



Focus Group Report

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RLPS Architects conducted 8 focus groups with the congregation and staff to help define expectations and future programming priorities. Utilizing the Crawford Slip brainstorming methodology, participants anonymously submitted their responses to questions before a general group discussion. This process resulted in 1,752 individual responses. The objective was to identify concerns and stimulate ideas in an open and proactive setting. The following is a synopsis of the focus group results.



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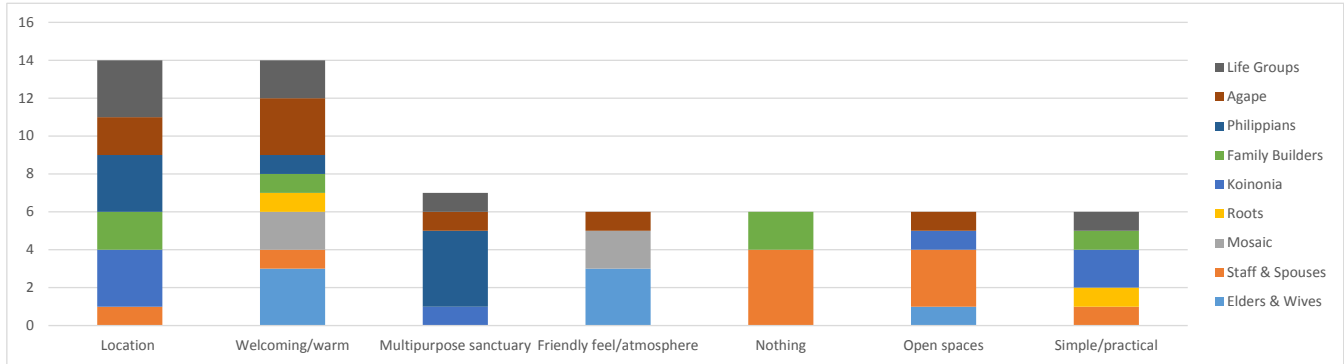
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1. I What do you like best about LEFC's environment?

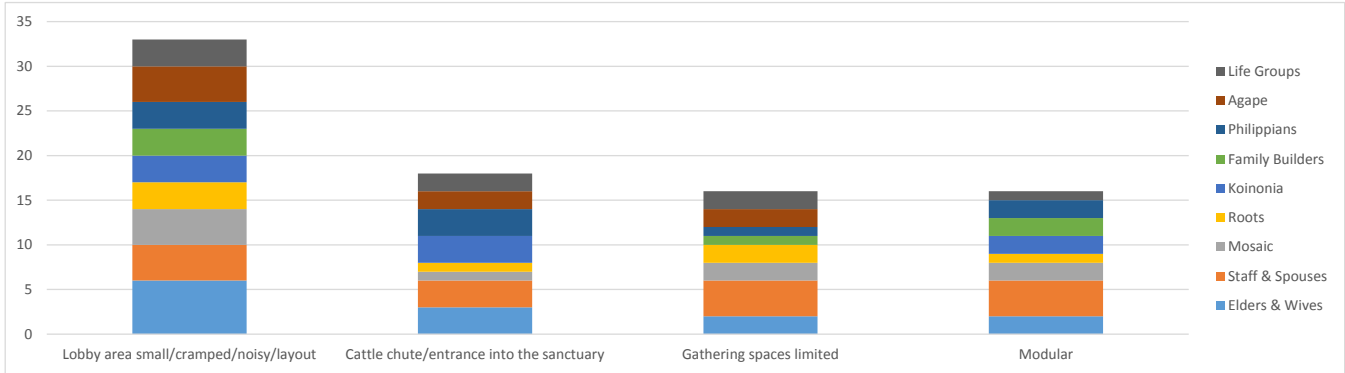


Responses	Elders & Wives	Staff & Spouses	Mosaic	Roots	Koinonia	Family Builders	Philippians	Agape	Life Groups	Total
Location		1			3	2	3	2	3	14
Welcoming/warm	3	1	2	1		1	1	3	2	14
Multipurpose sanctuary					1		4	1	1	7
Friendly feel/atmosphere	3		2					1		6
Nothing		4				2				6
Open spaces	1	3			1			1		6
Simple/practical		1		1	2	1			1	6
Clear area to welcome guests/visitors		2			1		1	1		5
Casual/simple feel	3					1			1	5
Functional yet not over the top				2		1			2	5
Trees/green space/stream	1								4	5
Windows/natural light		2	3							5
Classrooms in main building								2	2	4
Family environment	2		2							4
Not too big				3					1	4
People	2					1		1		4
Small church feel with large church opportunities			3	1						4
Auditorium layout							1	1	1	3
Ease of navigation accessibility		1	1				1			3
Sanctuary location (close to nursery/front door etc.)				2					1	3
Clean					1			1		2
Contemporary	1			1						2
Lobby space	1				1					2
Parking		1				1				2
Small town atmosphere									2	2
Authenticity	1									1
Bathrooms close to classrooms								1		1
Building size									1	1
Colors are warm/welcoming								1		1
Commitment to God's work and living it	1									1
Comfortable	1									1
Community				1						1
Compact									1	1
Connectivity			1							1
Handicap accessibility						1				1
Informal								1		1
Inviting						1				1
Improvements		1								1
Low maintenance									1	1
Mailbox system								1		1
The Mill		1								1
Organized							1			1
Personal	1									1

Practical- limited frills									1	1
Sanctuary layout									1	1
Serving others	1									1
Socializing between services					1					1
Stage						1				1
Technology/media		1								1
Totals	22	19	14	12	11	13	12	18	26	147

