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Addendum # 7 (Part VI, #5)- New Castle has undergone a Downtown Revitalization over the past 3 years. Many young entrepreneurs have opened businesses in the downtown area. Buildings have been removed to make way for a Downtown Plaza complete with an outdoor stage for concerts and other events and as well as a beautiful fountain. This space provides additional parking to accommodate the new businesses and restaurants that have chosen to open downtown. A farmer's market can be found every Saturday late spring through fall.

New Castle Mainstreet: The Heart of New Castle is a community organization led by Carrie Barrett and a team of volunteers. They plan events for the community such as Fourth Friday events. For Fourth Friday's, Music is provided by local talents. Food Trucks are present for outdoor food choices, and downtown business are open and offer specials. Local artist display and sell their crafts on the Plaza as well as on the sidewalks of downtown. It has a very festive feel where friends and families meet to socialize and enjoy an evening of family fun, music, food, and shopping. This group also works with local merchants and community volunteers to beautify downtown by planting and maintaining seasonal decorations and planters. During the Christmas Season, they team with the Chamber of Commerce to provide an evening of Holiday Festivities during New Castle's annual Christmas Walk. There are activities for all ages. These activities provide New Castle with an intimate family feel that only a small town can accomplish.

The Parks and Recreation Department has worked to bring recreational opportunities to the community. There are eight parks in the New Castle, with Baker Park being the largest. New Castle has an Outdoor Aquatic Center which includes zero entry and a splash pad. In July of 2017, a skate park was added for skateboard and biking enthusiasts. It is one of the biggest in the Midwest and provides a safe place for this activity.

The 2015 Census reports that New Castle has remained steady with little growth over the past 15 years. However, over the past few years, housing markets have boomed. Many people are choosing to move to New Castle for a small-town area to raise their families. New Castle is in East Central Indiana, 50 minutes from Indianapolis Airport. New Castle is positioned between Indianapolis, IN and Dayton, Ohio, one hour from each city. The location lends itself to those that work in larger communities but choose to raise their families in a smaller community. Henry County has seen improved economic growth recently. There have been sizable capital investments made in the county by national and local companies. Most local industry has experienced some form of growth, the local Development Corp. has been aggressive and successful, and with the improvement in the housing market, these factors have contributed to a positive and confident outlook by residents. Short term projection is continued growth. Long term (five to ten years) one would anticipate a slow steady growth rate.

Addendum #8(Part XI, #6) by members of our congregation as well as community members. Our financial resources are based on weekly, monthly and/or yearly tithing. We also have access to trusts and endowments. Traditions we have manifested over the years that help with fundraising and evangelism and outreach are: Dan's Fish Fry, Blues Christmas, Rummage Sale, Christmas Food Baskets, Trunk-or-Treat, Hosting Car Show and Concessions.