

**CHURCH BUILDING COMMITTEE
PRELIMINARY REPORT - OUTLINE
APRIL 7, 2019**

In 1968, our congregation made a bold new beginning by building and dedicating this church building.

In 2015, Church Council appointed **THE HORIZON TEAM** to do some evaluation and take a forward look into the life of our congregation.

- They conducted a survey of the congregation.
 - o Results: 3 particular areas of concern
 - Fellowship
 - Reaching out to the younger generation
 - Alternative worship

In 2016, the Horizon Team drew up a Strategic Plan that included a call for a Building Study.

In 2017, Church Council appointed the **BUILDING STUDY TASK FORCE.**

- They conducted a Building Use Survey of staff, members of the congregation, and representatives from outside groups that use our church building.
 - o Results:
 - 40% of congregational respondents rated the Narthex deficient, the CYF/classroom area was rated deficient by 14%, and the Fellowship Hall by 9%.
 - Other insufficient ratings given to specific areas of the church and its ministry: accessibility (28%), technology (22%), climate control (17%), signage (15%), parking lot lighting (13%), Parking (10%), safety (9%), and inside lighting (7%).
- The Building Study Task Force also updated the 10-year capital maintenance schedule including:
 - o \$500,000 for roof and window replacements;
 - o \$350,000 in updates for Fellowship Hall
 - o \$300,000 for a CYF building elevator
 - o \$200,000 for Parking Lot replacements and lights

- \$125,000 for church organ renovations
- \$115,000 for boiler and chiller replacements
- \$100,000 building cracks and tuckpointing
- \$625,000 miscellaneous repairs and replacements

Total 10-year anticipated capital needs: \$2,315,000

In June 2018, the Building Study Task Force recommended that a Building Committee be appointed and charged with generating solutions to address the aging facility, particularly around:

- Renovation of the CYF Building
- Renovation of Fellowship Hall/River Room
- Narthex Renovation
- Replenish the Building Reserve Fund
- Sanctuary Renovation
- Renovate Conference Rooms

In October 2018, Church Council appointed the **BUILDING COMMITTEE**.

- Since October, we have been on a journey of discovery:
 - Reviewed the recommendations of Building Study Task Force
 - Toured the building
 - Initiated visits to other churches that have faced similar challenges with their facilities
 - Interviewed key staff
 - Reviewed our church's Strategic Plan and asked bigger questions of mission in relation to our facilities
 - Compiled a list of concerns/challenges/needs facing the building

(see list of Building Challenges on next page)

NEXT STEPS

- Receive and compile feedback from the congregation
- Author a Request for Proposal (RFP) document
- Engage and interview an architectural firm

BUILDING CHALLENGES:

1. CYF Building

- Structural issues
- Lack of accessibility
- Lack of mobility between floors
- Mechanical systems obsolete
- Technology outdated
- Theatre room too small for mass gathering
- No dedicated space for Middle School group
- Inadequate space for High School group and Confirmation

2. Main Building

- Space restrictions in the Narthex (we are asking a lot of this space; being utilized as more than just a passageway or hallway)
- Inside and outside signage inadequate
- Accessibility issues in narthex, sanctuary, and chancel
- Insufficient lighting
- Outdated Technology in Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall
- Hazardous materials (asbestos) in Fellowship Hall
- Lack of storage space
- Outdated finishes in the Fellowship Hall
- Office space inefficiencies; scattered, duplicated resources
- Parking lot lighting and safety concerns
- Building security
- Mechanical issues
- Need for organ maintenance/renovation
- Limitations in Family Worship Area of sanctuary
- Cramped music room, lack of storage in music library, no natural lighting