59/147 = 40% of total responses

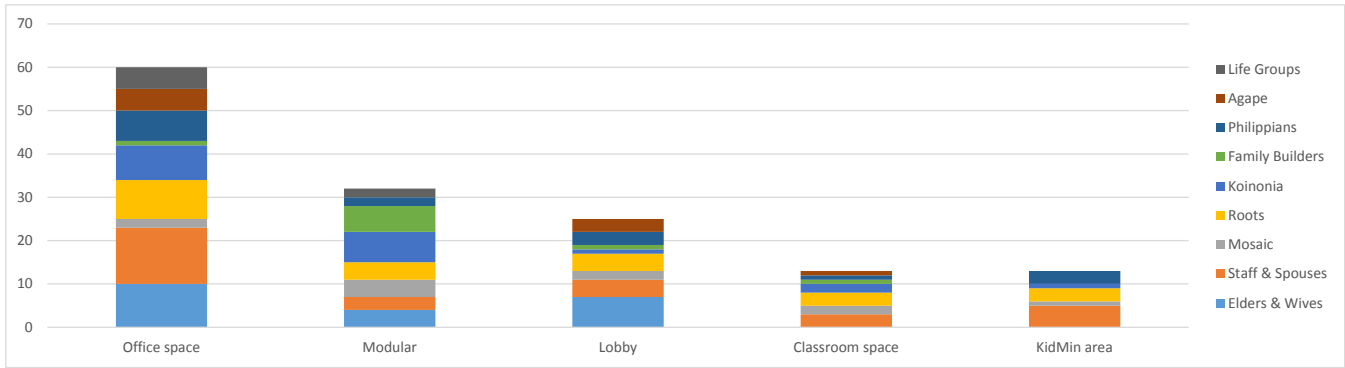
2. What do you like least about LEFC's environment?



Responses	Elders & Wives	Staff & Spouses	Mosaic	Roots	Koinonia	Family Builders	Philippians	Agape	Life Groups	Total
Lobby area small/cramped/noisy/layout	6	4	4	3	3	3	3	4	3	33
Cattle chute/entrance into the sanctuary	3	3	1	1	3		3	2	2	18
Gathering spaces limited	2	4	2	2		1	1	2	2	16
Modular	2	4	2	1	2	2	2		1	16
Confusing layout	2		1	2	2	2	1		1	11
Sunday School classes are scattered/limited	1	4		2	2	2				11
Congestion		1	1	1	1	2	2		2	10
Offices		5				1	1	1	1	9
Welcome Center space lacking		4	1						2	7
Separate building			1		1	2	1		1	6
Not functional		2	2					1		5
Smells when entering (coffee/others?)	2	3								5
Wayfinding inside building			1	3			1			5
Bathrooms not appropriate size for congregation		1					2		1	4
Building is outdated	1		1				1		1	4
Not very worshipful	1		1		2					4
Dark auditorium	1						2			3
Non-welcoming		1							2	3
Storage space		2	1							3
Visibility from street/traffic									3	3
Kitchen						1			2	3
Acoustics		1					1			2
Entrance from side								1	1	2
Lighting		2								2
Ugly		2								2
Carpet in gym									1	1
Chairs in auditorium all same level								1		1
Children safety lacking		1								1
Colors/materials		1								1
Corporate		1								1
Library								1		1
Lower level								1		1
Ministry drop off/pick up	1									1
Multi-purpose room						1				1
Nothing								1		1
Stage space					1					1
Threatening		1								1
Trash cans in kitchen - industrial style		1								1
Wow factor lacking		1								1
Wayfinding outside on campus			1							1
Outdated auxiliary buildings			1							1
Sound system dedicated space							1			1
Worship team uses kitchen for prayer gathering								1		1
Total	22	49	21	15	17	17	22	16	26	205

83/205=40% of total responses

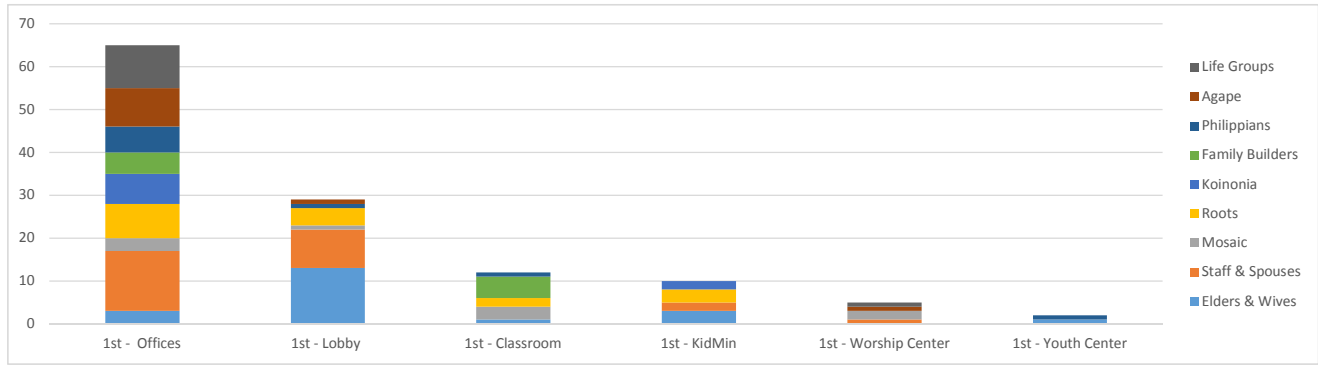
3. What area do you think requires physical improvement the most?



Responses	Elders & Wives	Staff & Spouses	Mosaic	Roots	Koinonia	Family Builders	Philipians	Agape	Life Groups	Total
Office space	10	13	2	9	8	1	7	5	5	60
Modular	4	3	4	4	7	6	2		2	32
Lobby	7	4	2	4	1	1	3	3		25
Classroom space		3	2	3	2	1	1	1		13
KidMin area		5	1	3	1		3			13
Sanctuary space	1	3	2		2					8
Gathering areas	1	5								6
Bathrooms			1	1			1	1	1	5
Library			1					3	1	5
Kitchen							1	2		3
Aesthetic improvements		1				1				2
ABF room				1			1			2
Stage area					1	1				2
Carport							1		1	2
Entrance to auditorium							2			2
Sanctuary chairs replaced	1									1
Carpet		1								1
Infant sleep room			1							1
Café				1						1
Basement					1					1
Community event space			1							1
Green room					1					1
Outdoor space for kids							1			1
Auditorium HVAC								1		1
Sound system									1	1
Entrance to church									1	1
It all needs beautified									1	1
Storage area									1	1
Hard floor in gym for youth									1	1
Parking lot									1	1
Too much like a warehouse									1	1
Totals	24	38	17	26	24	11	23	16	17	196

