

COMMUNICATION PLATFORM ASSESSMENT: PROPOSED SANCTUARY RENOVATION PROJECT

This document is a compilation of project assessment reports made by various Southern Hills leadership teams. Each team has studied the proposed project in terms of its impact on their ministry area, and summarized their findings below:

VISION PATHWAY TEAM

The Vision Pathway Team has assessed this project in light of Southern Hills' Mission Vision and Values. We affirm and recommend proceeding with the proposed sanctuary renovation project. Our mission to Build True Reflections of God's Amazing Love will be supported by increased worship, discipleship and fellowship opportunities.

CONNECT TEAM

Done properly and within a refined budget, this could be a great improvement to connect with members using new technologies and a more pleasing service could help members connect with the church and with guests.

How does this project affect your area of ministry?

Positive benefits to your area:

- Could make the appearance more functional and attractive
- Updating technology may allow other benefits that would facilitate more connects with members
- Upgrades may be conducive to adding new members
- Allow streaming of services and videos to accessed in real time or stored for replay on-demand
- May improve our ability to attract new members

Concerns for your area:

- Cost
- Proper technology to allow future upgrades

How could this project be modified to help your area?

- N/A, ensure to have the latest technology for video streaming, webcasts, Wi-Fi for connection with the congregation

Connect Team Members:

Brian Cathey

Mark Corvin

Steve Haggard

Sarah Haggard

Jack Hillard

Ellie Porter

Don Sculli

Rick Shaw

Rob Young

GROW TEAM

The Grow Team fully supports the proposed sanctuary renovation, as long as the financial commitment is reasonable and feasible for the church. We specifically are excited about the possibility of hosting seminars if screens are available for presentations. We are enthusiastic about the possibilities this renovation would bring and look forward to hearing about next steps.

How does this project affect your area ministry/responsibility? Positive benefits to your area of ministry? Negative benefits to your area ministry?

The proposed renovation, if it includes screens on both sides of the sanctuary, would allow SHUMC to better serve as a location for seminars. The Grow Team can envision a number of possibilities where two screens would allow us to further our efforts at discipleship and education (hosting parents seminars, streaming conference, etc.).

While not pertinent to the Grow Team, the group also mentioned how the use of screens allows our congregation to “sing out” and “speak out” while still having full visibility of the cross and the choir during worship.

While we do not see any negative ramifications of this proposal, we recognize that there will be a minor disruption of Sunday morning activities which will require a temporary shuffling of classes. The Grow Team would like to suggest encouraging church members to utilize that opportunity to visit The Source (yet we understand that traditional worship should still be offered on the main campus).

We also would like to consider the proposed renovation’s effect on VBS (scheduled for 6/20-6/22). We are hopeful that the sanctuary can still be used during this time and that it will be possible to build a stage.

In what ways could this project be modified to help your area of ministry?

We have no recommendations for modifications.

Do you have adequate information to assess the project?

We have not received a proposed budget for the project. It would be helpful to have an itemized breakdown of expenses (much like what was presented during The Source’s construction). We feel this transparency would allow the opportunity for donors to “step up” and support the project.

Summarize and explain your team’s position on this project.

The Grow Team enthusiastically supports the proposed sanctuary renovation, as long as the financial commitment is reasonable and feasible for the church. We are excited about the possibilities this renovation would bring and look forward to hearing about next steps!

Grow Team Members:

Elizabeth Bartlett
Susan Collins
Teresa Eikenbary

Noelle True
Jeanie Thomas
Mark Nielsen

Kristina White
Samantha Poore
Eric Hughes

SERVE TEAM

The Serve Team has reviewed the plans for the sanctuary renovation and has decided that the ministries that fall under the Serve Team are not affected by the construction.

