. Instead the building proved so fragile that drastic structural measures and budget increase were needed, with no change in the breakneck six-month deadline.

**Join CPF for a tour of this award-winning structure with the project architect and historian.**