143/196=73% of total responses

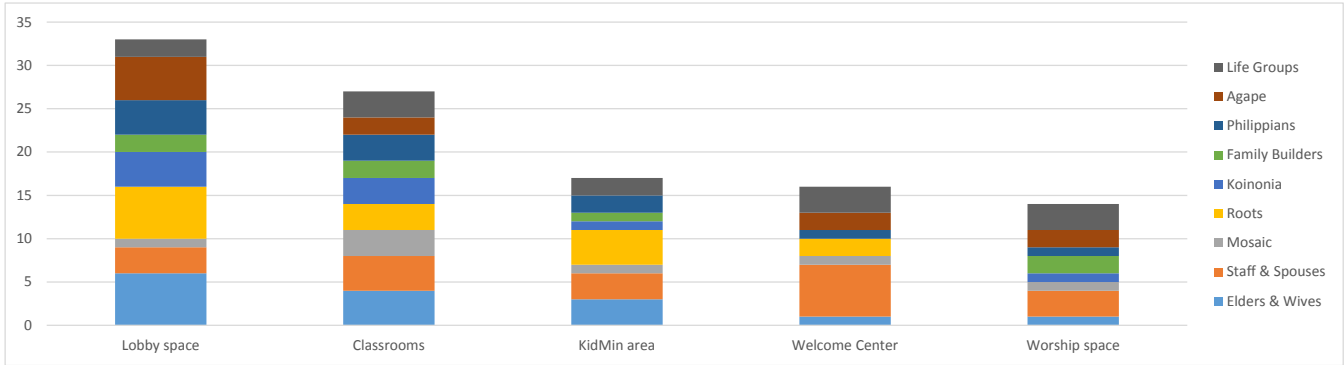
4. Please rank the following areas in terms of what improvements should be completed.
a. Offices / b. Lobby Space / c. KidMin / d. Worship Center / e. Youth Center / f. Classrooms



Responses	Elders & Wives	Staff & Spouses	Mosaic	Roots	Koinonia	Family Builders	Philip-pians	Agape	Life Groups	Total
1st - Offices	3	14	3	8	7	5	6	9	10	65
1st - Lobby	13	9	1	4	0	0	1	1	0	29
1st - Classroom	1	0	3	2	0	5	1	0	0	12
1st - KidMin	3	2	0	3	2	0	0	0	0	10
1st - Worship Center	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	1	1	5
1st - Youth Center	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2
2nd - Lobby	1	7	1	2	3	2	5	5	3	29
2nd - Classroom	5	3	4	3	2	1	1	1	3	23
2nd - KidMin	7	2	0	3	0	1	1	0	2	16
2nd - Offices	N/A	3	2	3	2	2	2	1	1	16
2nd - Worship Center	2	3	0	2	2	0	0	1	2	12
2nd - Youth Center	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	1	6
3rd - KidMin	6	6	3	4	3	0	4	3	5	34
3rd - Classroom	5	5	0	3	2	1	2	3	1	22
3rd - Lobby	3	5	0	4	1	4	1	2	1	21
3rd - Youth Center	1	3	4	1	2	2	0	2	2	17
3rd - Worship Center	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	3	14
3rd - Office	N/A	2	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	5
4th - KidMin	1	7	2	4	3	1	2	6	3	29
4th - Worship Center	8	4	3	0	1	2	3	2	1	24
4th - Classroom	3	4	1	3	2	2	2	2	4	23
4th - Youth Center	5	6	0	6	0	1	1	0	3	22
4th - Lobby	0	1	1	2	3	2	1	1	1	12
4th - Offices	N/A	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
5th - Youth Center	9	7	2	4	3	1	2	2	2	32
5th - Worship Center	4	6	1	6	3	2	2	3	4	31
5th - KidMin	1	3	2	1	1	5	1	2	2	18
5th - Classroom	3	3	0	1	1	0	3	3	2	16
5th - Lobby	1	0	1	1	1	0	1	0	2	7
5th - Offices	N/A	2	2	2	0	0	0	1	0	7
6th - Youth Center	0	5	2	4	4	3	5	4	4	31
6th - Worship Center	0	6	1	6	2	3	3	2	1	24
6th - Classroom	0	7	0	3	2	0	0	3	2	17
6th - Lobby	0	0	4	3	1	0	0	2	5	15
6th - KidMin	0	2	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	5
6th - Offices	N/A	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	2
Totals	70	130	48	91	54	49	54	67	71	123

123/123=100% of total responses

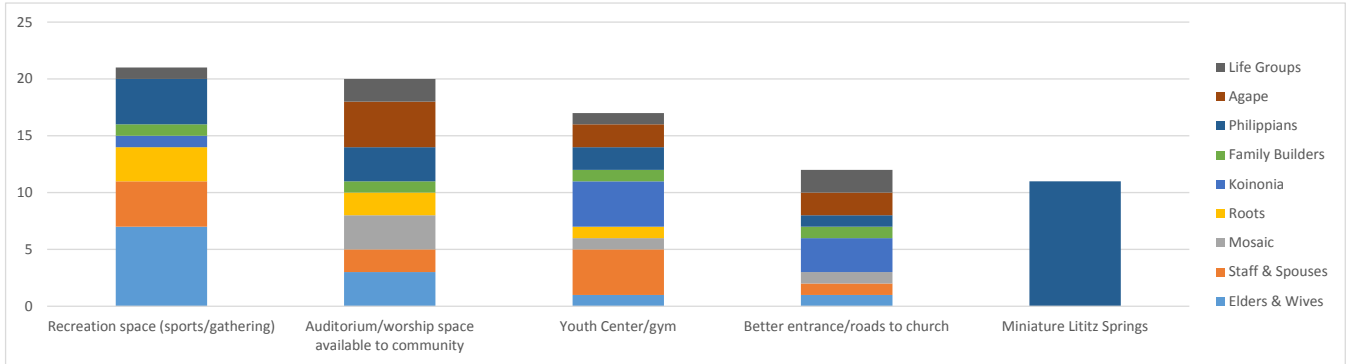
5. What facility improvement can best help to grow your congregation?



