

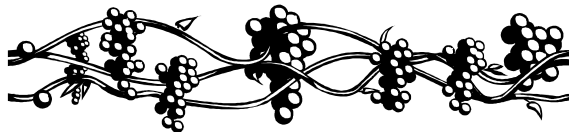
Facility Programming and Visioning Support Team
Proposal to Session
January 18, 2007

A Forward:

At our January 2007 session meeting the Session heard a report from the Facility Programming and Visioning Support Team which had been formed in the fall of 2006 to continue work on questions regarding the future ministry of the church and ongoing facility needs.

*We would like to include this report, which was received and accepted by the session, so that you can be informed about the important matters before our elders as we begin 2007. **Please note that session's acceptance of this report does not mean that any specific plans have been adopted**, but that plans involving the three main areas of the proposal (i.e., increased parking capacity; increased sanctuary seating; and additional ministry, music, and youth space) will be pursued beginning next month.*

As plans are developed we will be communicating regularly with the congregation regarding the exact nature of our needs, encouraging suggestions, questions, comments and other responses from the congregation. Opportunities will be provided for the congregation to provide input to our elders as they develop their proposal. Put as simply as possible, we want as many people as possible to be involved in our decision-making as we make these important decisions.



I am the vine, you are the branches.
*If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit,
but apart from me you can do nothing.
If you remain in me, and my words remain in you,
ask for whatever you wish and it will be given you.
This is to my Father glory,
that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.
- John 15:5, 7-8 NIV*

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Background

In the fall of 2005, the Session charged a building expansion team to dream big and come forward with a master facility plan that would address St. Andrew's needs. The team engaged (with Session approval) Neumann Monson Architects to assist with the development of a facility master plan. The team and architects met with all staff and collected a preliminary needs assessment. Eighteen focus groups were held with church members, church committees, and other users of the building. From those information-gathering exercises, Neumann Monson developed a building master plan and preliminary cost estimate. The cost of dreaming big and the large-scale expansion was approximately \$4,000,000.

Facility Programming and Visioning Support Team

In the fall of 2006, a new team was formed by the Session of Session members to continue the expansion discussions and soon realized that we do not need to build "so they will come" but we need to support our current vision and programming needs. The current team reviewed the core calling and also reviewed the Neumann Monson plan. **The team determined three facility areas that need immediate attention** in order to support our current programming and support our mission and vision. The three areas are a need for **increased seating in the sanctuary, increased parking, and space to accommodate our growing music, youth, and ministry missions.**

Increased Parking

We propose expanding our parking lot to the north as detailed in the Neumann Monson plan. This would relieve the parking problems we have during worship times and allow us to reserve parking up front for first time visitors.

Increased Sanctuary Seating

We propose replacing our current pews with pew chairs and putting in new carpeting. This would allow our congregation to worship in our sanctuary space without having to build a new sanctuary. Our seating capacity would increase from 257 to 336. Chairs would also allow for more flexibility in supporting our diverse worship needs.

Ministry, Music, and Youth Space

We propose adding a multipurpose room complete with a full lower level. This would provide a location for our congregation to meet during special occasions such as Holy Week. We would also be able to provide space for our growing programming needs of our youth and music ministry programs. The proposed facilities would also allow St. Andrew to support community mission projects.

Project Costs

Based on the preliminary estimates of costs provided by Neumann Monson these three projects would be significantly less than the original 3.9 million dollar proposal.

Funding the Project Costs

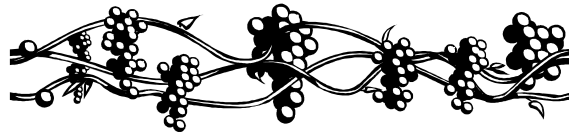
We propose to run a fundraising campaign to fund the projects and pay off our existing mortgage (approximately \$350,000). A fund raising campaign would allow St. Andrew to continue our mission and programming goals without having to make any cuts. We propose hiring a professional fundraising advisor.

Professional Fund Raiser

Gary Vance, a professional non-profit and church fundraiser, may be available to do this project for us. He is from Coralville, and has run many successful church, library, and nonprofit campaigns such as the Coralville Library and Wesley United Methodist Church in Muscatine. We propose having him come to Session in February and discuss his experience and plan for fundraising.

Project Plan and Timeline

1. Present plan to Session in January and obtain session support for project.
2. Contact Neumann Monson and instruct them to formalize plans for the three areas and provide formal up-to-date cost estimate by March 2007.
3. Professional fundraising advisor presentation to session in February 2007.
4. Engage professional fundraising advisor to review our budgets and advise us on reasonable expectations of the total financial commitment our congregation can support and to assist in the finalization of securing these commitments in February/March 2007.
5. Fundraising advisor develops communication and education plan for congregation and starts presentations in March 2007.
6. Complete fundraising by March 2008.
7. 50th anniversary of St. Andrew Charter with groundbreaking of new multipurpose room.



*You did not choose me, but I chose you
and appointed you to go and bear fruit...fruit that will last.
The Father will give you whatever you ask in my name.
This is my command: Love one another.
- John 15:16-17 NIV*