

Q8 Is there anything else you would like us to consider?

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#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Adding a space for youth and teenagers that may be interested in active activities such as a basketball court outdoor space or any kind of open area that can allow for real movement is vital. This would give something for people on my demographic to actually enjoy doing in the church environment.	9/24/2023 11:14 AM
2	It seems like there is constant disbelief that more young families don't join, but we are clearly not building a church that encourages youth to gather and connect. They are not going form a connection with each other during coffee and conversation. Please, if you really want young families, then create a gym type space for them to connect	9/24/2023 10:38 AM
3	I will be 81 in about 40 days - a "short timer" in terms of the new building. I want the design to be what those who will be here 15, 20, 30 years from now to choose the design. Thus nothing filled in above. I do hope the sanctuary, "commons" and kitchen are all on same level. Let it "flow" from sanctuary (part 1 of Sunday service) to the coffee hour (part 2 of Sunday Service). I believe that would encourage visitors, "newbies" and old timers to join in Part 2! Some questions "required" a check mark -- ignore	9/24/2023 10:17 AM
4	Not sure if I heard the architects correctly but I do not want to be looking at a playground out the sanctuary windows. I feel strongly we need a landscape architect involved now. We talk a lot about the land but all focus is on building architecture.	9/24/2023 9:48 AM
5	I really don't like the storage shed in front of the eastern entrance. I think it hides the entrance. I'd really like to consider putting that shed nearer the northwest corner of the building. It could be placed outside of possible future expansion boundaries. I don't believe that garbage trucks will damage the parking lot as we don't have that problem now.	9/24/2023 9:41 AM
6	More visual appeal on the roof for the 1-story design. Is it possible to dig out a lower level under the RE wing of the single story design for future expansion?	9/24/2023 8:37 AM
7	I feel it's important that the building represents inclusivity. A multi-level building immediately introduces separation and exclusivity.	9/24/2023 3:13 AM
8	No	9/23/2023 9:41 PM
9	Important that bathrooms be accessible and there is at least one family bathroom at least large enough for two people to manage. Important to have open space within the building for children to be noisy. An area off the santucary perhaps where parents with young children can go to but still be "in the service".	9/23/2023 10:30 AM
10	I did a sketch (only one this time, I swear!!) of modifications to make. Basically I just took a red pen and sketched modifications onto the existing designs. I've described in the survey the basic ideas of my modifications, but a picture is worth a thousand words, so I'll hand in the paper I sketched revisions onto.	9/23/2023 9:48 AM
11	Many adjacent access issues sort of depend on the specific initial decisions, so it's a little premature to speculate on particular elements.	9/23/2023 9:36 AM
12	Oh yes, please consider that the maypole is used one morning in the church year and I believe we can accommodate that ceremony without concern for a certain placement affecting plans. And, I have much to say around the issue of day care rental in our space, but this does not affect the architecture, include our children and don't "put" them in the least wanted areas of the church building or grounds.	9/23/2023 9:20 AM
13	Exterior access to the chancel for load-in, load-out of musical instruments and other bulky items.	9/21/2023 10:16 PM
14	Are the straight lines necessary to fit the building site or necessary to keep costs down? I think a large curved glass window wall fits the building site nicely (and permits more solar power gain?)	9/21/2023 3:02 PM