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Lobby space	6	3	1	6	4	2	4	5	2	33
Classrooms	4	4	3	3	3	2	3	2	3	27
KidMin area	3	3	1	4	1	1	2		2	17
Welcome Center	1	6	1	2			1	2	3	16
Worship space	1	3	1		1	2	1	2	3	14
Large gathering spaces	2	1	2	1			1	2	2	11
Fellowship area		2	1	1	1		1		2	8
Flow (lobby to other areas of church)			1	1	3	1	2			8
Auditorium space		2					1	1		4
Sanctuary entrance	1		1				1			3
Nursery			2							2
Youth Center			1		1					2
All kids on same campus					1		1			2
Offices					1			1		2
Café		1								1
Kitchen				1						1
More life groups			1							1
Maximize location with new 6th St. intersection					1					1
Signage					1					1
Overall look						1				1
Bathrooms							1			1
Modular removed								1		1
Seating in auditorium								1		1
Sound system									1	1
Stage									1	1
Totals	18	25	16	19	18	9	19	17	19	160

107/160=67% of total responses

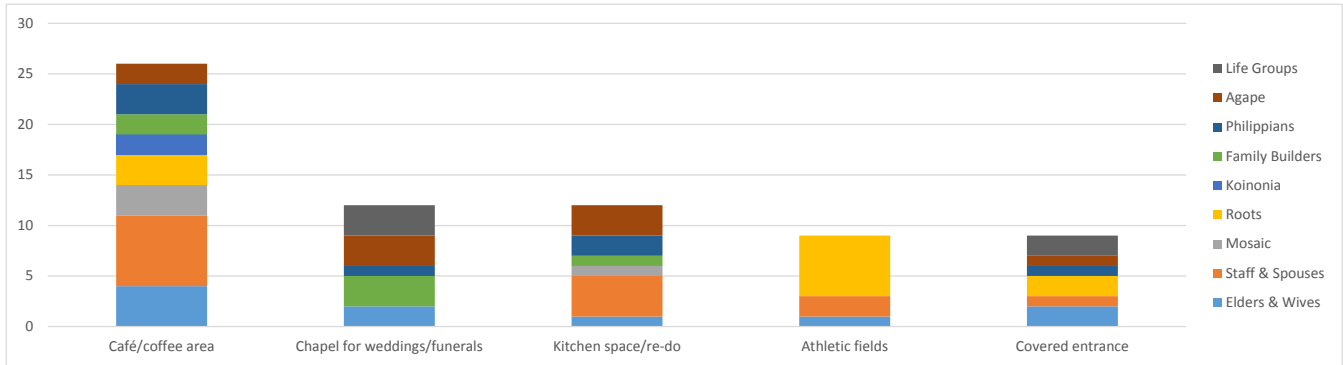
6. What facility improvement can best help to strengthen LEFC's connection to the community?



Responses	Elders & Wives	Staff & Spouses	Mosaic	Roots	Koinonia	Family Builders	Philippians	Agape	Life Groups	Total
Recreation space (sports/gathering)	7	4	0	3	1	1	4	1	1	21
Auditorium/worship space available to community	3	2	3	2	1	3	4	2	2	20
Youth Center/gym	1	4	1	1	4	1	2	2	1	17
Better entrance/roads to church	1	1	1	3	1	1	2	2	2	12
Miniature Lititz Springs							11			11
Signage/entrance improvements			2		2	1	1	2	2	10
KidMin space		4		3	1				1	9
Outside beautiful/inviting	1	3			1		1			6
Commercial kitchen (wedding/funerals)		2		2				2		6
Gathering space besides auditorium			1	1	1	1	1		1	6
Lobby space			0	1	2	1			1	5
Rental possibilities			1	1		1	1		1	5
Worship space		2				1			1	4
Refurbish Mill	1					2				3
6th St./have the front of LEFC facing 6th St.	1				1		1			3
Offices improvements		1	1						1	3
Easy to locate office space	1				1					2
Fellowship Hall		2								2
Blend of contemporary/classic		1					1			2
Open prayer area				1				1		2
Parking lot entrance/exit/lighting			1							1
Alcove							1			1
Elder/Sr. Citizen Center								1		1
Totals	16	26	11	15	17	11	28	14	14	152

81/152=53% of total responses

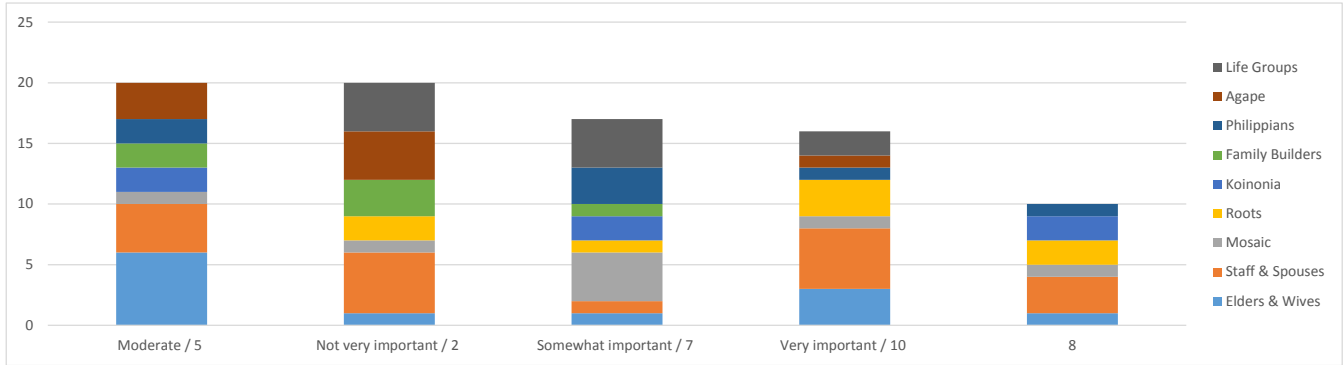
7. If you could add one new amenity to LEFC, what would it be?



