Overview

The Attached summary was presented to the Church Leadership Team on Wednesday at our monthly board meeting. As a board we would like to share this information with the church.

The summary contains the main themes that were discussed during our church event on April 17th. A re-occurring value expressed by the group was the need to have a clear, articulated vision and mission for our church. Based on the recommendations from this summary the Church Leadership Team will initiate a process to discover together a clear mission and the vision statement that reflects the values of our congregation.

RUSS BELL

Viewpoint 2015 Summary

On April 17, 2015 over 75 people gathered for an ice cream social and visioning session called Viewpoint 2015. The event was hosted by the Future Facilities Task Force of Victoria Alliance Church. Facilitators were Pastor Kyla Ward (representing the FFTF) and Russ Bell (representing the Leadership Board). The night was to gather feedback and allow for engagement in the discussion surrounding our faith family's future needs in a facility. The following is an attempt to summarize both the general and specific values that were expressed by those in the room that night.

General Values

These are values that we corporately share as a faith family

Trust in God

- In His leading
- In His provision
- In His timing
- In His glory

Gathering

- Warm welcome
- The intentional act of bringing people together
- Sense of home
- To be identified with both a group and a physical place
- Expectation of growth
- Making connections

Community

- Unity
- Communion and fellowship
- Inclusion that recognizes diversity
- Godly relationship
- Belonging
- Small group / mentor relationships

Mission

- To be intentional in our purpose
- To address spiritual, physical, and felt needs of our community
- To offer a place of connection/home to our community
- To share God's love
- To invite others to follow Jesus

Summary prepared for distribution by Pastor Kyla Ward and Russ Bell, Elder May 26, 2015

Facility Specific Values

These are values that we share as a faith family in regards to a building or facility that would serve our purposes.

Our Facility should:

Serve our Mission

- Addressing the community needs
- Enabling the provision of services
- Be financially sustainable, so as not to take us off mission
- Needs driven

Enhance Community

- Room to grow
- Spaces to engage intimately, yet corporately
- Variety of sized and purposed spaces
- Excellent sound systems
- Excellent sight lines
- Clear and large sanctuary stage
- Larger sanctuary

Gather people together

- Large and welcoming foyer
- To be a beacon in our geographic community
- Excellent signage and clearly articulated entrance
- A sense of home, respite, safety, beauty
- Friendly
- Inclusive
- Coffee service
- More than adequate parking

Provide Ministry Specific Spaces

- Dedicated space for specific ministry needs
- Dedicated youth and children areas
- Prayer room or serene sanctuary
- Small, midsize and large spaces (variety)
- Playground
- Playing fields
- Indoor and outdoor meeting /prayer/respite spaces

Include a Commercial Kitchen

- To serve our high value around gathering
- To serve our high value in regards to mission (serving our community needs)
- To serve our high value around communion with one another

Be Accessible

- One floor, or easy access to other floors
- Quality sound systems
- Design considered from multiple ages and abilities

Be aesthetically pleasing

- Use of light
- Clean
- Timeless
- Well maintained
- Safe