

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, ORANGE, TEXAS PROPOSED SANCTUARY PROJECT

VIBRANT CHURCH INITIATIVE (VCI) WORSHIP EXCELLENCE TEAM

LAYING THE FOUNDATION

EFFECTIVE WORSHIP AT FUMC-ORANGE

- Forms the basis for discipleship and social transformation
 - **Mission Statement**
 - To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.
 - **Vision Statement**
 - Rooted in Christ ... Branching Out in Faith ... Disciples Growing Disciples
- Believer or nonbeliever, saint or sinner:
 - Encounter a holy and living God through the Holy Spirit, and in that encounter confess their brokenness, discover God's grace, and are made new (experience healing and transformation)

VISION FOR WORSHIP PRESENTED AT JULY 2017 TOWN HALL MEETING

- Congregational unity in support of the Mission and Vision Statements
- Recommended remodeling of the Sanctuary to the Church Council
 - Allow 11 AM Traditional Service and 9 AM Praise Service to be held in the same worship space at their respective times
 - Maximize benefits to the entire Congregation
 - Cost savings
 - Free up Family Life Center for:
 - Youth Activities; Church-wide Activities; Community Activities

PROPOSED SANCTUARY REMODELING PROJECT: **WHY?**

- Contribute to meeting Purpose of the VCI Consultation so that FUMC-Orange will more effectively make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the community and the world.
 - Use existing space more effectively (accommodate different worship and related activities, e.g. weddings, funerals, Walk to Emmaus) in one common worship space while freeing up the Family Life Center for other activities)
 - Hope & Readiness to Move Forward: "We want to be known in this community" (VCI Consultation Report for FUMC-Orange, July 31, 2016)
 - Build Bridges to the Community: "FUMC-Orange genuinely wants to invite and share their faith with others and look more outward than inward" (VCI Report)

- Proposed Sanctuary Project is key to accomplishing VCI Prescription 4: Strive Toward Excellence in Worship and Faith Formation for ALL
 - Develop and present a plan that includes how to meet worship staffing and resources needed
 - Evaluate present worship experiences to assess their effectiveness as meaningful and relevant worship for the church and unchurched
 - Implement strategies to create consistent quality, meaningful worship experiences

PROPOSED SANCTUARY REMODELING PROJECT: WHAT?

- As unobtrusive on the worship space as possible; current ideas include:
 - Remove the first two rows of front pews
 - Extend the platform
 - Move Altar, Pulpit, and Lectern forward around three feet
 - Move Communion kneeling rails to remain at forward edge of platform
 - Upgrade sound system
 - Add video capabilities

PROPOSED SANCTUARY REMODELING PROJECT: HOW?

- Forming Sanctuary Project Team with representation from traditional and praise services
- Hire an architect to ensure the proposed remodeling project maintains the historic features of the Sanctuary worship space

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

- There are funds available that are designated for capital improvement expenses only

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COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS?

THANK YOU! Please return to offering plate or church office