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15	I know that in residential buildings it is not a big concern to have sewer and water needing to flow up but how much of a concern is this in our new building. Locus alluded to the idea that it was an issue - but how much of an issue is it?	9/21/2023 12:13 PM
16	Single level - is walkway outside by terrace on the same level from East to just past the covered terrace to be used as an outdoor sitting area? Should both drop off entrances be covered so that car can drive thru to unload and not get wet. move utility shed to the south of entry road so not as visible when you drive in. We like chairs in sanctuary rather than pews (makes it easier to rearrange the space if needed).	9/21/2023 11:50 AM
17	Any place where small children will be (like the playground) will need some sort of a fence to prevent them from falling into the ravine. Design the parking lot with snow removal in mind.	9/21/2023 10:51 AM
18	Exterior access to the chancel for load-in, load-out of musical instruments and other bulky items.	9/21/2023 9:55 AM
19	Please consider the acoustics of the sanctuary and other presentation spaces; I'd like to see 1st UU be able to open up our building to more outside events and music. If we can't get the acoustics necessarily resonant (nothing like a stone cathedral, right?) lets include funding for audio equipment better suited for video broadcast.	9/21/2023 6:21 AM
20	Make sure the sanctuary design is right and big enough. That's the space we have to get absolutely right.	9/21/2023 5:03 AM
21	Accessibility to the Memorial Garden should accomodate people with walkers and all types of wheelchairs and should follow the ADA slope recommendations and resting areas. There needs to be some sort of shade around the Memorial Garden and benches for 1 or 2 people that are easy to get in and out of.	9/20/2023 10:15 PM
22	Hopefully either design will have a "quiet glassed in area", soundproof, on one wall of the sanctuary for parent of young children to be in rather than have the children disturbing congregants. Though it's a joy to see families in attendance, and enjoy the playfulness of younger ones, I do see some adult members getting "quite annoyed" during services when children are causing disruption. Granted, often parents "make an exit" but there are two or three mothers in particular who don't and well, we can't afford - no pun intended - to irritate older, longtime congregants who more than likely are apt to support the capital campaign in a generous manner.	9/20/2023 9:05 PM
23	Look at sf of different designs. Walk through how space would be used for different scenarios. Sunday service, wedding/memorial, chalice camp, Wednesday evening, concert/lecture rental, Xmas eve. Think about different times of the year and how people would use exterior space.	9/20/2023 8:24 PM
24	If the choice is to go with the two-story, I'd suggest that the stairs not be very steep, or have a landing mid-way down, in case of a fall from a young one or an elder.	9/20/2023 7:46 PM
25	Thank you for your hard work! Consider a preferred snack or beverage to celebrate this next step in the process!	9/20/2023 7:08 PM
26	I hope that there will be lots of windows looking south over the wooded spaces in our lot. The nursery seems far from the rest of the classrooms in both designs. That could be difficult for families with kids of mixed ages.	9/20/2023 5:29 PM
27	We need at least one drinking fountain!	9/20/2023 5:04 PM
28	The future...	9/20/2023 4:58 PM
29	Please consider ways to foster active group activities that involvement movement.	9/20/2023 3:31 PM
30	I Like the entrance to sanctuary in back and more windows.	9/20/2023 2:04 PM
31	I like both 2-story options. The pluses to the commons / kitchen on the upper level is better accessibility to the Sanctuary, and we don't re-create the current problem of going downstairs to the commons (many congregants feel strongly about this). The southern view is better due to being higher up in the building. The kitchen is in a much better location with the commons / kitchen on the upper level. If it turns out that not many people go outside after a service or event, then the commons and kitchen on the upper level is the better choice. 2-level with commons and kitchen down- Commons footprint is more rectangular, so good connection to nature at the lower grade level. Kitchen is not a a good location. For special events held outside, this design is a better choice. Better playground (fenced) access for little children, and	9/20/2023 11:35 AM

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parents won't feel excluded since they can visit in Commons and visibly see their kids are playing in the fenced area. I question how many people will really go outside to the lower tier, even with the commons being at this level.....

