

How We’re Listening Together

Our church holds a once-in-a-generation question: what should become of the undeveloped land on our west campus? *Rather than rush to an answer, leadership is inviting the whole congregation into a season of prayer, learning, and shared discernment.*

Our Journey, in Four Phases

SPRING 2026 Phase 1 · Leadership Alignment Council, Trustees, and Finance shape the Discernment Covenant. Commitments to transparency, prayer, and shared listening are signed.	SUMMER 2026 Phase 2 · Listening & Learning Land Learning Lunches, small-group conversations, and Sunday teaching. Education on stewardship, ministry needs, and our community context.	FALL 2026 Phase 3 · Option Development The four actions are studied in detail — costs, risks, ministry fit. Congregational feedback is woven back into each option.
WINTER 2026–2027 Phase 4 · Decision & Commitment A discerned recommendation is brought before the congregation. We move forward together with clarity and unity of spirit.	THROUGHOUT Monthly Leadership Check-Ins Pastor and lay leaders meet monthly to test what we’re hearing. Course corrections are made openly, not behind closed doors.	THROUGHOUT Prayerful Pace Silence and Scripture frame each gathering. We trust the Spirit’s timing as much as our own calendar.

The Four Actions Before Us

- **Option A · Sell & Invest** — Sell the land at market value and invest the proceeds for long-term ministry, with a careful draw-down policy.
- **Option B · Church-led Capital Campaign and Development** — Raise funds to build programming and ministry space ourselves; church-led financing and development.
- **Option C · Mixed-Use Partnership** — Partner via ground lease or shared development to address community and church priorities — pantry, parsonage, community space, and housing.
- **Option D · Do Nothing Right Now** — After evaluating options and engaging in dialogue with each other, we opt to pause with the potential to revisit the opportunities in the future.

Our Discernment Covenant — In Plain Language

- We will treat each option with the same honesty and care.
- We will share what we know, name what we don’t, and invite questions.
- We will listen across differences to discern between: Sell & Invest, Self-Develop, Develop via Partnership, or Do Nothing.
- We will pray more than we plan, and plan more than we worry.

How can you take part?

Come to a Sunday Land Learning Lunch to learn about the work the church has done to date, to hear about the pressures facing our church and our community, and to reflect on our centering values. Join a small-group conversation to share your perspectives and hear the perspectives of others. Submit an online question, concern, or prayer.

Share what you hope, what you fear, and what you sense God is doing among us. Every voice helps shape what comes next.