

Application for Developing a Ministry

The Governance Board of the First United Methodist Church of West Lafayette, Indiana is delighted that you wish to develop a ministry to further the mission of our church. It would be of great assistance if you would answer the following:

1. What do you propose as the name of this ministry?

The New Sanctuary Ministry

2. Please give a brief depiction of the object of this ministry.

The object of this ministry is to build a new sanctuary, thereby enabling the WIRED Service to move into the bigger CLC. The WIRED Capacity Team that met at the beginning of the Fruitful Congregation Journey, did so because they are in need of more space. The 11:00 WIRED service was at or very close to maximum capacity in the Activity Center. There was much discussion about alternatives to the 11:00 service. Possible solutions that were suggested were:

a.) Add another service time. Saturday evening or Sunday evening were suggested, but there would be no child care or food already supplied.

b.) Find their own building or facility to hold the WIRED service. The same problem existed, in that, there would be no child care and possibly no kitchen or people to fix food.

c.) Add another service on Sunday morning. The Team decided to add a 9:30 AM service. This has been accomplished, but the (now) 9:45 AM service is currently, sparsely attended. WIRED service leaders are reluctant to advertise or promote the times. They know that if more people come to the 11:00 service, there is a good chance that it will hit maximum capacity for fire codes.

Eventually the WIRED Capacity Team came to the conclusion that we should re-open the New Sanctuary Committee and possibly continue our quest to build a New Sanctuary. This will make it possible for the WIRED Service and the Traditional Service to grow and bring more people to our church, giving us the opportunity to Make more Disciples of Jesus Christ for the Transformation of the World.

3. What is the scriptural reference or basis for this ministry?

2 Samuel 7:4-6 But it happened that night that the word of the Lord came to Nathan, saying, "Go and tell My servant David, 'Thus says the Lord: Would you build a house for Me to dwell in? For I have not dwelt in a house since the time that I brought the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt."

4. Who will be the initial lay leader responsible for this ministry?

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5. Which work area (missions, children, music, stewardship, nurture, church growth, worship, etc.) do you see chiefly responsible for this ministry?

The work area that I see as chiefly responsible is Worship, however, every one of the work areas listed above will be positively affected by a new sanctuary.

6. How many lay members would be initially involved and what would their functions be?

We would need to form a New Sanctuary Ministry Task Force, possibly with about 10 people, who have volunteered. We should have a callout, asking who would want to be involved, and possibly ask them if they feel that they have a calling to do this. I think that it remains to be seen as to whether we should split off into different small groups. I am a very inclusive person so my initial feeling is that the whole group should be involved in everything.

7. How do you envision the start-up and development of this ministry?

First: I think that we should send out a very short survey to all of the members and all of our giving units. That survey should ask these two questions:

a.) Are you in favor of building a New Sanctuary? Yes or No

b.) Are you willing to donate financial funds toward the building of that new Sanctuary? Y or No

Doing this survey was discussed at our last stewardship campaign meeting and it met with positive comments. I am willing to organize and pay for the postage to do this.

Second: If the survey turns out a favorable result, we will need to form a New Sanctuary Ministry Task Force.

Third: That task force should start looking into interviewing Architects and Design/Build firms in order to use our preliminary drawings that were created in a value engineering discussion toward the end of our former New Building Committee. They will need to make working drawings out of them. The Task Force will need to compare and evaluate these firms to be absolutely certain that we are getting a designer that understands how many times we have been through this and that we are a church that knows what we want and that we do not need to be impressed by them. We just need them to do a good job for us within our budget. Two architects have already been recommended to us by Dick Biehl, a church growth consultant that we had in our last go around and also by Ellen Wilson, our Music Ministries Director.

8. What are the basic principles and guidelines for this ministry?

a.) To at all times, keep in mind, the mission and vision of our church, especially that of Making Disciples of Jesus Christ for the Transformation of the World.

b.) To be respectful of all of our members and the entire congregation in conducting the designing and building process.

c.) To be completely transparent throughout the process, by giving a short report, in The Prevue and at all services, of how we are progressing, possibly once a month, maybe once a week.

9. What kind of training and coaching (both for leadership and for volunteers) will be needed to establish and improve this ministry?