32	I'm curious about seating in the sanctuary. Pew cut outs are possible, but chairs are so much more flexible. If someone has a cast on their leg, a chair in front of them could be moved. Someone needing a little more support may like armrests, the space could be re-configured for concerts, etc. Chairs make more sense. I also want to put in my vote for covering drop off spaces.	9/20/2023 10:45 AM
33	No	9/19/2023 9:30 PM
34	For the 2story design, are both levels accessible by vehicles. I think it was discussed, but definitely would like to see covered drop off areas. Is it feasible for the drive to go around the building so that, if need be, traffic to and from parking could be one way when there is high volume.	9/19/2023 8:07 PM
35	Should the church grow and need to expand, what are the possibilities for each design's expansion?	9/19/2023 3:42 PM
36	Orient building to connect more efficiently to utilities, sewer, etc.	9/18/2023 9:43 PM
37	I truly think the UU does not very accommodating for rambunctious socialization. Once kids transition from small, loud and cute, there's very little empathy for older, bigger and louder (sometimes obnoxious yet age appropriate behavior.) It's true youth can go outside at this new site, but the same is true at the current church site yet rarely does that happen. If an outside basketball court was truly nearby and shoveled in the winter, maybe that would help solve the problem, but I think teens need more then a room with couches if we really want them to stay with the church. I'd add a basketball court that could be connected to a kitchen on one side and maybe a stage on another. Currently the two "flex rooms" in the 2nd floor diagram show a grand piano and fireplace. I'd be surprised if rambunctious socialization was viewed favorably in either space.	9/18/2023 4:19 PM
38	great work.	9/18/2023 2:22 PM
39	Maintenance and acoustics. Perhaps we could be a go-to site when acoustics are critical. The MN Orchestra left Rochester due to poor acoustics at Mayo Civic Center, and the Rochester Symphony goes to Lourdes HS. I sure would like not going to Lourdes. Love the idea of solar panels on sides. And thank you for your hard and thoughtful work.	9/18/2023 12:55 PM
40	Is asking for an espresso machine and alternative milks for coffee too much? Okay- just the alternative milks then. ;)	9/18/2023 11:16 AM
41	I love stained glass, if it possible to plan for that It would be so beautiful!	9/18/2023 9:27 AM
42	What is the open strip/space on the lower level behind the kitchen, teen space, etc.	9/18/2023 9:03 AM
43	If we go with a two-story design, we would need to regulate flow of people between the two floors. And we would need a good heating/cooling system to keep the floors consistent.	9/17/2023 8:50 PM
44	No	9/17/2023 7:56 PM
45	How can people get dropped off when it rains? I'd drop off on the north side because it is closer.	9/17/2023 12:15 PM
46	You might consider a wall area either inside or outside that lists either all the individuals who contributed to the building development or all the members at "time of record" when the building was dedicated.	9/17/2023 10:48 AM
47	Not that occurs to my at the moment.	9/17/2023 9:43 AM
48	Ensure there are sufficient restrooms and in more than one location	9/16/2023 11:25 PM
49	Which design has more room for growth in the future? Which design would support additional construction if needed? Eg Several Mayo buildings were constructed with the anticipation that additional floors could be added in the future if needed.	9/15/2023 9:07 PM
50	We need to have an emergency exit from the sanctuary to the west.	9/15/2023 6:21 PM
51	Have you considered wind power? The parking lot at Assisi Heights is constructed of special paving that allows water to be absorbed. What is the cost of this paving?	9/15/2023 3:48 PM

