

# MAIN CAMPUS PROJECT OVERVIEW



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# Role of Building Committee

## **Committee Purpose:**

- Established Spring 2013 to provide courageous oversight of the vision and plans God has for Mt. Zion United Methodist Church

## **Authorized Activities/Options (2544 of The Book of Discipline):**

- Build a new church or new educational building
- Purchase a church or educational building
- Remodel existing church or educational building where the cost of the remodeling exceeds 25% of the value of the existing structure or requires mortgage financing

## **Other Duties:**

- Committee also has oversight of the Senior Campus Board which is responsible for all Senior Campus activities and decisions



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# Factors Driving the Need to Improve Facilities

- **Accessibility** – Difficulties for people participating in Church life i.e. Sunday School, worship, small groups
- **Education space** – Lack of space for existing programs, poor quality of space, space for growth, minimal storage space
- **Worship space** – Proximity of nurseries and restrooms, chancel space, gathering space, safety, space for long-term growth
- **Life-Safety** – Facilities met building codes when constructed but don't meet today's safety codes (i.e. they are “grandfathered” under the old codes)
- **Inadequate parking**



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# 5 Key Guiding Principles for the Project

- Continuity of all ministries, the heartbeat of the Church, is essential
- Despite its limitations, the current sanctuary is an icon of Mt. Zion and the community and the project should highlight and honor it as such
- Green space in front of the Church will be preserved
- Changes resulting from the project should retain the familiar “look” of the Church campus
- Campus needs to be drawn closer together vs. the current state of being spread out (i.e. proximity) and made more accessible (i.e. easier entrance / exit, seating and parking) and safe



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# We Considered a Full Range of Options

- Option #1 – Renovate Education Building - \$2.7 million
- Option #2 – Construct New Education Building - \$4.3 million
- Option #3 – Renovate / Expand Sanctuary - \$6.7 million
- Option #4 – Construct New Building that Provides Education and Worship – \$5.2 million\*

\* Endorsed by Administrative Board on May 18, 2015



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# Main Campus Project Concept Design Process

- A series of meetings over a 3-day period or “*planning charrette*” that allowed LS3P (Church architects) to become acquainted with the Church’s buildings and learn about the Church’s needs was held on April 9-11, 2016
- Approximately 75 individuals participated, including members of the Building Committee, Church officers and the following six groups:
  - Education (11 attendees)
  - Youth Ministry (11 attendees)
  - Children (9 attendees)
  - Music Ministry (10 attendees)
  - Outreach / Missions / Other Ministries (10 attendees)
  - Worship (9 attendees)



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# Key Planning Charrette Takeaways

- Pressing need for more accessible space, especially education space, for all age groups
- Space needs to be accessible for seniors and young families
- Main lobby or concourse is needed to create a “front door” to the Church to enable, welcoming, fellowship, assist people to sign up / get information and drop off to Church’s many mission projects
- One kitchen at the far end of the Church is not adequate
- Adequate accessible bathrooms with proximity to Church activities is a huge need
- Childcare / nursery needs to be closer to worship
- Church Staff and program leaders go to great lengths to minimize the limitations of the present facilities, including storage



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# Main Campus Project Concept

Utilizing the results of the planning charrette process and the project's 5 key guiding principles, LS3P worked with the Building Committee to develop the following<sup>(1)</sup>:

- Long-range site plan for the Church campus; and
- New 29,000 square foot education / worship center that (i) addresses immediate education and other space needs and (ii) provides enhanced worship space that can accommodate future capacity / growth when it occurs

Construction of new facilities will not eliminate the need to continue to utilize the existing buildings on the main campus

<sup>(1)</sup>The needs identified in the planning process resulted in the estimated cost of the project increasing from \$5.2 million to \$7.5 million, primarily due to adding a “front door” / gathering space and additional education space



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# Future Utilization of Existing Education Building

- Church history / archives
- Existing Sunday School classes not relocated to the new facilities
- New adult Sunday School classes
- Additional adult meeting space
- Relief to multiple groups now doubling up on Sunday School space
- Reduction in scheduling complications
- Storage space for various purposes (Scouts, backpack ministry, Magical Mountain Christmas, etc.)



