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A STORY OF FAITH,  
HOPE & PURPOSE

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# HOME FOR GOOD

**WHO KNEW THREE YEARS AGO** that the home office would morph into THE office. In many cases it is no longer a secondary office for work and a primary office for home bills and the like. It is now a full office with all of the needs of your corporate life. Today we find our team designing home office spaces with more of a commercial intention. By commercial I mean, built for everyday function, everyday use incorporating large desk spaces with large monitors.


The residential furniture manufacturers have made the switch as well. Where they had a few lovely writing desks and a few executive desks for the large executive homes, they now realize that every home is being renovated or built to include a full office (or two). This allows designers to have many more options for our clients to meet their needs without looking like Office Depot standard issue furniture.

As we consider this permanent shift in life/work life,

we have come up with some things to consider:



<p>➔ <b>What kind of work surface is needed?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Is it a large surface for many monitors or a small space for a laptop?</li> <li>▶ Does the client think visually and need stacks for projects or is unseen filing the best option?</li> <li>▶ Does the surface need to have adjustable height to allow for standing during the day?</li> </ul>	<p>➔ <b>What kind of lighting is needed?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ What brightness of lighting is needed?</li> <li>▶ Is there enough task lighting?</li> <li>▶ Is special lighting needed for Teams or Zoom calls?</li> </ul> <p>➔ <b>What kind of storage is needed?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Is paper utilized or is everything paperless?</li> <li>▶ Are there sensitive documents and therefore need locked storage?</li> <li>▶ Does the door need a lock?</li> </ul>	<p>➔ <b>What is the process for the job at hand?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Does the client need a white board?</li> <li>▶ Do they need a place to relax and let their creative mind wander? (or nap?)</li> <li>▶ Is additional seating needed?</li> <li>▶ Does the room need sound or light control?</li> <li>▶ Do we need to muffle the street noise or the noise from the family or dog?</li> <li>▶ Do we need to cover the windows because at certain times of year the sunlight hits just so to make the room unusable?</li> <li>▶ Does the chair fit the client?</li> </ul>	<p>➔ <b>What kind of electrical access is needed?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ How many items need power and where is the power available?</li> <li>▶ How will the cords be managed?</li> <li>▶ Do we need to install floor outlets?</li> </ul> <p>➔ <b>And finally, what does it look and feel like?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Is it a place where the client wants to spend their time?</li> <li>▶ Is there a good backdrop for Zoom/Teams meetings?</li> </ul>
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Many decisions go into building any room in your home, but the home office is now for concentrated focus away from the family. It can be personal and beautiful, but first of all, it must be functional. ●

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Our resident home-design expert, Starr Miller, has garnered local and national acclaim with more than 30 industry honors. An alumnus of the prestigious Parsons School of Design in New York, Starr has built a strong following as the principal of her sought-after design firm, located in Cornelius, NC.

She feels the composition of a space must originate with the client's unique perspective. Along with that perspective she brings together her team's collaboration, design skills and refined processes in a way which results in truly captivating homes for her clients.

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