Responses	Elders & Wives	Staff & Spouses	Mosaic	Roots	Koinonia	Family Builders	Philippians	Agape	Life Groups	Total
Café/coffee area	4	7	3	3	2	2	3	2	2	26
Chapel for weddings/funerals	2	0	0	0	0	3	1	3	3	12
Kitchen space/re-do	1	4	1	0	0	1	2	3	0	12
Athletic fields	1	2	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	9
Covered entrance	2	1	0	2	0	0	1	1	2	9
Gymnasium	3	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	7
Playground	1	2	2	0	1	0	0	0	1	7
Green room for praise team prep	1	2	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	6
Prayer room	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	1	1	6
Community Center	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	5
Lounge area with couches	0	1	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	5
Cry room for young kids in back of sanctuary	1	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	4
New library	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	3
Bathrooms - more of them	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	3
Youth Center	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	3
Space to house/feed/shower	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	3
KidMin area for large group programing	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	2
Fellowship Hall	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	2
New façade for exteriors	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Pews	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Walking Trail	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Large conference rooms	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Small Conference rooms	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Stage	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Internet case	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Bridge from main building to Mill	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Sanctuary not used as multi purposes	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Expand lobby	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Baptismal pool	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Digital infrastructure	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Remembrance wall	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Sound proofing	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Insulate front doors	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Non-verbal communication (TV/screens)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Totals	20	28	13	20	13	9	13	13	11	140

68/140=49% of total responses

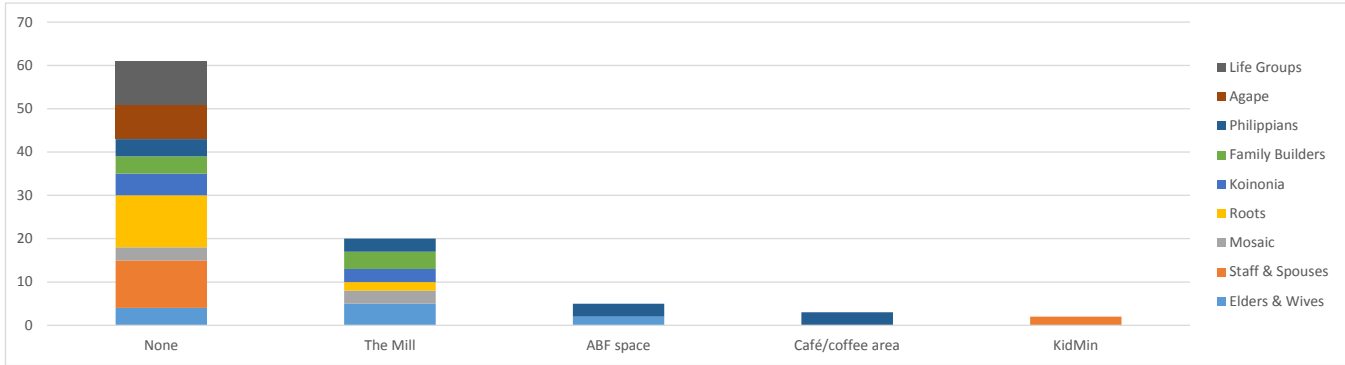
8. How important are outdoor gathering/activity spaces to you?



Responses (Numbers are on scale 1 to 10)	Elders & Wives	Staff & Spouses	Mosaic	Roots	Koinonia	Family Builders	Philippians	Agape	Life Groups	Total
Moderate / 5	6	4	1		2	2	2	3		20
Not very important / 2	1	5	1	2		3		4	4	20
Somewhat important / 7	1	1	4	1	2	1	3		4	17
Very important / 10	3	5	1	3			1	1	2	16
8	1	3	1	2	2		1			10
Important / 9	2	3	1	1				1	1	9
6	2	1	1	2	1					7
Medium to low / 4	1		1	2		2	1			7
Minimal / 3	1				3			1		5
Sports facility would be good for youth	1								1	2
Not as important as indoor space	1									1
Picnic area would be nice			1							1
Fire pit might be nice							1			1
Total	20	22	12	13	10	8	9	10	12	116

83/116=72% of total responses

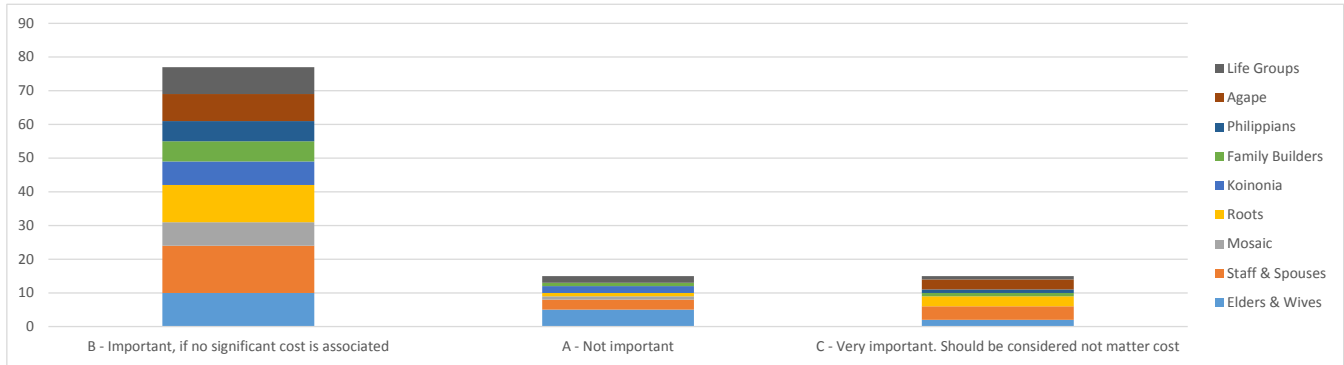
9. What are the sacred cows at LEFC?



Responses	Elders & Wives	Staff & Spouses	Mosaic	Roots	Koinonia	Family Builders	Philippians	Agape	Life Groups	Total
None	4	11	3	12	5	4	4	8	10	61
The Mill	5		3	2	3	4	3			20
ABF space	2						3			5
Café/coffee area							3			3
KidMin		2								2
Extravagance is a no-no	1									1
Flags	1									1
Congregations grow to fast-losing relationships	1									1
Utilitarian view - not flashy without purpose	1									1
Being frugal		1								1
Modesty		1								1
Big church		1								1
Trees/natural surroundings				1						1
Seating in auditorium			1							1
Simple					1					1
Not being too ostentatious					1					1
Witness Park							1			1
Mailboxes								1		1
Informal feel								1		1
Simple auditorium concept								1		1
Steeple-less building									1	1
Rock by church driveway									1	1
Totals	15	16	7	15	10	8	14	11	12	108