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# Optional Potential Future Utilization of Existing Sanctuary

- 8:30 am worship service
- Wednesday night service
- Hospice
- Other worship settings which people have expressed hope for – services of healing prayer
- Weddings as desired
- Funerals as desired



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## *“What we hoped for in a long-range site plan is . . .”*

- A plan that incorporates traffic flow and additional entrance / exit options
- A design that provides for parking, especially for handicap, newcomers and families with young children
- A design that minimizes having to move children from building-to-building through the parking lot
- A plan that preserves the historic Scout Hut and the Outdoor Chapel
- A design that provides maximum flexibility for future evolution / growth of the Church



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# Site Plan

## PHASE 1

- A - EDUCATION/ WORSHIP CENTER
- B - PLAYGROUND
- C - GATHERING SPACE / ENTRY
- D - EXISTING SANCTUARY TO REMAIN
- E - EXISTING FAMILY LIFE CENTER
- F - NEW FLC ENTRANCE
- G - EXISTING ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES
- H - OUTDOOR CHAPEL
- I - EXISTING BOYSCOUT HUT
- J - YOUTH HOUSE
- K - UMAR HOUSE
- L - EXISTING CEMETERY
- M - NEW PARKING ENTRANCE
- N - PARKING - 300 SPACES

## PHASE 2

- O - EDUCATION ADDITION
- P - GATHERING SPACE / ENTRY
- Q - COVERED DROP OFF
- R - EXISTING CLASSROOMS (DEMO TBD)
- S - WALKING TRAILS



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# Aerial View (Phases 1 and 2)



# ***“What we hoped for in a campus entrance is . . .”***

- An entrance to the Church that is easily identified for those who are new and easily accessible for all
- A welcoming, gathering space that could be multi-use including:
  - a place to greet and welcome people
  - a place for people to fellowship and converse
  - easy places to leave contributions to missions
  - space that facilitates learning more about Church



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# Front Elevation



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# Interior View of Gathering Space



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# Aerial View From Front



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# Aerial View from the North



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# **“What we hoped for in education space is . . .”**

