

First Congregational U.C.C. Building Committee
Feedback Received from Facility Assessment & Feasibility Study Presentations
As of: August 19, 2019

Summary from comment sheets, three congregational meetings, and a leadership meeting:

Question 1: What excites you about the possibilities these alternatives raise?

- Improved accessibility and ADA compliance (4 comments)
- Consolidation of staff offices (4 comments)
- Change can be good (2 comments)
- Proactive building maintenance instead of fix when broke (2 comments)
- Updates are necessary (2 comments)
- Improved flow through Narthex
- Feel church will have improved vibrancy
- More energy efficient facility
- Entire facility will be more inviting
- Good that we are considering multiple options
- Better fellowship spaces
- Opportunities to align CYF structure (classroom wing) with future ministries
- Opens possibility for daycare in CYF building
- Church facility would be more compatible with our church mission
- Opportunity to better engage our youth and millennials
- Opportunity to design and utilize flexible spacing

Question 2: What questions do you continue to have?

- Are we sure we can raise the money for the options identified? (4 comments)
- What is the current value of our property? (4 comments)
- Will Options 1 or 2 provide enough additional Narthex space to avoid congestion between services on Sunday? (4 comments)
- How do we ensure that proposed facility updates and renovations support our church's mission or a future mission not yet identified? (3 comments)
- Is there existing land for Option 3? (2 comments)
- Will we continue to have a Library? (2 comments)
- Will the facilities be brought up to current building codes with all options? (2 comments)
- How is the lack of storage space being addressed? (2 comments)
- Will proposed facility updates and renovations extend the building's life another 50 years?
- Could we eliminate the Library and Chapel to offer more office space?
- How will these changes allow us to expand our mission statement?

Question 2: What questions do you continue to have? (continued)

- Why has it taken so long to care for these improvements?
- Do we really need to have a chapel?
- Could the parking lot design be improved?
- Could we build new (i.e. Option 3) at our existing location?
- Is renovating a 50-year-old building really the best option?
- Will members of the church be willing to attend if the location changes?
- What happens to the bridge?
- Why consider moving with the possibility of losing the Memorial Garden, our convenient location for Lawrence students and AA meetings, etc.?
- Will whatever updates/renovations happen be well integrated with the unique architectural style of the current structure?
- Is the organ maintenance and Sanctuary acoustics an integral part of the upgrade?
- Is it an option to do nothing?
- Has anyone done a 5-10-year church membership projection?
- Have we looked at other churches that have undergone similar renovations?
- Could we expand this building on our current location?
- The Chapel, if moved to Fellowship Hall, is not visible enough. Is there another alternative?
- What windows will be replaced?

Question 3: When reviewing the three options, which Option would you choose and why?

Prefer Option 1: **6 votes**

Prefer Option 2: **7 votes**

Could support either Option 1 or 2: **4 votes**

Prefer Option 3: **2 votes**

Want an Option 4 – Do nothing: **1 vote**

Question 4: Other comments

- Love our present location; do not consider moving.
- We need a covered drop off area at the church main entrance.
- Do not move the chapel to the lower level.
- Will the annual budget look different after renovation?
- More handicap accessible parking spaces are needed.
- Something will have to be done, but we will need to find the funds.
- Are the endowment funds available to utilize for renovations?
- Can any lower level walls be removed to create more flexible spaces?
- The building tours were very helpful in visualizing the building's problems and needs.
- Who will decide which option is selected and how is it decided?
- What is the anticipated timeline?

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