



**Cornerstone**  
Neighbourhood Church

## Basement Proposal

With the closure of the day care, there is a new opportunity. What is God saying to us at this time? One option is to rent the space to a day care. Is God leading CNC to run a day care!? Either way, we hope that within a year we will need the space for renovations. Below is a proposal to use basement for ministry going forward.

### **Ministry Use**

GriefShare, English Café, Adult Bible Classes, and Cornerstone Kids would benefit from the basement being more accessible. When leased, we may have some access, but we cannot arrange the space according to the needs of the ministry. Cornerstone Kids takes items from storage to set up weekly – not too different from operating out of a trailer. Other ministries could use the basement during weekdays if it is not leased. Examples: Christianity Explored, mom's group, ministerial luncheon, prayer, homework club.

### **Space Set-up**

Proposed are three dedicated spaces with the balance of the basement left open and ready for other uses.

1. **Classroom** – In the NW corner we have curtains to create a learning/prayer area. We could better position the TV, mount a whiteboard, and leave out several grey padded chairs which are now stored at Malacko's.
2. **Kids Zone** – In the NE corner and E wall, we could position our two children's ministry cabinets. There could be a "Cornerstone Kids" sign, bulletin board, toys set out. We could utilize the tables we already have (which adjust to kids height) and the ten chairs which we purchased from the day care.
3. **Serving Counter** – On the S wall, we could set up a serving counter. Rather than setting out tables, this counter would take up less space (garbage bin underneath). This would be used each week for Sunday coffee and goodies, GriefShare, and English Café. Above the counter could be signage and/or decorative shelves, which could also hold items for food service, such as napkins or cups.

### **Practical Considerations**

About the loss of revenue (\$1800 per month), consider that in fall 2024 we coped well, though no rent was received. Of course, the church family needs good communication about the process and rationale of what is decided. We already have chairs, tables, tv, cabinets, etc. The serving counter or shelves will have a cost. But with our skilled volunteers, something less expensive could be repurposed. Other smaller costs would include some signage and some paint (where needed). We currently store items in an unheated, damp area under the stairs. This proposal allows these resources to be available in the basement space. Additionally, this would open up storage space at the church for items which are now kept at some homes.

### **Next Steps**

If the LT approves this proposal, most of the next steps involve moving and organizing. I am able to coordinate this. I suggest Karen could oversee Kids Zone set up. Wes could oversee the countertop install by one of our in-house carpenters. Michele (décor) and Reta (kitchen) could advise and/or help on finishing touches. Of course, Lina and myself would provide information to the congregation about the what, when, and why.

*Submitted by Pastor Brent  
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