



## **Ministry Facility Expansion Process**

My Brothers and Sisters in Christ at Grace,

We are excited to begin this journey toward expanding our facility at Cross View Way and the ministry that God is doing in our midst! As we engage on this journey, you are an integral part of this and so we wanted to start by communicating with you what is taking place in the beginning part of this process.

First, I wanted to share who is on our committee: Pastor Howard, Jeff Eggold, Mark Kastens, Nate Klieve, Julie Kren, Nicole Schmidt, and Dennis Schmit. Pete Schneider with Groth Design Group and Kyle Hanson with Triun3 (financial services) are also a part of this team. This committee met for the first time on May 21st. We will offer information and updates throughout this process in our Grace Newsletter.

Second, as we look at the expansion, how this tool for ministry is for His glory and the building of His kingdom, the blessing it will be to our school ministry, and for the strengthening of all ministries at Grace, there will be opportunities for you to get involved. You can certainly contact me at any time with questions, but we will also have formal times of sharing with the congregation. The first such opportunity will be at a Visioning Workshop.

### **Visioning Workshop**

June 15th @ 7:00pm

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June 21st @ 9:00am (Following the conclusion of the 8:00am Service)

We will be holding a workshop to explore our ministry and space needs within Grace's building. We will hold two of these "Visioning Workshops." One will be on June 15th at 7pm in the Commons at our Cross View Way Campus and the other will be on June 21st at the conclusion of our 8am worship service also in the Commons (they are the exact same, so you need only attend one). The purpose of the workshop is to discuss as a congregation how our building spaces enhance or hinder our programming and ministries.

Pete Schneider will be leading the workshop. Pete is a Partner-in-Charge of Religious Design at Groth Design Group. Groth Design Group is the architectural firm selected by the congregational leadership to assist with the assessment of programming space needs and building needs to support a master campus plan. Pete is also a member of Grace who shares in our passion for what God is doing in ministry at Grace and our expansion process.



The first part of the Visioning Workshop will have information on why it is important to have building spaces that reflect the ministry needs of the church. Pete will also share what other churches are doing with their buildings to better proclaim the Gospel and serve the surrounding community.

The second part of the Visioning Workshop will be an opportunity for Church's members to share their insights on how needs of the congregation are helped or hindered by the existing building and what visions we have for our building that can help our ministries thrive.

The workshop will be no longer than two hours in length. Childcare will be provided at the June 15th Visioning Session for those who [RSVP at this link](#).

We welcome and encourage participation by all members of the church. In order for our Planning Team and architect to plan for the needs of our congregation, we must first hear what your needs are and how the building can better assist our witness.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at [pastor.howard@grace-connect.org](mailto:pastor.howard@grace-connect.org) or 262-251-0670.

Yours in Christ,

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