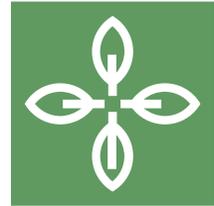


GREENHOUSE INITIATIVE: PHASE ONE

Vision for Sanctuary Renovation

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MISSION:

Our mission at Hinsdale Covenant Church is to be *flourishing together in Jesus Christ by growing, deepening roots, and bearing fruit*. The 'Greenhouse Initiative' fits into the larger mission statement of our church under our desire to be *growing*. We have identified our Sunday morning worship experience as the primary place in our program to cultivate growth. It is an experience for the whole community, and it forms the trunk of our ministry - it is the highly visible entry point in our ministry and it supports movement deeper in rootedness and outward in fruit bearing. Phase One is creating a more functional worship space to enhance our growing process in Sunday morning worship, with a stated desire of having one worship space for all of our Sunday services.

VISION:

The following vision statements lead us in our desire for an updated sanctuary:

- We seek to use our sanctuary as the primary worship space for all of our services.
- We seek to be good stewards of our worship space.
- We seek to preserve our sanctuary's beauty while improving its accessibility, functionality, and openness so that it is a more welcoming space.
- We seek to foster connectedness between all members and attenders of Hinsdale Covenant.
- We seek to create a space that is equally functional for both traditional and contemporary styles of worship.
- We seek for the next generation of worshippers at Hinsdale Covenant Church to have a spiritual attachment to our sanctuary as a worship space, just as previous generations have before them.
- We want to honor the past and prepare for the future.

VALUES:

The following value statements undergird our vision statements:

- We value the optimal functionality of all of our spaces within their intended purpose.
- We value people having optimal access to our sanctuary, especially visitors.
- We value a worship space that encourages spiritual growth.
- We value a mission, program, and facility that serves the needs of our community.
- We value our members and attenders knowing each other through intergenerational worship, diverse styles of worship, and sharing faith as a family.
- We value our heritage and desire to honor that heritage for future generations.
- We value faithful stewardship of our resources.
- We value the contributions of our various worship styles, both choir and worship band.
- We value honoring God in all that we do.

STRATEGY:

Update the sanctuary in such a way that it can be used for all our regular Sunday morning worship services. Commensurately, staff begins work on PHASE TWO of the Greenhouse Initiative – the technical task of moving our service into the sanctuary. They will share a comprehensive plan with council, so as to use this space as faithfully as possible to accomplish our mission.

POTENTIAL EXECUTION:

Update the sanctuary to accommodate more worshippers and make it more inviting. This may be accomplished by some of the following:

- Removing part of the wall to engage the south wing as part of the sanctuary.
- Create a more inviting entrance into the sanctuary.
- Improve traffic flow in and out of the sanctuary.
- Update our audio equipment and existing organ.
- Improve lighting and brighten space.
- Create flexible space for all our instruments and musicians.
- Replace existing flooring and pew cushions.
- Add seating capacity as available.
- Increase sight lines for all seats.
- Use our existing library space as an additional entrance space to the sanctuary while maintaining its integrity as a ground level meeting space during the week.
- Staff will create a plan to move all worship services into the sanctuary (PHASE TWO).