91/108=84% of total responses

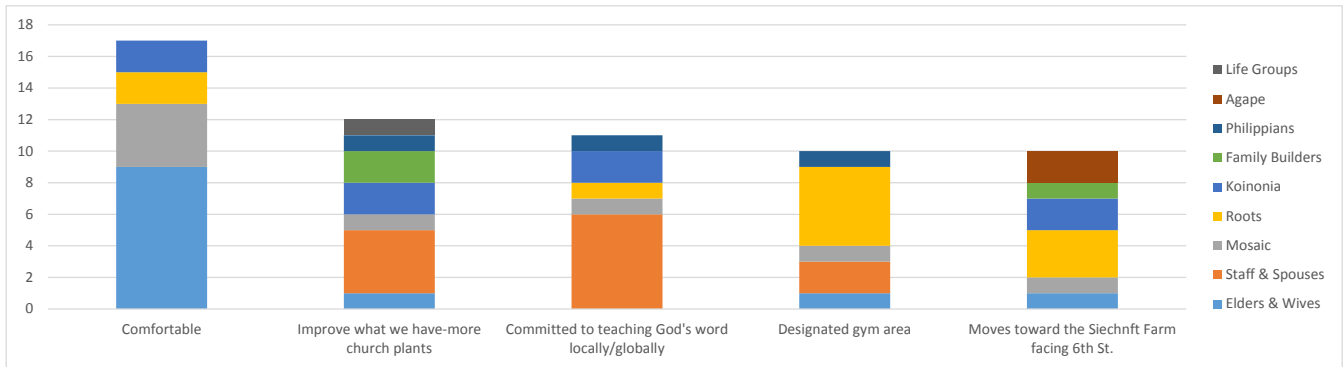
10. How important is Sustainability to you?



Responses	Elders & Wives	Staff & Spouses	Mosaic	Roots	Koinonia	Family Builders	Philippians	Agape	Life Groups	Total
B - Important, if no significant cost is associated	10	14	7	11	7	6	6	8	8	77
A - Not important	5	3	1	1	2	1			2	15
C - Very important. Should be considered not matter cost	2	4		3		1	1	3	1	15
Only for minimal/no fee							2			2
B-C	1									1
B 1/2		1								1
Return should be 7 years or less							1			1
Total	18	22	8	15	9	8	10	11	11	112

107/112=96% of total responses

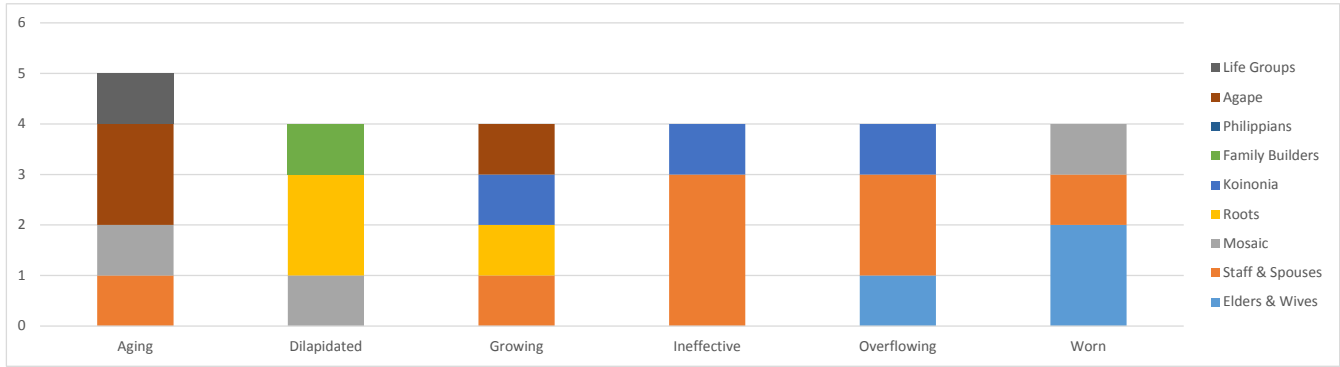
11. What is your vision for the future of LEFC?



Responses	Elders & Wives	Staff & Spouses	Mosaic	Roots	Koinonia	Family Builders	Philippians	Agape	Life Groups	Total
Comfortable	9		4	2	2					17
Improve what we have-more church plants	1	4	1		2	2	1		1	12
Committed to teaching God's word locally/globally		6	1	1	2		1			11
Designated gym area	1	2	1	5			1			10
Moves toward the Siechnft Farm facing 6th St.	1		1	3	2	1		2		10
Aesthetically pleasing		2	2	1	2	1	1			9
More bathrooms		2	0	1	2		1	1	1	8
Space for moms/kids together		4	3		1					8
Structure are about facilitating ministry		1		2		3	1			7
Welcoming of unchurched/outside	1	2					1		3	7
People live missional lives-church grows multiple sites	1				3		1		1	6
Community outreach providing spiritual needs						1	2		2	5
New offices		1		1	1				2	5
Nursery space		2	1		1			1		5
Classroom space needed			1	1					2	4
Community space		1					1		2	4
New Sanctuary (worship only)			1	1			2			4
Core values shine through (vision/mission/values)	1			2						3
Growing as God moves						2			1	3
Efficient			1	1	1					3
Inviting campus- hub of activities						1			2	3
KidMin Space improvements		1					1		1	3
Space for small groups to meeting	1				1		1			3
Space to grow		1	1						1	3
Sustainable growth	1								2	3
Welcome area improved		1			1				1	3
More modern				1			1			2
Place to find hope/healing				1	1					2
Place to be challenged/educated	1		1							2
Practical								2		2
All functions/activities on same side of street								1	1	2
Designated café/coffee area							1			1
Mill remodeled for youth space	1									1
Utilized 7 days a week		1								1
Technology upgrade							1			1
Environmentally safe							1			1
Library							1			1
Add building								1		1
Food bank								1		1
Daycare/after school programs								1		1
Like open college campus								1		1
Double in size								1		1
More spiritual than physical								1		1
Total	19	31	19	23	22	11	20	13	23	181