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52	Hopefully the exterior walls will not be cement or cement blocks	9/15/2023 3:40 PM
53	Use wood materials for interior friendliness and warmth. And use CrossLaminated panels where/if cost allows. Avoid painted (or unpainted) concrete. Ask Locus if 'active solar heat' can be cost competitive? Is heating with natural gas still assumed to be the obvious choice?	9/15/2023 3:23 PM
54	Although my strong preference is two-story, I would support a one-story if there is a big cost difference. Also, I will support whatever design compromises may be necessary to move forward, because it's important to move forward.	9/15/2023 2:40 PM
55	Parking lot easy to plow snow	9/15/2023 2:01 PM
56	I can't think of anything...	9/15/2023 1:29 PM
57	I appreciate that it will take people longer to get around in the single story building. Spaces will be further apart.	9/15/2023 12:44 PM
58	Not at this point.	9/15/2023 12:37 PM
59	If you choose the one story design, access to the lower , ground level to the south, it will be outside and you will not have elevator use. Accessibility is limited in that way.	9/15/2023 12:35 PM
60	Rather than a central rest room, I do think they should be located at various places throughout the building. And they should be single stall if we are going for gender neutral. I have to agree that I would not send my granddaughter in a bathroom that also was for grown men. I'm just not comfortable with that. Sorry!	9/15/2023 10:08 AM
61	Move the auxiliary building so that the first impression is dramatic and have the east and north entrances mirror and/or compliment one another. Add covered walkways to east and north entrances.	9/15/2023 9:48 AM
62	no	9/15/2023 9:48 AM
63	The elevator should be big enough to move tables and equipment between levels if needed.	9/15/2023 9:46 AM
64	I want to see more details in building finishes.	9/15/2023 6:40 AM
65	I only attend sporadically because I live in Arizona, so I'm not sure my opinion is particularly relevant. But since I have been attending the church off and on for about 16 years when I was in Minnesota, I decided to take the survey. I can't tell from the drawing how far it is from handicapped parking to the sanctuary - and if there is an incline. I'm sure you have already seriously considered accessibility - it is just a thought that came to my mind when others like me drive to church and cannot have someone drop them off. The limited mobility parking in the current space is extremely convenient!	9/15/2023 12:28 AM
66	Having different levels of gardens set off by stone walls in the back for visual effect and for easier access to working on them. Also, having a covered area for dropping off passengers entering the building.	9/14/2023 9:34 PM
67	I will be happy with anything	9/14/2023 9:11 PM
68	Lower level of two story - radon mitigation of area built into hill	9/14/2023 9:08 PM
69	Lower level of two story - radon mitigation of area built into hill	9/14/2023 8:41 PM
70	Build with an eye for technology - blending media with the ability to disconnect,	9/14/2023 7:34 PM
71	Having people enter and leave from the back so it does not distract from the service. (Although I am not sure that anyone even notices when people leave early. Most likely they have a task to do.)	9/14/2023 6:24 PM
72	Which design has more room for growth in the future? Which design would support additional construction if needed? Eg Several Mayo buildings were constructed with the anticipation that additional floors could be added in the future if needed.	9/14/2023 6:23 PM
73	Not that I can think of.	9/14/2023 5:35 PM
74	If the kitchen and commons are lower level of two story we should include in the plans an out door pizza-oven for fire-stone pizza on terrace. Even if we do not included when first move in we could save a space for future need(s). On the two story building - do we need a beverage/ snack station on first level if the kitchen is on second level.	9/14/2023 5:27 PM

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75	Please don't be fixated on the outside environment (and tree-huggers in the congregation, including the minister) to the detriment of a beautiful and inspirational design of the physical structure. You also might want to engage in learning a better presentational style: checking out AV BEFORE the presentation, avoiding getting bogged down in descriptions of such things as the differences between passive and active solar, following the old pattern of "Tell them what you're going to tell them, tell them, tell them what you've told them, and, most importantly succinctness. Later that day, I read an interview with Anderson Cooper in the Times and one of the things he said he learned in his first year of broadcasting was getting rid of the "uh's" and other distracting vocal patterns he had.	9/14/2023 5:06 PM
76	You have done very well with all the opinions to consider.	9/14/2023 4:55 PM
77	I'm grateful for this community even though I am not able to participate regularly. It is a Safe space For me that I value tremendously!!	9/14/2023 4:48 PM
78	Would like this building to not appear like a large office versus a church	9/14/2023 4:26 PM
79	Not at this time	9/14/2023 3:42 PM
80	I think the Church should have a design that makes for a good performing space so we can rent the facility to area music groups for recitals, concerts, theater productions, etc. as a great source of revenue. Rochester does not have good performing spaces and there are many groups looking for them.	9/14/2023 3:30 PM
81	-	9/14/2023 3:20 PM
82	No.	9/14/2023 3:18 PM
83	No.	9/14/2023 3:12 PM
84	Organ - I do not recommend all of the money needed to be spent to move this instrument from one building to the other. It gets played maybe once a month. Also, don't move the soil from the memorial garden - it could spread eggs of an invasive species like Jumping Worm. If you do, be sure to sanitize the soil	9/14/2023 3:11 PM
85	NA	9/14/2023 3:11 PM
86	Thank you for the important work you are doing for us.	9/14/2023 3:08 PM
87	Make sure elevator is big enough to move large items such as tables or equipment.	9/14/2023 11:35 AM