
Input

STACM Town Hall January 13, 2015

On January 13th, 2015; STACM spent time together as a Parish talking about what our Parish values, develop a vision of what we want our church and parish centre to be and do and to talked about what works and what doesn't work right now. This was an opportunity to consider all we can and want to be without the limits of our current facilities.

The Parish considered each of the sites under the following functional headings:

- Worship
- Community
- Program spaces
- Ministries

In small groups, Parishioners answered the following questions:

- How do you want to feel in your church spaces?
- What do you value in the current church spaces? What do you want to keep?
- What bugs you about the current church spaces? What doesn't work well? What do you want that we don't have?
- In a perfect world, what will happen in our church and parish centre in 5 years?

Inside this report, contains a vision for the future and a summarization of the results from the parishioners to develop a Statement of the Physical and Spiritual Elements of our Future Redesign. We have compiled all of the ideas and thoughts and will get a sense of what we need and expect. The next Town Hall meeting will take place before the summer and will report on what we have achieved.

How do you want to feel in your church spaces? (Worship, Program, Community, Ministry)

Worship	Program	Community	Ministry
Easy Accessible	Functional	Comfortable	Comfortable Seating
Reverence	Flexible	Better parking	Sacristy
Love(d)	Multipurpose	Useful	Better technology
Part of a family	More family events	Warm	Approachable
Holiness	Sufficient Washrooms	Functional	Outreach
Prayerful	Seminar Rooms	Welcoming	Comfortable
Closer to God	Rental Space for revenue	Audio visual	Open communication
Secure	Storage	Stage / Theatre	Parish council
Good Acoustics	Preschool programs	Good kitchen	Storage
Calm	Conductive to learning	Flexibility	Coat racks
Inspired	Inviting	Feeling like home	Informed
Quite	Expandable	Valued	Clean & Tidy
Holy Spirit Filled	Roomy	Sense of belonging	Reflective
Like I'm alone with God	Safe & Secure	Organized	Good music
Joyful with others	Programs like we had 20 years ago	To feel like I want to be there	Inclusive
Bright	Don't want a new parish	Up to date	Accessible
Clean & tidy	Well planned	Supported	Soup Kitchen
Intimate	Warm	Friendly	Intimate

Worship	Program	Community	Ministry
Peaceful	Modern	Clean & Tidy	Sense of belonging
Wanted	Versatile	Family Friendly	Where help is provided
At Peace	To include community	Challenged	Private
Mass in French but NO Latin	Inspired	Fundraising	Higher percentage of Parishioner involvement
Not judged	Sport activities	Food centre	
Not pressured	Efficient & Useful	Relaxed	
Contemplative	Celebrations	Engaging	
Relaxed	Recreation	Social	
Humble	Concerts & movies	Meeting new people	
Respectable	Social activities	Open to general public	
Safe	Discovery		
Warm	Learning		
Vibrant	Marriage preparation		
Connected	Dogmatic & Alpha		
Thoughtful	Durable		
Meditative	Interconnected		
Hospitality	Classrooms		
To hear well	Good Sound		
Devotion	Accessible		
Fulfilled	Bright		
Spiritual	Clean		
Wanting to return	Energized		
Drawn in	Not institutional		

Worship	Program	Community	Ministry
Non intimidation			
Cared for			
To feel holy			

What do you value in the current church spaces? What do you want to keep? (Canadian Martyrs)

CM Community Spaces	CM Program Spaces	CM Worship	CM Ministry Spaces
Accessible to groups	Irish Ceilidh	AV System & screen	Gym
Size of the Common space (Gym)	Wheelchair accessible	Intimate layout	Open to the community
Coffee socials After Mass. Friendly conversation	Multifunctional	Good acoustics	I like Canadian Martyrs
Gym		The Altar made by Greg & Wayne	Good meeting space (Brebeuf Room)
Brebeuf Room		The choir	Flexible downstairs
Office spaces		Baptismal font near the congregation	Cubs, scouts Basketball etc
Kitchen		Place to hang coats	Stage
		Kneelers	Fire Protection
		Hearing the rain on the roof. (Nice :)	Window from gym into kitchen for serving
		Opportunity to be a part of SMU community.	Lots of windows(I like this) Brebeuf rm.

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Want the upper hall back for socials	Kitchen	Audio Visual (Screens)	Sign with Mass times
Social gatherings & functions	Stage	Choir loft & Pipe Organ	Sacred Heart Chapel
CWL Tea Sale	Spacious	Spirit	History of church
Craft sales	Highly visible message board	Architecture	Choir Loft
Bingos	Lots of daylight	Altar servers	Potential of spaces (Presently underused)
Pancake dinner provided by the Boy Scouts	Keep the upper hall	Feeling of a church	The value of the church & Hall
These activities Would bring the people together.	Great sign on Oxford	The people Visibility	Traditional look of church
	Discussion rooms	Mother's room	Grounds
		Sacred Heart Chapel	Front steps for wedding
		Sanctuary	Aisle good width
		Centrally Located	Traditional aisle
		Beautiful	Uplifting
		Pew arrangements	Beautiful
		Altar servers	Home

What bugs you about the current Church spaces? What doesn't work well? What do you want that we don't have? (Canadian Martyrs)

