

## QUESTIONS

### **Why build new buildings instead of planting churches or giving more to missions and local ministries?**

We believe that churches should be planted because Asheville needs them, not because of our need to create space. We intend to plant churches locally in the future if/when the Lord grows us to be a good-sized resource church (750 members approx). As it stands now, we are already supporting the work of church planting in other areas of the country and the world.

We want to support more missionaries and ministries as well. Studies show that churches that plant churches and send missionaries tend to grow at a faster rate than those that do not do these things. In fact, if God grants growth, we will put even more money toward these areas in the coming decades.

These plans also echo the original construction intent when Trinity moved to 17 Shawnee Trail in 1990. This approach is not a new idea, but a renewal of the vision to maximize this property for the glory of God in Asheville and beyond. Our hope is that our building(s) will be a blessing to Trinity and to the greater Asheville community as well. Among several other weekly activities, we currently have 6 meetings of local AA groups at our church, but they have to use a room which is in high demand for our own ministries. Please pray with us that we will continue to grow in our love for God and our neighbor.

### **Does Trinity really need another building?**

Since transitioning to two services in 2016 our average weekly attendance has increased from 300-350 to 400-450. On Sunday morning, every available space on the property is in use. Another building will give us the ability to offer more opportunities for ministries and service and position us for additional growth.

### **Here is more helpful information in understanding our space needs:**

- The maximum capacity for our current sanctuary is approx. 380 people per service.
- Our Youth Group has almost doubled since last year. Attendance is up from 25 in 2016/17 to 45 on average currently. We estimate the trailer would be at absolute maximum with 55 students attending.
- As its stands currently, of our 9 staff members, 4 are working out of one shared office and a workroom.

### **Why do we think Trinity will continue to grow?**

This project has been very intentionally phased. To that end, Phase One addresses our *current* space needs that have been briefly outlined in this brochure. We pray the Lord continues to bless and grow Trinity as He sees fit. This long term, three phase project accommodates our current needs, has taken into account our average growth rate, and works to anticipate the future needs of our congregation and city.

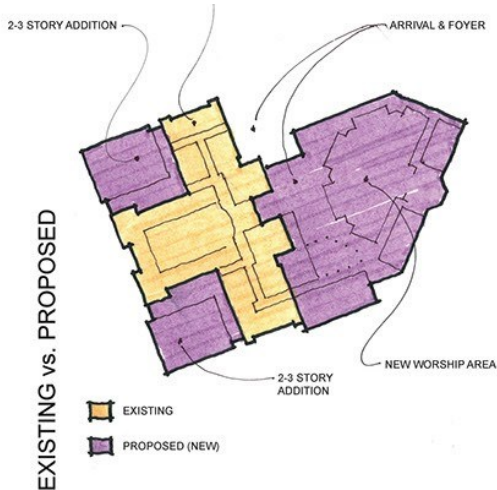
### **Is there a time-line, and if so, what is it?**

The Session will discuss the time-line moving forward.



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## Building Phase One



## In early 2017...

Trinity’s Session created a Long Range Planning Team consisting of 16 members across a wide cross section of the congregation.

The LRPT spent most of 2017 exploring as many possible addition, renovation, and relocation options as seemed reasonable and possible. The LRPT prayerfully considered their presentation to the Session weighing as many questions and suggestions as they could.

The drawing above represents the team’s recommendation for the long term maximizing of our property.

## PHASE ONE

**a three-story structure in the grassy area between Room 205 and the worship area, which will house new youth facilities, additional classroom and office space. Construction should not impede church activity.**

### CLASSROOMS

*We have great need for more classroom space for youth and adults. Our trailer used for youth ministry is over 25 years old and in disrepair. We are currently very limited by having only three adult classrooms, all of which have multiple functions and uses throughout the week.*

### Youth

**The new Student area will include:**

- larger meeting rooms to accommodate our growing number of students
- a space for hang-out time to build relationships, and to provide a non-threatening venue to invite friends
- more space overall which creates more opportunities for ministry

### Classrooms

**The new classrooms will:**

- have more space, which will allow for additional (and larger) adult education classes.
- be fitted with standard educational and technological infrastructure (sound, projection) to enable our teachers to utilize modern systems for classes
- help us to facilitate multiple functions during the week and on weekends (community meetings, ministry gatherings, classes, etc.)

### OFFICE

*Our current offices were not designed to support computers and office equipment. Our ministerial and administrative staff will benefit from having their own office spaces for security and privacy considerations. As our congregation continues to grow, Lord willing, so will our staff and the need for additional administrative space.*

### Our new office space will:

- provide room for current lack of space and for staff growth in the future
- have the electrical and technological infrastructure to support administrative demands
- have dedicated meeting rooms, a work room, additional space for counseling, and other spaces to facilitate administrative support.

*“Loving our neighbor” includes providing space to meet the needs of our growing congregation, community, and city.*