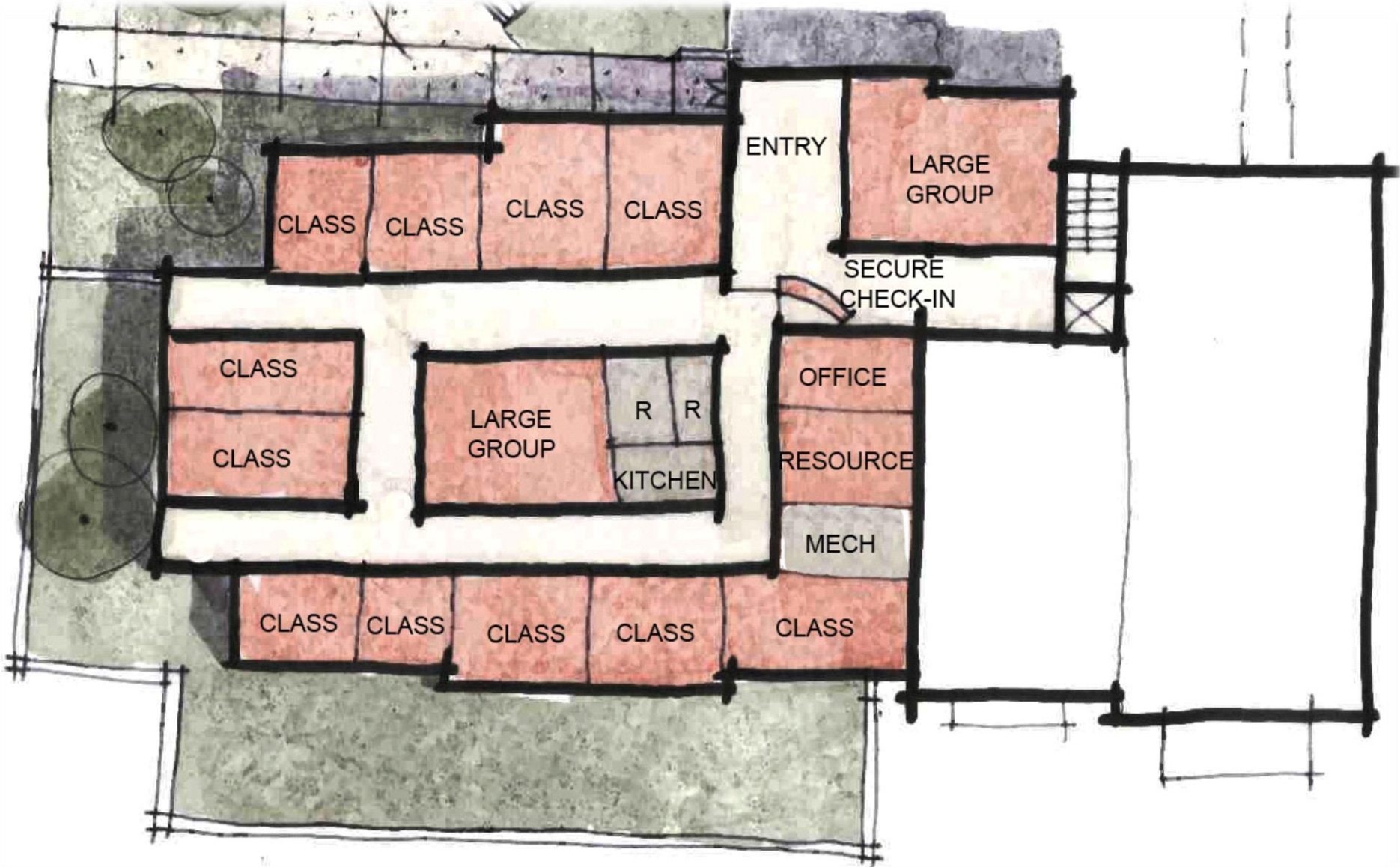
- Children’s space for Mt. Zion Children’s Ministry and SonShine Preschool with safety features for check-in and supervision
- Gathering space for children’s activities
- Kitchen facilities for children’s area which also serves as an option other than the main kitchen at the far end of the campus
- Storage for children’s programs and activities
- Space designed for special needs ministry with children / young people
- A design to support space for the youth program which is constantly having to shift because of other programs needing same space
- Adequate, handicap accessible restrooms that are near where people are meeting
- Adequate nursery facilities with safety features that are close to worship facilities
- Space that is accessible for seniors, minimizing long walks and making it easier to get in and out for Church activities including worship



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# Lower Level Floor Plan – New Education / Worship Center