60/181=33% of total responses

12. Please describe LEFC using one word.



Responses	Elders & Wives	Staff & Spouses	Mosaic	Roots	Koinonia	Family Builders	Philippians	Agape	Life Groups	Total
Aging		1	1					2	1	5
Dilapidated			1	2		1				4
Growing		1		1	1			1		4
Ineffective		3			1					4
Overflowing	1	2			1					4
Worn	2	1	1							4
Cold	1				1		1			3
Frustrating	3									3
Inadequate			1	1				1		3
Useful		1					2			3
Utilitarian								1	2	3
Awesome (People)				2						2
Balanced	1				1					2
Bland		2								2
Comfortable						2				2
Community								2		2
Confusing	1			1						2
Corporate	1	1								2
Crowded			2							2
Dated		1					1			2
Disrepair				1		1				2
Mid-line		1		1						2
Outdated		1							1	2
Segregated		1							1	2
Small		1		1						2
Worshipful							1		1	2
Average							1			1
Basic (Facility)	1									1
Blah	1									1
Blessed		1								1
Not capable							1			1
Change needed									1	1
Cheap							1			1
Cramped		1								1
Disconnected							1			1
Endearing							1			1
Expanding					1					1
Expected	1									1
Family			1							1
Falling apart									1	1
Fragmented									1	1
Full							1			1
Functional				1						1
Half-there				1						1
Held back						1				1
Hill									1	1

Hodge-podge		1								1
Home		1								1
Insufficient						1				1
Inviting							1			1
Lacking									1	1
Large				1						1
Liberty							1			1
Mediocre	1									1
Nice						1				1
Non-functional								1		1
Potential				1						1
Serviceable		1								1
Sufficient				1						1
Tired					1					1
Traditional							1			1
Transitional							1			1
Tool								1		1
Insufficient					1					1
Unwelcoming		1								1
Vibrant	1									1
Warm								1		1
Welcoming	1									1
Totals	16	23	7	15	8	7	15	10	11	112

25/112=22% of total responses

Focus Group Notes

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Master Plan Services

GROUP 1: ELDERS AND WIVES

Vision for the future:

- Welcome more outsiders
 - Orientation to 6th Street extension
 - Allow for growth (sustainable growth)
 - Church is welcoming for all personalities (introverts and extroverts)
 - Aesthetic experience – indoor and outdoor
 - Baptism area
 - Strengthen community connection
5. What facility improvement can best help to grow your congregation?
- Clear entrance/direction to worship space
 - Gathering room for small groups to talk/socialize
 - KidMin and Sunday school area in same section of church – open area for child drop off/pick up
6. What facility improvement can best help to strengthen LEFC's connection to the community?
- Athletic facilities – invite community to utilize
 - Strong entrance to church – create a new front 6th Street orientation
 - Gymnasium
 - Solar orientation – take advantage of sunlight in sanctuary
 - Counseling area/room – private entrance
 - The Mill – connection to church
7. If you could add one new amenity to LEFC, what would it be?
- Covered drop off
 - Larger kitchen – space for catering
 - Prayer room
 - Green room
 - Lobby space
 - Playground
 - Covered outdoor space/pavilion

- Sports fields/recreation
- Gymnasium
- Chapel
- Wedding chapel
- Fireplace (in lobby)
- Welcoming area
- Bawl room (room at the back of sanctuary for parents with crying children – one way glass)

9. What are the sacred cows at LEFC?

- The Mill
- Multiple classrooms for ABF's

GROUP 2: STAFF AND SPOUSES

Vision for the future:

- Have a "wow" factor
- More open to members of the community
- Have more desirable areas for community
- Larger kitchen with more/better equipment
- Plenty of space
- Better organization of spaces/rooms/areas
- More storage for events/music – sensible – accessible
- Be more attractive to younger generations while remaining comfortable/attractive to all generations

3. What area do you think requires physical improvement the most?

- The offices
- Welcome center/lobby
- Corridors – breakout space
- Auditorium
- Lighting – more natural light/better layout/overall better lighting
- Improvement to toilet rooms – women's room needs more stalls
- Furniture selections could improve – classrooms and worship area
- Dedicated counseling rooms – soundproof
- Smaller rooms for small group meetings
- Room layout considerations for setup of different activities

5. What facility improvement can best help to grow your congregation?

- More open/gathering space – room to move
- More attractive/larger KidMin area
- Better/more security
- Improvement of office space – more office space

7. If you could add one new amenity to LEFC, what would it be?
- Storage "cages" – remote storage for groups
 - Café
 - "Quiet room" – somewhere to have in depth/private conversations
 - Several smaller spaces throughout church – break out space in corridors
 - Outdoor play areas (kids/adults)
 - Comfortable seating/private seating
 - Dedicated prayer room
 - Green room – must be secure
 - Baptistery
 - Athletic facilities – fields/gym and support areas (lockers/showers)
 - Kitchen
9. What are the sacred cows at LEFC?
- ABF program/supporting areas for ABF
 - Security for KidMin

GROUP 3: MOSAIC AND ROOTS

Vision for the future:

- Improved nursery space – more cribs/nursing areas/changing tables/designated sleeping spaces
 - Flexibility for usage in spaces/areas
 - Space for mission Gather, Grow, and Go – home-like feeling
 - Retain smaller community group feel in a "large crowd" congregation
 - Improvement to wayfinding/experience for new members
 - Continue/allow for "life outside of Sunday" – groups to use facility during the week
 - Make entrance more welcoming/less confusing
 - Addition of a fellowship area for people to gather/wait for classrooms
 - Improved circulation
 - Continue visual importance to gathering areas/question counters
6. What facility improvement can best help to strengthen LEFC's connection to the community?
- Better entrance
 - Signage
 - Better entrance/exit traffic configuration
 - 24 hour prayer room – prayer request
 - Outdoor space for gathering space
 - Classroom space for classes outside of church
 - Multipurpose areas
 - Library space accessible from sanctuary – adjacency for gathering
 - Spaces for growth that work and are aesthetically pleasing – not extravagant

- Currently not enough space for coat hanging
- KidMin adjacent to sanctuary
- Improve offices
- Organized KidMin check-in/rooms and improved security
- Comfortable temperature control – specifically the Roots classroom is hot

7. If you could add one new amenity to LEFC, what would it be?

- Updated kitchen/food prep
- Separate worship center – official
- Separate gym
- Covered drop off/pick up
- Outdoor playground
- Athletic field – general sports use
- More toilets
- Walking path
- Pavilion
- Classroom – Set up as lecture-type hall for 50± people.

