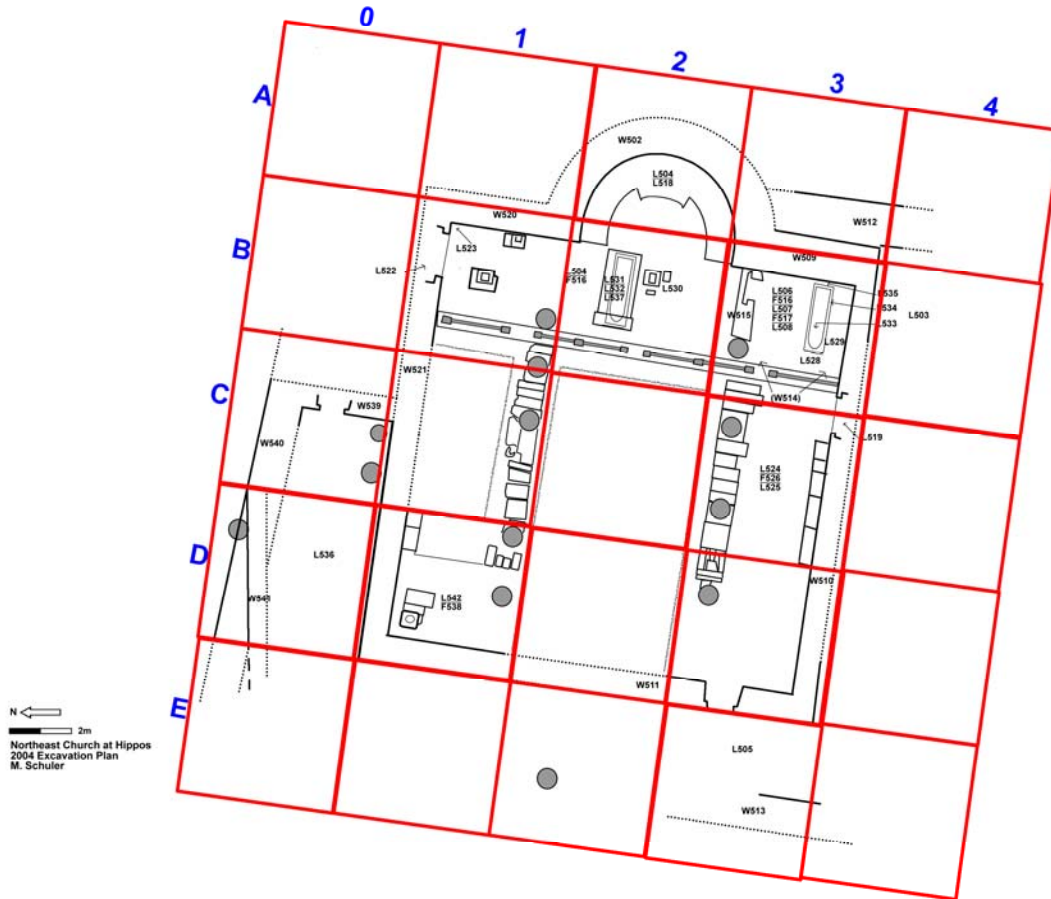


Northeast Church Project 2004 Excavation Plan



General Approach

In upcoming seasons, the team will complete the exposure of the second phase of the Northeast Church (NEC) and then proceed to explore the relationship of the church to surrounding walls, rooms, and or structures. Exposure of the first phase of the chancel and probes beneath the church will await future years.

Specific Plan for 2004

The Concordia team of seven to eleven members will work in two groups. Work will begin in B2 and C1. The group in B2 will reopen and complete the exhumation of the cist tomb in an attempt to further knowledge of those buried in the NEC. The group in C1 will complete the excavation of the north aisle. It will seek in particular to understand the asymmetrical arrangement of the columns and the disparate intercolumnations.

Teams will next proceed to squares C2 and D2 in order to excavate the nave of the domus. During this phase of the work, we may temporarily remove the wellhead in D1 in order to explore the cistern. Alternatively, we may lower cameras to document the cistern and only enter it if photographic evidence gives us good reason to do so.

During the last weeks of the excavation, we will open squares C0, B4, and E3. Each square has potential for clarifying surrounding rooms/structures. Information from these squares will help to plan future work.