

Greetings River of Hope-ers!

We wanted to send you an email to keep you updated in relation to our unfolding conversation and prayer around where God is leading us, especially with our current lease ending at the Event Center. The River Table and Vision Table met a couple weeks ago. Here is a summary of that meeting:

*The River and Vision Tables met to discuss our options for future space. We discerned that recommending a move to New Journey is not an option at this point. Vineyard is still a viable option. The River Table also decided not to make a final worship space recommendation until the city has provided updated information about the future of the event center. The city may have this information in the next 2-6 weeks. At that time, we will meet again and update the congregation about our options.*

We are waiting to hear a final word on the ownership status of the Event Center as of January 1 before your leadership offers a recommendation or calls you together as a community to discuss/vote about our options.

No matter what happens in the weeks and months ahead, we hope that whatever decisions are made, we continue to remember that the church is not a building but a community of people. We are unique and our differences make up the body of Christ. In the midst of any difficult decision, with differing perspectives, it is important to remember the unity we have in Christ. Despite our unique opinion, size, color, shape, sexual orientation, background, age, gender identity, economic means, etc. the apostle Paul reminds that “you are all one in Christ” (Gal. 3:20).

We will keep you updated as information comes in.

God’s peace,

President Angie Bedard and Pastor Hans Peterson