

The Process of the Nehemiah Project - Define, Design, Develop, Do

It takes the Church to build a Church...

As the Building Team, we are focused through prayer, discernment, and actively listening to God's desire for our church and our building. We are passionately working together as a team to develop a process for determining ECOB building needs. It is our hope that we are pursuing and moving in the direction God is calling us in order to utilize our facilities to live, grow, connect and radiate the Kingdom.

A few months back, we were called to engage in a process that will encourage the church to look deeper into how our facility helps with the mission God has called us to. We recognize that each person in our congregation is vital to this process and have, over the last number of months, sought to include all people in this conversation of how God may use our facility to have a greater impact in our community. It is important that we have your support, thoughts, and prayers to the direction God is calling our church and our facility.

Though the roles may seem different, our focus and overall goals are the same - we are seeking God's purpose for the church, being obedient in his calling, and acting upon it.

Through this time, the Building Team is engaging in a 4D's process - Define, Design, Develop, and Do - to help them understand, organize, and strategize the building process. Each stage brings its own set of steps, ideas, challenges, and goals to provide a pathway to the overall project.

We invite you to participate with the Building Team in this process...

During the Define Stage (April 2018 – October 2018) - COMPLETED

- You have joined us and God in conversation about our building. We engaged in encouraging talk that helped us identify God's needs, wants, and desires for our church and facilities.
- We discerned and understood what the Church is being called to be and what it means to be part of the mission of God. We are each a missionary of Christ and so is our facility.
- We continue to pray for our building, our congregation, our leadership, and the mission and vision of our church.

During the Design Stage (October 2018 – February 2019) -

- Engage in God's vision and intercede in God's dreams for his Church.
- Dive into God's word - (Jeremiah 29:11)
- Attend visioning meetings as we dream about what the building may look like to accomplish the goals that God has for us – these meetings are named in the weekly emails and information sheets.

- Pray for the team that God's dreams will be revealed in whole or in part to the Building Team, our hearts and minds are receptive to God's calling and accepting to where God is leading ECOB.

During the Develop Stage (February 2019 – June 2019) -

- We will begin to lay groundwork in how you can give spiritually, physically, emotionally, and financially towards the calling of our Church and the facilities.
- Finalize the trajectory and scope of the project
- Understand how your personal and spiritual talents and gifts can be utilized in helping the building process
- Pray for discernment and affirmation on how God is calling you to be used within the project and how God is encouraging, challenging, and changing you through that process

During the Do Stage (June 2019 – December 2019) -

- Put your talents and gifts into action...
 - Give spiritually - continue to pray for the team, our facility, our congregation to move in the direction of our calling and God's desire
 - Give physically - donate your time and participate in potential building projects
 - Give emotionally - encourage each other to be stewards of our facilities, support each other in any change or challenges of this process
 - Give financially - provide a monetary gift to the Building Fund to help us grow the Kingdom and continue to live out our mission
- Pray for our Church Building and the people it may reach

During all stages - be in prayer.

- God wants our hearts and minds to be open and receptive to where He is calling us as a church to go and how He is calling us as a church, to connect, grow, live and radiate his Kingdom through our ministry and facilities.

All for Jesus,

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PS – Please watch out for a second letter that will be coming to your home in the next two weeks. This letter will outline the overall direction we hear God calling us to. This will include the information gathered from the congregational input we have received over the last few months.