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**TVUUC Design Charrette – Day 2**  
**Where the Rubber Meets the Road**  
**February 4, 2012**  
**9 am – Noon**

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**1. Review of Day 1**

Top 5 Items:

- Expand and improve the lobby
- Build a new chapel
- Expand the fellowship hall
- Enhance the playground and create an intergenerational park
- Expand and redesign the office.

Many other important items were discussed; some are imbedded in the top 5 as subcategories. Refer to minutes from Day 1 Charrette to see breadth of descriptions of top 5 items.

## 2. Any Missing Pieces?

- Explore using the Teen Center space on a rental/lease basis as a possible precursor to purchasing if it became available.
- Reconfigure/expand the administrative/office space.
- Storage is very important (but not sexy) – don't make the mistake of "under-including".
- Expansion of sanctuary.
- Parking expansion may be required by code if sanctuary or other spaces expand.
- Take a holistic view of growth (expanding any one part of building has repercussions for the whole site).
- One option would be to look for another building that better suits our needs.
- Work on sound mitigation in the lobby/art gallery, and fellowship hall.
- All change will have a "green" (sustainable) emphasis
- Work on ease of communication throughout facility.
- Buy the adjoining houses on Painter Ave. to gain more usable space.

## 3. Aligning the Train – Groups can propose short-, mid- and long-term solutions. Are all of these changes needed at the same time or is there a sequence?

[Note: None of the groups discussed sequencing]

## 4. Reality Check

Barriers to Consider:

- Archeological site
- Zoning and setbacks requirements for the site
- Availability of adjacent properties
- Signage restrictions
- Projected size of the congregation vs. dollars donated
- Could set maximum size of congregation and spin off another church to accommodate growth beyond the upper limit ("80% rule")
- The Memorial Garden stays in its present location

## 5. Work Group Report out

(Assigned focus area shown in red)

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## Group 1

Ginna  
Ruth  
David  
Gordon  
Rosemary

[Note: Group produced 5 schematic drawing alternatives of possible building expansions.

### **Lobby**

Desired qualities:

- More attractive furniture, consistent in color and design
- Comfortable but sparsely furnished
- Better directional signage
- Light-filled, warm and welcoming
- Quieted (sound mitigation)
- Softened; add touches of color
- Engaging; welcoming, full of life
- Informative

Adjacent Spaces:

- Parlor
- Fellowship hall
- Front offices/ administrative space
- Coat closet
- Art gallery
- Chapel

Expansion:

- Make LCF a parlor and enlarged art gallery/entry way (various wall parts removed)
- LCF room becomes part of the lobby (remove walls) AND expand the lobby eastward to line up with the east wall of the expanded fellowship hall
- Add airlock to front entry (westward expansion)
- Include adequate space for welcome table, information table, etc in the lobby

### **Other Building Expansion/Redesign Ideas:**

- At the south end of the building, add a large meeting space, RE rooms, new offices, storage
- Expand fellowship hall to the east
- Expand office space with better access from lobby. Tear down all or some of the office walls; widen entry to secretary/reception area and move it closer to the front door (put Nina Lee where Bill is)
- Move LCF into RE wing, away from the lobby to gain space and distance from lobby noise
- Add more adult RE meeting spaces/classrooms

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- At RE wing entrance, expand the building to the south, with a space that is both functional and that has curb appeal (i.e., makes an architectural statement seen from Kingston Pike)
- LCF could be where present fellowship hall is located
- Add a chapel at the back or eastside of the lobby (various schemes) adjacent to expanded fellowship hall. One scheme incorporates these expansions into a big sweeping arc (fellowship hall doubles in size)
- Add a new chapel/multipurpose room on the north side of the sanctuary as a flexible/multipurpose space. Use soundproof folding door as divider. Leave light scoop. Move pulpit to south wall, in front of organ. Could include office space, adult RE. Add covered walkway from front entry to new room for access to rear of sanctuary during services.
- Add a new chapel at front entry (2 schematics) as an architectural statement/building enhancement.
- Remove hill on eastside and build a retaining wall in place of steep slope

## Group 2

Lillian Mashburn  
Kim Mason  
Gene Burr

[Note: Drawing shows new chapel, RE entrance, offices and storage, fellowship and lobby additions, patio, terraces and expanded playground areas]

### **Chapel**

- Located at end of RE wing (south side)
- 1500 square ft; 150 seating
- Include flexible partitions to divide chapel into 3 spaces to accommodate choir practice, meeting rooms, etc.
- Large wall-mounted chalice on outside able to be viewed from Kingston Pike.
- At RE entrance, expand the existing building to west (so that it would be even with west wall of new chapel) for more RE lobby and office space (500 sq. ft). This would provide an alternative entrance for public after hours and would adequately accommodate current and future RE support staff.
- To the east of new chapel, include space for additional storage; include storage loft and office(s) – maybe music director's office

### **Fellowship Hall**

- Expand to the east
- Also expand lobby, using a glass shed roof (bumped out)
- Add a large expanded patio connected to playground
- From patio, terrace hill upwards to the east, curving south, for a rock garden and easier access to the top of the hill, ending with overlook to the playground
- More rear expansion for storage or choir director is possible

### **Playground**

- Build terraces to make hill space more usable, top of hill more accessible.