- a.) Talking with Architects and Design/Build firms will be very informative.
- b.) We should talk with other churches that have been through this process.
- c.) We might want to visit and tour a church or two. The previous New Building Committee did tour several. If some of them are going to be on this task force, it might not be necessary for them to tour again.

10. How much financial support will be needed to a.) start and b.) sustain this ministry?

- a.) We should start with the survey that I mentioned in question number 7 above. This will not cost anything.
- b.) Meeting with Architects and Design/Build Firms will not cost anything, but when they start drawing, that is when we will need funds. I promise that our team will do our very best to keep costs down. Our church has already done a great deal of costly work in the form of studies and plans. We intend to use those and talk with all of the staff and other ministries to be sure that we still have a clear picture of all of our needs and revise wherever necessary. I checked with Ann Kolodny and we currently have \$93,681.00 in the Building Fund.

11. What physical facilities will be needed to sustain the ministry?

Our own church should be plenty for us to meet in whatever room is best for us to use, in order to save on heating or cooling bills, etc. We may need to meet in the CLC or AC, on occasion, for large groups to present our proposals. We may also need the bus once or twice for a field trip to other churches, however we may be willing to carpool to these churches, especially those of us that have vans or suvs. I do not anticipate any more expense than that.

12. How will the effectiveness of the ministry be evaluated in the:

- a.) short term?

After promoting our new sanctuary throughout the community and also promoting the WIRED service again on the TV18 news, the Journal & Courier, The Exponent, Facebook, and any other beneficial social media, I believe that we will see an increase in attendance at all services.

- b.) mid-term?

We should see a renewed interest in FUMC throughout the community, especially if we continue to promote it. I hope to see the Greater Lafayette area and Tippecanoe County buzzing with excitement.

- c.) long term?

I feel confident that, about a year after the sanctuary is complete and WIRED has moved into the CLC and is established, we will have more people interested in all of our ministries. I hope that we become even more of a vital part of West Lafayette, and Purdue. I hope to see students walking to our church by way of the new trail from the residence halls as Freshman. I picture people stopping by

on their way home to exercise. I see The Village Nursery School becoming a more visible day care and a great help to parents, especially those looking for a Christian Pre-School, as they pick their children up in the evening. I see us as a hub of activity and as a guiding force in our community. A church that makes a difference. A church that conducts many programs throughout the week, for all sorts of people. Both for our church members and for non church members. A place where everyone feels comfortable and welcome. A Sanctuary for our souls. A place where we feel unconditionally loved by God. A place of refuge, protection, beauty and worship.

However, in order to sustain this, we must keep communicating and promoting FUMC, both the WIRED and Traditional Services and VNS on the local media. If we don't follow up with this, we will not grow.

13. What is the exit plan to wrap up the ministry either when, a.) it's mission has been fulfilled or, b.) congregation support is lacking?

When our mission has been fulfilled, as I said above, I believe that we still need to continually promote all of our ministries, missions, activities and services. This will need to be a ministry all on its own. One of communication.

If the congregation support is lacking, then we will have to openly discuss what we should do and how we can keep FUMC thriving and growing. I believe that it will be difficult for us to grow without a larger area for WIRED and with NO Sanctuary.

14. How will this ministry help to fulfill our Mission and Vision?

a.) We will be able to reach more people. It will be up to us to keep them coming.

b.) There will be more people to get involved in our three initiatives of Klondike, Wesley & Purdue and Spiritual Growth.

c.) If we do a.) & b.) above, correctly, we will make more Disciples of Jesus Christ for the Transformation of the World.

In conclusion, we are a blessed church. We received the beautiful land that we are built on, for free. We needed only to pay the taxes. We were able to build the facility that we have now and pay off our debt. The new 231 highway was built to run right by our church, making us more visible. Now, the new State Street remodel is going to come right in front of our church and connect up with 231. There is much regional development going on in adjacent areas. We have a new entry, a creek, and a new bridge. West Lafayette is planning a running, biking & walking trail to go past us, on our side of State Street. God could not have made this clearer. He is literally leading people right to our door.

Please consider the building of a New Sanctuary as an all encompassing Ministry that will profoundly and positively affect every other Ministry and the future of FUMC.

Respectfully submitted,

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