# Lower Level Floor Plan – New Education / Worship Center (Alongside Existing Family Life Center Lower Level)



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PHASE 1 LOWER LEVEL

# **“What we hoped for in worship space is . . .”**

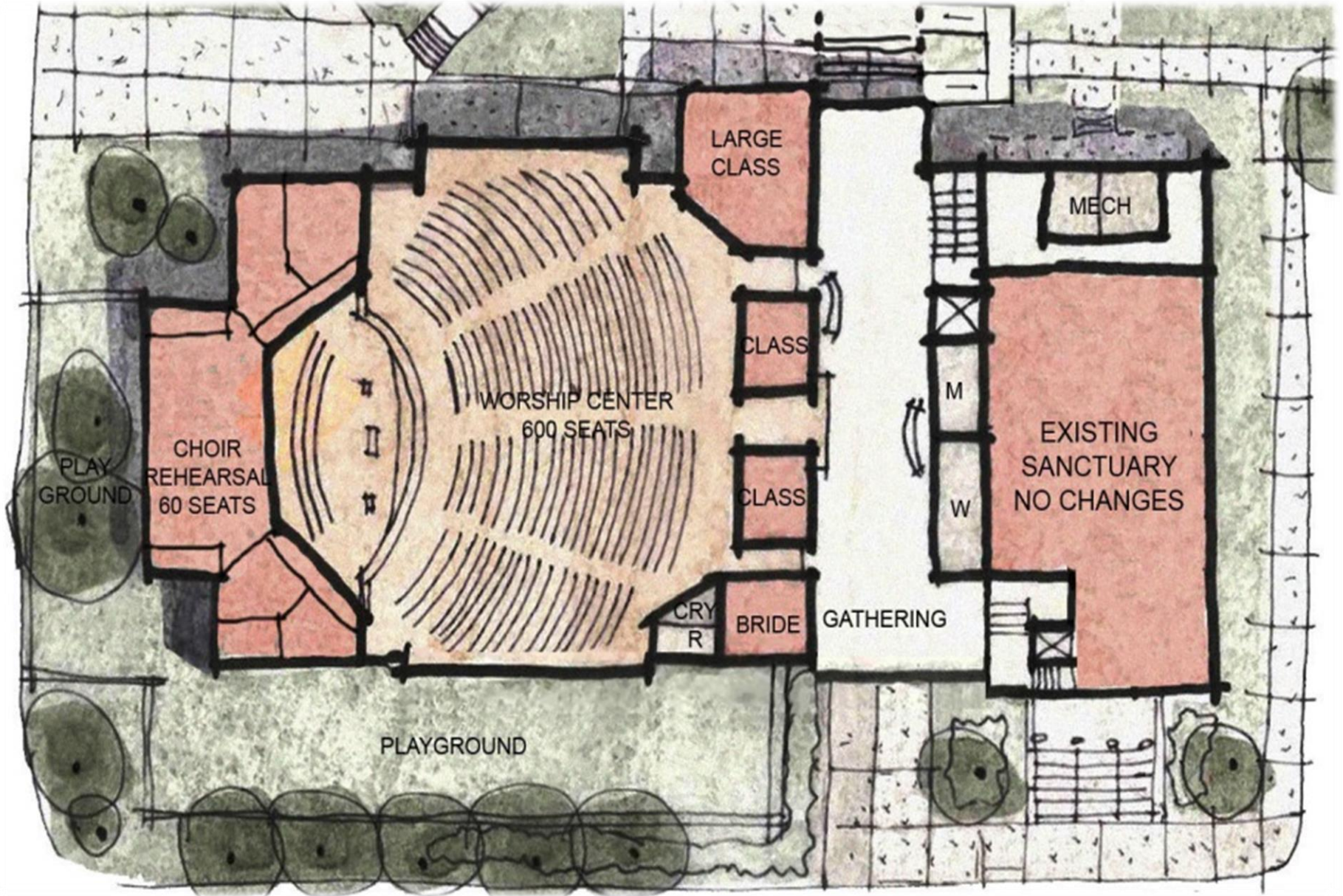
- Accessible restrooms that are easy to find and near worship space
- Adequate nursery facilities with safety features close to worship facilities
- Space for parents to soothe crying babies
- Facility that meets needs of high moments in the Church including a place for brides / wedding parties and a welcoming, gathering space for families before funerals
- Adaptable space that could be used for small viewings for funerals
- Improved sightlines for special occasion worship services
- Chancel space flexible for wide range of music and worship offering in a worshipful setting where people have good sightlines
- Music space for Praise Team, Chancel Choir, handbell and children’s choirs that also has rehearsal space, music / instrument storage and easy access to worship facilities
- Space for those who set up for worship (especially for communion preparation) and worship storage
- Ability to utilize current and future technology



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# Upper Level Floor Plan – New Education / Worship Center





# Upper Level Floor Plan – New Education / Worship Center (Alongside Existing Family Life Center, Education Building and Sanctuary Upper Levels)



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PHASE 1 UPPER LEVEL

# Project Cost / Capital Fundraising

- High level estimate of the cost of Phase 1 of the Main Campus Master Plan of \$7.5 million (includes a chancel area for 100 and sanctuary that seats 500)
- Project will be financed by capital campaign contributions and, as / if needed, long-term debt
- A financial feasibility study was conducted by Horizons Stewardship in May – June 2017 to determine the Church's ability to raise the necessary funds



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# Current Status

- Although Horizons Stewardship believes the Church possesses the capacity to generate significant capital campaign gifts, the financial feasibility study showed that the proposed project is not financially feasible at this time
- Consistent with past promises, the Building Committee decided not to ask the congregation to vote on the project until the project is deemed to be financially feasible and thus the project is currently on hold
- The project will move forward once the needs identified by Church members to build a culture of generosity that will put the Church and future new facilities projects in a stronger position



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