Serve Team Members:

Brian Shumard
Teddy Poore
Jane Rose

Judy Blakeman
Emily Hutchinson
Katie Taylor

WORSHIP TEAM

After prayer consideration and discussion at our past three meetings, the SHUMC Worship Team (WT) agrees that there is significant need for physical updates to our sanctuary, and that there is a unique opportunity to complete such repairs and renovations while the organ is out for restoration.

Following our recent opportunity to view and discuss the current draft plan for updating the sanctuary, the WT supports moving forward with finalizing details of the plan and executing the work. The WT makes the following recommendations:

- i. A professional design for updates to sound and video recording capabilities sufficient to enable streaming and/or broadcast of activities in the sanctuary be incorporated into the plan, as well as updates to the hearing assistance system
- ii. An evaluation of the cost/benefits of different video display technologies should be undertaken
- iii. The current draft plan should be released publicly as soon as possible
- iv. Final (to the extent reasonably possible) and comprehensive details of the planned updates (including for furniture, fixtures, altar pieces, video display, altar rail, etc.) should be made available to the entire congregation no less than 3 weeks prior to work commencing

Communication Platform Questions:

- 1) *How does this project affect your area of ministry/responsibility?*
 - a. *Positive benefits to your area of ministry/responsibility?*
 - b. *Negative effect to your area of ministry/responsibility?*

Changes to the sanctuary would critically and dramatically affect all aspects of the ministry and responsibility relating to the Worship Team. The draft plan presented would have generally positive impacts on Worship activities in the sanctuary.

- 2) *In what ways could this project be modified to help your area of ministry?*
See recommendations, above.
- 3) *Do you have adequate information to assess the project?*
Yes.
- 4) *Summarize and explain your team's position on this project.*
Please see the above summary and commentary.

Worship Team Members:

Jeanne Lanz	Joan Wooden	Lynn Osborne
Fran Wilson	Ellie Porter	Bill Moore
John Wilson	Beth Tibbitts	Matthew Beck
		Julie Beck

FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Southern Hills Finance Committee met today to review the sanctuary renovation and vote on a motion to carry it forward to the congregation.

Rick reviewed the CAD plans from Denham-Blythe which compared the present sanctuary to the proposed sanctuary. The estimate for the completed work is \$150K.

Based on the expansion of the choir area, the integrated space for the hand bell choir, the movable pulpit, and the general aesthetics of the design, the committee agreed that this was a positive step for SHUMC. In consideration of the budget, our opinion is that past history on raising funds will adequately fund the project. The SHUMC building fund is adequate to cover the starting expenses.

I made the motion to carry the renovation plans forward to the congregation. Ken Ruhl seconded the motion. The team unanimously passed the motion. With the organ coming out in a few weeks, this is a good time for the renovation to occur.

Finance Committee Members:

Breck Norment	Dave Deaton	Bob Cole
Nick Buckley	Doug Newberry	Kenny Ruhl
Brad Blain	Steve Seng	Jim Wendschlag
Bobby Haggard	Sue Porter	Beth Rose
Joyce Tiggelaar	Doug Eikenbary	Penny Robinson

TRUSTEES COMMITTEE

The Trustees were asked several months ago to look at ways we could improve our sanctuary. Our organ is being refurbished after Easter and will be gone well into the fall. We have the opportunity to make some improvements to the choir seating and altar. As we studied this our goal was to expand and improve the choir area but maintain the traditional architecture of our altar. Several former and current Trustees have worked with Denham-Blythe to design a concept we think improves the flexibility of our sanctuary and still preserves the traditional architecture and symbolism that our congregation wants to maintain. The current Trustees viewed a presentation on Thursday, May 15th, and voted our support of the plan. We would like to present it to our four worship areas, our Finance Committee and Administrative Team for consideration and, if approved, implement this summer while the organ is gone.

Trustee Committee Members:

Stephanie Blain	Bob Hooker	Harry Miller
Bruce Duncan	Jay Ingle	Beth Tibbitts
John Atchison	Jessica Morrow	Doug Donaldson
		Jason Taylor