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- Use retaining walls with canopies to shade playground (section/ elevation shown on drawing)

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### **Sanctuary**

- Expand seating by adding a balcony on west side (seats 88)
- Preserve outside view to east.
- Use choir director office as location for staircase to balcony
- Move choir director's office to another location
- Sanctuary could be used during construction

### **Landscaping**

- Add landscaped area located primarily to the west of the front entrance
- Could incorporate a gazebo

### Group 3

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Chloie Airolite-Waters

Dick Trowbridge

Sam Wallace

Ken Moffett

John Bohstead

[NOTE: Drawing shows all expansion areas. It also shows landscaping, playground expansion, pathways on the east side]

### **Fellowship Hall/Kitchen**

- Expand east towards hill by 50%, an increase from approximately 1500 ft to 2200 ft. / an increase of capacity from 115 to 170 person (drawing shows elevation)
- Make the expanded area behind fireplace more of a sitting room with washable hardwood floors, area rugs (movable during dinners), couches and overstuffed chairs. Make fireplace 2-way.
- Expand kitchen to be in line with 50% bumped out wall.
- Include skylights in the addition
- Expand the kitchen in parallel with fellowship hall. Part of the kitchen expansion would include a storage space.
- [Note:](#) Need to coordinate with present kitchen improvement!!

### **Lobby**

- Expand entrance only out the front (west), not the back

### **Office Space**

- Expand office space forward (west)
- Move offices down towards the library
- Replace secretary's office with sitting room/reception area with church literature and possibly a branch of the church library. Move secretary to a nicer desk.
- Library as well as Room A would have to be moved further into the RE wing.

### **Sanctuary/Multipurpose room**

- 1st priority is to offer RE during 9 am service, to draw more people to first service to mitigate overcrowding

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- Build choir loft balcony on west wall with 50-60 spaces

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### **Chapel**

- New chapel located on RE end (drawing shows elevation)
- Multipurpose room to usable for chapel, choir practice, play practices, small weddings, meeting space, Sunday Dialogue (adult RE), etc
- Include space to replace offices/library lost to office/lobby expansion and another bathroom.
- Considered a 2-story space, but concluded it would be too expensive because it would require an elevator, two staircases, and a bathroom.
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### **Parking**

- Organization! -Not paving!!!
- Work with 4 churches around us and Teen Center for best use of combined parking
- Use satellite parking with shuttles at other churches or businesses that are closed on Sunday.

### **Buy more space**

- Buy houses on Painter for storage and offices

### Group 4

Chris Buice  
Jerry Anderson  
Judy Gibson  
Duncan Teague

[NOTE: This group used Jerry's ideas developed before this meeting. His proposed plans/drawings were provided.]

### **Sanctuary**

- Keep sanctuary shell the same size
- Add a mezzanine on each side, 88 seats per side (176 total). This would increase sanctuary seating from 348 to 524. (information about mezzanine, a photo of a Frank Lloyd Wright chapel with balconies, a seating plan, and a lateral section through sanctuary showing improvements provided)
- Stairways to those spaces would take all of Vickie's office and half the ee cummings room, and possibly a piece of the lobby. Could be open staircases.
- Remove walls in front of choir loft to give more flexibility for sanctuary seating and choir loft expansion
- Keep pulpit as is
- This sanctuary expansion plan is structurally feasible and not excessively expensive
- Unresolved Issues
  - lighting control so projection is possible
  - Acoustics

### **Parking**

- Add a single deck over lower lot, on upper grade (elevation drawings provided)

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- Estimated cost \$380K
- 2 bridges provide access to the deck (clockwise circulation)
- Adds 54 spaces
- Could add 2 levels with lower ceilings
- With high ceiling, the lower level could be usable as an outdoor but covered gathering/event space

### **Chapel**

- On RE end
- Approximately 60X80 ft.
- Movable walls to right size space / multi functional
- Large sculptural feature to improve identity and visibility

### **Lobby**

- Open up LCF to increase lobby size

### **Office and Classroom Space**

- Build addition on the north side of the sanctuary, approximately 60 X 80 ft.
- Could be used for offices, meeting space, adult RE
- Could be attached or separate.
- Add new building between parking deck entrances (bridges) on the existing slope (not shown on drawing)

### Group 5

Don Horton  
Katie Keane  
Alan Moore  
Karen Krogh  
Lisa Thomas

### **Intergenerational Playground/Park Area**

[Note: see drawing for relative location of areas]

