

Report of the Land and Building Team
1-21-10

The members of the Building & Land Committee held several meetings during the past year regarding our current and future needs for church facilities. One of the meetings also included Harvey Olson and Hank Wellnitz from the ELCA Mission Investment Fund to assist and give us guidance. Their information about potential for borrowing in comparison to numerical growth in worship attendance was very helpful and encouraging.

In addition to efforts regarding land and structures, our discussions also focused upon fund raising efforts. We had an initial fund raising campaign, "A Step Toward Home", within the congregation, aimed at achieving a goal of \$15,000 that was initiated on Mother's Day, May 10. Thanks to the generous donations of the congregation and the blessing of God, we were able to raise \$15,164.89 as of 12/31/09. We have invested this money in an account with the Mission Investment Fund.

For the upcoming year, we plan to continue meeting with the purposes of evaluating potential land and facility opportunities and methods for fund raising, working with congregation and council to determine our mission and therefore our facility needs.

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