9. What are the sacred cows at LEFC?

- Trees/natural areas
- The Mill

GROUP 4: KOINONIA

Vision for the future:

- Open and available after Sunday – things going on during the week
- Gathering hub
- Have a gym – can be used by the community (dedicated gym/youth area)
- Dedicated worship space
- Stage (permanent) and green room
- Welcoming facility – inside and out
- Move forward from simply being functional
- Building should not be the distraction from purpose
- Connectivity of areas – appropriate adjacencies – organized
- Better entrance and exit

Worship space functions

- Worship
- Meals
- Funerals
- Weddings
- Banquets
- Gym/basketball, wiffle ball, youth group activities
- Voting

- Homeschool Co-op
 - Theater/drama
 - Concerts
 - Women's bible fellowship
 - Large meetings
 - Video simulcast
 - Band competitions
 - Baseball meetings
 - Red Cross shelter
 - Camp
1. What do you like best about LEFC's environment?
 - Like simplicity of design/interiors – not over the top
 - Should retain energy and happenstance meeting space
 2. What do you like least about LEFC's environment?
 - Restriction of space – bottlenecking of crowds
 - Acoustics due to crowds
 - Cross noise – between sanctuary and lobby
 - Congestion/confusion of "traffic" flow to sanctuary
 3. What area do you think requires physical improvement the most?
 - Offices
 6. What facility improvement can best help to strengthen LEFC's connection to the community?
 - KidMin – provide opportunity for families
 - Maximize accessibility and visibility of church – orient to 6th Street extension
 7. If you could add one new amenity to LEFC, what would it be?
 - Stage and stage prep/green room
 - Playground
 - Prayer room
 - Chapel/host weddings
 - Large space for children's activities after class – multipurpose
 9. What are the sacred cows at LEFC?
 - The Mill

GROUP 5: FAMILY BUILDERS

Vision for the future:

- Reflect outreach mission
 - Making a comfortable environment
1. What do you like best about LEFC's environment?
 - Lack of pretentiousness – comfortable
 2. What do you like least about LEFC's environment?
 - Congestion around welcome center
 - Having to go outside for ABF – disconnection of areas
 3. What area do you think requires physical improvement the most?
 - Offices/modular programs
 - Lobby/welcome area
 - Dated appearance – inside and out
 5. What facility improvement can best help to grow your congregation?
 - Lobby/welcome area
 - Acoustics for lobby
 - Classroom space – conducive to ability to change setup
 7. If you could add one new amenity to LEFC, what would it be?
 - Space for staff to congregate during service – green room
 - Café
 - Space behind stage for ease of entrance to/exit from stage
 - Kitchen/dining
 - Welcome center to function
 - Room to gather/talk outside of large crowd
 - Space for weddings

GROUP 6: PHILIPPIANS

Vision for the future:

- Less deficient
- Be more aware of millennial's requests/needs
- Be conscious of the question "is bigger, better?"
- Enable training for encouragement outreach to nontraditional/outside groups
- Not a mega church – make appropriately sized/planned improvements
- A reorganization of existing spaces/areas

- Multi-functionality of space should remain
 - Create a safe environment
 - Facilitate a space for conversations
3. What area do you think requires physical improvement the most?
- Bottlenecking in corridors
 - Circulation
 - Entry/welcome center
 - Toilet rooms – more women's stalls – need private toilet room
7. If you could add one new amenity to LEFC, what would it be?
- Incorporate youth on campus
 - Prayer room/crisis room
 - Green room
 - Dining/catering ability
 - Venue – smaller gathering
 - Chapel – weddings and funerals
 - Up to date technology
 - Carport – covered drop off/pick up
 - Kitchen – more than at home but less than commercial
 - Classrooms – flexible walls/furniture setup
9. What are the sacred cows at LEFC?
- The Mill

GROUP 7: AGAPE

Vision for the future:

- Functional – not elaborate
 - Double in size – more classrooms, offices, café, larger lobby
 - Ability to meet community needs – foodbank/day care
 - College campus "feel" – central open space (quad) with buildings around and separate – could also be achieved all in one building (different entrances, etc.)
 - Meeting place for 150 people
 - Friendly/inviting for the elderly
 - Keep in mind the possibility of the church losing tax exempt status – what would the cost implications be?
1. What do you like best about LEFC's environment?
- Welcome center – providing coffee/greeters
 - Energy – vibrant
 - Ability to "leave world behind" and focus on worship
2. What do you like least about LEFC's environment?

- Offices/library/modular buildings
 - Congestion in hallways
 - Layout – confusing hallways – ingress/egress
3. What area do you think requires physical improvement the most?
- Offices
 - Auditorium (temperature control)
 - Lobby/circulation
 - Kitchen (too small, noise issues, oven/equipment does not always work)
 - Do community meals become a program?
7. If you could add one new amenity to LEFC, what would it be?
- Separate room for praise group
 - Chapel – weddings/funerals
 - Covered drop off/pickup
 - Board room
 - More toilet rooms – quantity
9. What are the sacred cows at LEFC?
- The mailboxes (idea of having them)
 - Front wall of lobby – entrance wall
 - Cross and tomb in auditorium
 - Flags for missionaries
 - Location and layout of KidMin – security/adjacency to supplies

GROUP 8: LIFE GROUPS

Vision for the future:

- Safe movement between buildings/services
- Welcoming/possibly larger – not mega church
- Aesthetic/attractive – but simple and functional
- Expansion – consider youth and community access
- Add gym/recreation facilities
- More toilet rooms
- Library with ability to purchase books/materials
- Theater – free and open to community – indoor
- Garden arboretum baptismal pool
- Outdoor gathering/meeting area for conversation/classes
- Café/meeting space adjacent to lobby
- Lobby that is conducive to conversation – does not echo
- No steeple

3. What area do you think requires physical improvement the most?
 - Offices/modular buildings
 - Toilet rooms – possible showers?
 - Worship space – windows
 - Stage
 - Handicap accessibility
 - Circulation of people throughout church
 - Parking lot – vehicular versus pedestrian traffic flow
 - Increased security
 - KidMin/youth in one area – efficiencies

6. What facility improvement can best help to strengthen LEFC's connection to the community?
 - Better signage
 - Soup kitchen
 - Sidewalks
 - Exterior lighting
 - Inviting interior lighting
 - Large meeting room for community use
 - Shelter
 - Storage

7. If you could add one new amenity to LEFC, what would it be?
 - Café
 - Recreation
 - Appropriate kitchen
 - Covered drop off/pick up

9. What are the sacred cows at LEFC?
 - Stone/rock at entrance
 - Simple beauty
 - Functionality

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