- Exiting hill would require 140 ft. of ramp; 12 ft. of ramp per 1-ft. of incline, and a handrail to meet ADA.
- Children's chapel at end of RE wing would have access to the meditation garden
- Outdoor pavilion, on top of hill overlooking playground, to use as an outdoor classroom, meeting and ceremonial space for weddings and memorial services, all church picnics, RE, etc)
- Move Spirit Play room to the chapel side of hall
- Top of hill designed for use by older kids – a lot of ramping needed
- Existing lower playground designed for use by younger children
- Clear wooded area of playground and have staggered decks to provide a better way to watch kids at the top playground
- Ramp up would incorporate a “chutes and ladders” concept, that is, a series of play structures and stairs incorporated into slope for transition from one playground to the other, incorporated into the ramp system
- With chapel, the entry at south end of building becomes more important

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- If built with adequate fire separation, the new chapel could be an inside refuge area for other parts of church an during emergency
- Chapel – flexible space
- Nurture Spiritual Growth Through Play
- Explore concept of playgrounds without manufactured play structures for better access to real outdoor play. Include elements that we experience through our senses
  - Touch – wood, metal, sand, pebbles, plants
  - Smell – plants
  - Listen – chimes
  - Taste – fruit/herbs
  - Look – Mosaics/natural art/vines
  - Soul - Labyrinth
- Equipment – slides, ladders, small gardens, swings, water table/fountains

Sources:

- Robyn Brookshire, Director of the University of Tennessee, Knoxville (UTK) Early Learning Center (ELC) and TVUUC member is a good resource. ELC is currently building a natural playground.
- Rusty Keeler ([www.earthplay.net](http://www.earthplay.net))
- NCSU's program ([www.naturalearning.org](http://www.naturalearning.org))
- Cheri Cordell (TVUUC member) has a friend connected to UTK landscape design program who has expressed an interest in designing a natural playground for TVUUC.

Katie provided the following notes:

Mary and Bill Nelson Memorial Park

- Screened gazebo by memorial garden accessed by staggered decks among trees on slope
- Green division between preschool and elementary areas with several gates
- Zen garden sand play area with boulders and wooden climbers an other statues
- Grassy meditation area with benches, stones, chimes water feature, and sand area located outside of nursery.

Art

- Murals on walls
- Sculptures for climbing or that interact with the elements

“Chutes and Ladders” Hill

- Ramps for accessibility/evacuation
- Slides going between levels
- Tunnel between two even levels
- Bird level with feeders/houses, benches, birdbaths
- Herbs to run through
- Outdoor instruments
- Climbing wall

Items to incorporate

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- Stage for play, with large flat area for audience or running (upper level)
- Willow structure/tunnels
- Labyrinth
- Builder boards with loose pieces for playing “house”
- Area for youth group. What? Where?

#### Things to Keep in mind

- Keep entire area as accessible to people with disabilities as possible
- How will the area work for large event, like all-church picnics, weddings, outdoor concerts? Maybe a small stage on the outside of the gazebo?
- Ability to separate age groups or have them all together
- Using Spirit Play stories as inspiration for art/activities
- Healing garden

#### **6. Discussion**

- Alan - Retrofit present building to make it more energy efficient. Make all new building / renovations more energy efficient - greener
- Ginna – need more RE and Adult RE space – Have we fully addressed
- Ginna –If chapel is not on RE wing, the south addition can be dedicated to RE
- Kim – before adding RE space, we need to move to 2 sessions of RE.
- Katie - Be more creative about the furnishing to the space can be used more flexibility. But would need storage for different size chairs.
- Duncan – IT communications in building. Are we wireless. Central server. Computer-for-all-ages room.
- John B. – Equipment to stream/broadcast services
- Katie – Design playground around outside activities (UT Early Learning Center), not just play structures.

Summary of Area Addressed by the Workshop Groups					
Issue / Area	Group Number				
	1	2	3	4	5
Indoor signage	X				
RE Office	X	X			
Storage	X	X	X		
Patio		X			
Choir Loft			X		
Library			X		
Sanctuary	X	X	X	X	
Lobby	X	X	X	X	
Chapel / Multipurpose room	X	X	X	X	X
Fellowship Hall/kitchen	X	X	X		X
Site	X	X			X
Playground		X			X
Offices	X	X	X	X	
Coat Closet	X				
Parlor	X				
Parking			X	X	
Buy houses			X		
Future Separate Building between parking deck entrance				X	
Lizzie Crozier French	X			X	
RE – Children	X				
RE – Adult	X				
Choir office and practice room		X			
Increased curb appeal (large chalice; chapel design, etc)		X		X	
Computer technology update				X	

**Next Steps**

TF will take all ideas, synthesize, and develop a recommendation to Board. Alan was surprised (and grateful) that we came up with something new. Challenge is to design something coherent that meets needs. Do we need more office space for more people? We have a lot of office sharing.