CM Community Spaces	CM Program Spaces	CM Worship Spaces	CM Ministry Spaces
No direct access to the Church / Gym	Not aware of programs now	Music Ministry too varied	No lunch room for staff
Chairs (orange) are not comfortable	No sufficient leadership	Roof Leaks	Lack of air flow
Too many ants	Where is the parish council?	Not welcoming / not warm (Cavernous)	Stinks of chemicals & other things
Table & Chairs are too old		Heating issues	Technology / internet
Lacks in cleanliness		Wheelchair Access	Music practice space
Would like more rental availability		No railings for seniors for Altar	Lack of parking
Kitchen is not functional		Washrooms	Heat Control
Poor sound system		Lack of space for wheelchairs	CCO
Needs a cleaner / Janitor		Orange Tiles	Awkward entrance
Needs an updated kitchen		Lack of space for Adoration	Don't like it.
Stage too high		Lack of Space for choir	Space is tired
Gym floor is not good		Lacks Spirit	Inefficient Office
Toilets need replacing		Altar should be higher	Needs to be modernized

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Small chapel needed for weekday Masses			Cold
Parking too difficult to access the gym			Gym doesn't feel spiritual
Is a gym really necessary?			

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The hall as it is right now	Wet basement	Too dim, not enough natural light	Under utilized
Inadequate parking	No connection from church to hall	Poor temperature control	State of disrepair
No functional program spaces	Lacks warmth	Poor sound	Dark interior
Kitchen facilities	Too damp	More parking	Cold
Hall not connected to church	Old tables & chairs		colors (paint)
We need our hall back for dinners, receptions, Alpha etc	Needs better mobility access		Parking
Lost our upper hall	No comfortable furniture		Foyer too small

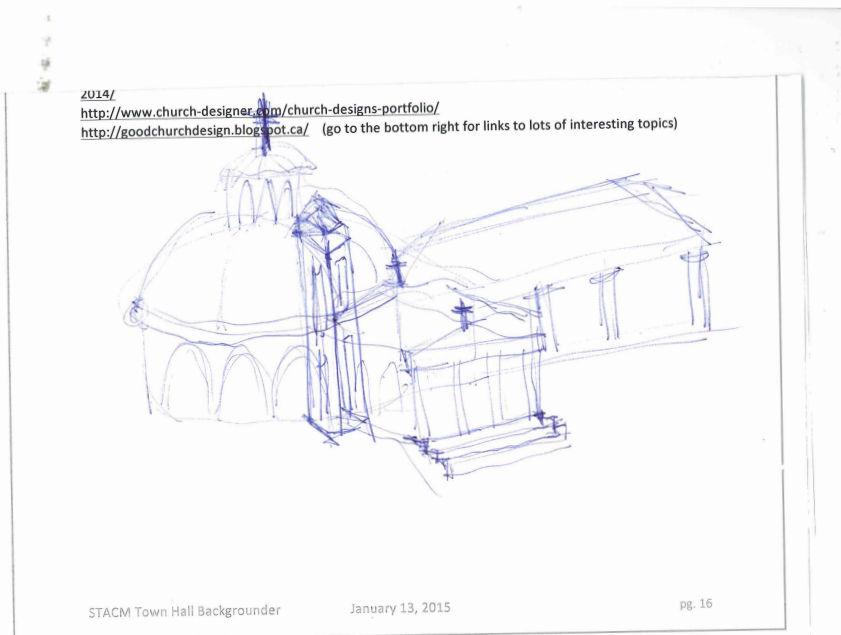
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Age	More discussion rooms		
Needs more washrooms	Lower level of STA hall is too low & small		
Needs a bigger kitchen	Not accessible		

In a perfect world, what will happen in our Church and Parish Centre in 5 years?

Modern technology & facilities	Natural light
Good acoustics	Warm feeling
No high Ceiling	Transfer CM's stained glass windows to new location
Few steps or a ramp to the Altar	More dynamic music
Music in a more appropriate area	Interior / Spiritual design
Sustainable renewable energy sources	Relative & Transformational homilies
A good neighbor to all	Large parking lot
Large foyer space (Before entering the church)	New hymnals / missals
Circular vs. linear wood or more contemplative building material	More bathrooms
Vibrant, welcoming & inspiring	Strong leadership
A Pastoral or parish council	Traditional architecture with heritage style, Altar up the steps; not lower down like CM presently has
Wheelchair accessible & accessible for those with limited mobility	Regular Mass schedule throughout the week
2 Full time priests	Sacred Heart Chapel that can hold 50+ people
To include other parish(s) in the process	A need to build more churches for increased growth
Ability to expand	A Cross on top
Better seating	Indoor & outdoor access to the parish centre.
Availability to offer coffee socials in the foyer (Narthex)	Votive Candle stands

Pipe organ	Church with a Parish Centre attached with two levels: Level I - offices & meeting space Level II - Large hall with kitchen
Comfortable church with comfortable furniture & electric fireplace	Landscaped around the church grounds
Rectory on site (Priest should live on site)	Parish Missions & Bridge ministry
No subdivisions: One church, one community	More parishoners
Space for artwork	Something we can afford
Solar heating	Efficient
Shared resources with other parishes	Wide door washrooms
Active & Alive everyday	Served by public transportation
Space for choir	Joyful community
Strong involvement	Attracts the youth
Kid & senior friendly	Better communication
A focus on Christ; not on each other	

**Parishioner's vision
for a new Church &
Parish Centre**



**One Parishioner's vision for
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