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BUILDING UPDATE: NORTH LIBERTY CAMPUS

Back in the winter of 2017 we started seriously vetting options and ideas for the future of the North Liberty Campus. We hired an architect firm, Station 19, and began making plans for expansion... well everywhere. The major issues that we currently face are a lack of auditorium seating and connecting space, which becomes painfully obvious during our 9:30 AM service in particular, lack of parking and lack of classroom space.

We decided to seriously look at 60 acres of land to our west that looked as if it might be the right space, but we've come back with a conclusion on that land - it's just not right for our church. The reality is that our

current land has Dubuque Street access, and try as we might, the land we were vetting did not have the accessibility we needed. There were further complications because the land that we would have had to acquire to get access was owned by a third party, and they weren't really interested in letting any of the land go.

We've also considered a variety of options that didn't get as far as this piece of land. (It's actually quite exhausting at points so you can pray for the staff and volunteers that are on the building committee to finish the race well.) Every avenue that we've explored has been pretty

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clear (at least so far), the only door that is open is to stay where we are... right now.

But what does that mean for making space and extending the mission of the kingdom in our area? Does it stop there until such time that we can get the right space? By no means!

In the meantime, we've researched the specific codes for our land and the city regulations and realized that we had guestimated that we needed to build 20 feet in from the property line. However, our specific code requirements only require us to be 3 feet in from the property line. So we've gained 17 feet around our set-back property boundaries.

Staying here means that we'll start making some major plans and moves on our current property.

This is great news because originally our time line was five years; now we're talking less than half that time. Another massive gain with the "stay plan" is that it's less expensive than a "go plan" would have been. And when we say less expensive we mean the budget requirements just dropped by, we approximate, ten million dollars.

(Now, most of that money still has to come in through our regular giving.)

In short, our go plan would have been a phased building project as the many dollars came in over a very long time. The stay plan requires a lot fewer dollars (which means more going to reach the people that we're building seats and parking for) and will be done in less time. We believe God has hemmed us into the place of best stewardship with our property and building plans.

But is there really enough space?

What will be added to the new build? Well, we're still in the planning phase, not the set-in-stone phase, but things such as: adding a multi-purpose room for larger classes and conferences, foyer/connecting space expansion, expanding our auditorium to hold lots more people, expanding parking and adding small classroom space are on the short list of needs.

We'll keep you posted as new building committee developments happen, but for now, we hope you're excited to keep calling this place home and welcoming more people into it!

ASK OF ME, AND I WILL MAKE THE NATIONS YOUR HERITAGE, AND THE ENDS OF THE EARTH YOUR POSSESSION. PSALM 2:8

