Design Concepts

- The farther into a forest one travels, the denser the trees become and the more complex the canopy above becomes. This journey relates to meditation and the journey deeper into one’s thoughts.

- What makes the Hoh Rainforest so unique is its unexpected location in a mountainous region of the northwestern United States.

- The design will attempt to emulate this experience by using organic overhangs to recreate the feeling of a forest canopy. The overhangs will create a feeling of unexpectedness by masking the geometric look of the actual building.

The detail shows how the exterior structures that mask the chapel are designed. FSC laminated beams are used as the main support for the glass panels of the façade. Steel connections are used to join the various elements of the structure to one another as well as the connection to the main building.