

First United Methodist Church of Ann Arbor has undertaken a strategic planning process to begin envisioning how our church facilities will support the future of our congregation's efforts to be in ministry with our community, welcome new participants, worship in person and virtually, and support church programming and operations. Key strategic initiatives were identified to begin achieving this vision:

- Initiate the process of transforming the Downtown property into a more welcoming space
- Invest in the growth of the Green Wood community in a new, intimate, and accessible setting
- Assess and continue to innovate and enliven the online experience, while expanding and growing the online community
- Increase the visibility of FUMC in the broader community

Based on the input of over 150 participants in this effort, the strategic plan recommends combining our two locations (downtown and Green Wood) at a single location on the corner of State and Washington.

Prior to any changes, FUMC will undergo a process of discernment, visioning, dreaming and researching how we can be a more welcoming church, a more engaged mission partner in our community, a financially and environmentally sustainable operation, and a sanctuary and inspiration for those seeking to grow in their faith experience. This next phase of this strategic planning process will result in a more defined intention for how we use our facilities, and lay the foundation to begin designing physical spaces.

To move forward with this plan, the members of FUMC Ann Arbor are being asked if they support the motion below, which authorizes the Trustees to sell our beloved Green Wood property with certain conditions. If the members do not support the motion to authorize sale of the property, the next phase of the strategic planning process would instead include development of a vision and plan that factors in maintaining and growing both the downtown and Green Wood locations.

The Leadership Council moves to authorize the Board of Trustees of First United Methodist Church of Ann Arbor to sell property located at 1001 Green Road, Ann Arbor, MI 48105, not sooner than one year from today, to provide a time for discernment that would include regular Green Wood worshipers, and to decide a plan to sustain and grow a non-traditional worship. The sale proceeds will be used for future capital needs of FUMC Ann Arbor.