

Summary of Results from Congregational Survey about the Building Project October 2018

Recently, 105 church members and associates responded to the Board's request for feedback about the evolving strategy for space to meet the space expansion and renovation requirements that had been defined with congregational input over the past several years. The key survey results were as follows:

- Almost everybody (96%) said they sufficiently understood the rising construction cost factors that led to a funding gap of approximately \$200,000. Only 3 people said they'd like more information.
- A large majority (89%) described themselves as either enthusiastic or generally supportive of the recommended strategy of making the project affordable by postponing all but a few essential renovations to our existing space. Most of the rest checked the neutral/undecided box. Four checked the "Have Concerns" box.
- A similarly large majority (83%) described themselves as either excited or positive about the conceptual design of the new building. Most of the rest checked the neutral/undecided box. Five checked the "Have Concerns" box.

Of the 105 respondents, 58 offered 165 additional written comments. Seventeen people commended the Task Force's work and/or expressed optimism and eagerness to see the project results, several despite "disappointment" about postponing renovations. Fifty people offered comments about ways to close the funding gap. Eighteen people expressed a variety of negative or anxious comments concerning:

- the timing and costs of moving ahead with the project, including some who worry that a budget shortfall might end up compromising construction quality or ecological principles (10 comments)
- specific details of the new construction, addressing bathrooms, the lift, the stairs, and the porch (9 comments);
- the postponement of larger renovations, including inquiries about exactly what is being postponed (6 comments), skepticism that the renovations will actually happen unless we follow a well-organized plan reflecting our priorities (4 comments), and concerns about the prospects for specific renovation improvements to existing spaces (kitchen, storage, acoustics, corridors, stairways, and classrooms) (21 comments);
- the feasibility of accomplishing near-term, fix-up projects with teams of volunteers (7 comments); and
- various miscellaneous issues.

All of the inputs are being considered by the Task Force and the Board as they further develop a proposal for moving forward.