

19 March 2018

Dear Covenant Partners,

We continue our efforts to plan for growth at Westminster consistent with God's plan for His church. This is to update you on what each committee in the Master Planning Process can report. We intend to keep you abreast of helpful information as it is developed and afford you formal opportunities to provide input as needed when important decisions are to be made. As you read over the comments below, keep in mind that many options are being considered by all committees. As stewards of the church's resources, all efforts are being made to insure we are making the best decisions for our church.

Also, as a reminder, our efforts to expand the footprint of our campus by purchasing 108 Pineville Road next to the church office were not successful. All committees are now dealing with that fact as they focus on the next phase of our planning process.

**Master Plan Steering Committee:**

The MPSC has been working along with the other 4 Master Plan Sub- Committees in assisting and offering input in the various tasks each have been assigned. We also are facilitating collaboration between each Sub Committee, so everyone is aware of what is going on within the Sub-Committees and can coordinate overlapping issues/tasks between the sub-committees.

**Building/Designs/Programs Committee:**

The Building/Design Committee has spent a number of months identifying and analyzing how we might better use and enjoy our property. This week we met with our architect from Good City Architects, LLC, to consider a number of potential options to expand and repurpose our current buildings, parking areas, gathering space and children's ministry facilities. Good City has extensive experience with architecture for ministry related facilities locally and regionally. The Building Committee members have collected from you and others many ideas for both long and short term changes. As you may imagine, there is no one perfect solution that will address all relevant issues, goals and challenges. However, the Building Committee is committed to creatively addressing and working through the results of our efforts in partnership with our experienced architect. The Building Committee will be able to discuss its thinking and preliminary recommendations with the church leadership and Covenant Partners in the coming months. That discussion will be critical in arriving at final recommendations. Thank you for your patience and continued prayers.

**Neighborhood Relations Committee:**

Our church has been an integral part of the Fernwood neighborhood since it was first subdivided 60 years ago. Committee members have been attending meetings of the Fernwood Neighborhood Association as they come up to offer our support for community activities, to correct any unfounded rumors and to receive concerns which may be-expressed about the church. Because the church development plans are still uncertain, there has been little hard information to share. We are ready to engage proactively when that condition changes. WPC has made our facilities available to the Neighborhood Association for meetings if needed as well as included the neighborhood in Church activities such as the Fall Festival.

**Finance:**

A timeline will be forthcoming on the financial aspect of our plans for growth at WPC. At this time, we are not prepared to publish any information until we have concrete ideas of exactly what the direction will be from the Building/Designs/Programs Committee. See above for more details.

**Congregational Communications Committee:**

We are currently at the stage of planning that our committee is dedicated to keeping our covenant partners informed of all phases of our building, neighborhood relations and finance plans as we move forward. We also welcome any comments and suggestions to improve our communication to our covenant partners.