

## **Children and Youth RE Task Force**

**December 20, 2006**

### **Vision Statement**

An expanded RE space will serve all ages in the congregation.

Children and their teachers/facilitators do their best work in learning and growing when the space is beautiful, accessible and fully equipped. The youth group is strong and needs its own home space to support its presence in this congregation. Adults who are involved in all programs need additional meeting space in the evenings, and adults who do not have children may want the chance to mingle and interact with all ages, which would be made possible by a shared entry space and the larger gathering spaces.

The following needed spaces are listed in order of importance.

#### **Sunday Needs:** assumes 2 services

We used last year's peak attendance plus 20% for calculations.

Square footage was determined using figures given to us by Building Design Committee (these figures also match Kathy's own sense that new rooms should be 1 ½ as big as current rooms).

7 rooms total

One room @140 Sq ft for all RE supplies

One room @275 Sq ft with sink and low furniture for childcare

One room @450 sq ft with sink and low furniture for preschool

Two rooms @430 sq ft each with adult furniture for K-2, 3-5

One youth room @630 sq ft (Middle School Youth use it Sunday mornings, high school youth Sunday evenings)

lounge furniture, tables, room for ping pong or equivalent, storage, technology (internet access, preferably wireless, 1-2 laptop computers, large screen, DVD, video, power point, music)

Multi-age Room @ 1365 sq ft (See Midsize gathering section below)

completely soundproof from sanctuary

access to outdoor area

kitchen access during adult worship

close restroom access

#### **Outdoor Space:** in order of necessity:

Available for play during worship service

Several ways to get outside

lighting, safety, open space for games including climbing rocks and other natural

interesting places, campfire, small children enclosed area, basketball court, picnic tables,

small garden space for RE kids

several outlets for special lighting and tools

**Midsized gatherings:** 60 people (teacher training and appreciation dinners, special classes (OWL, Drug Ed, Coming of Age,), parent meetings, children's chapel, youth choir) It is likely that this space will be our current sanctuary.

include stage, piano,

easy access to kitchen

include storage for tables, chairs, misc items and equipment

prefer no dividers or must be high quality

technology for presentations/movies/performances

**Large gatherings:** 100-150 people. (holiday parties, special family events)

include storage for tables, chairs, misc items and equipment

easy access to kitchen

**Other:**

RE library, current library has 24 ft of books. Need room to grow. Also used as sitting room and room for restless babies and parent (audio of service)

Section of Entry Hall with bulletin boards, RE info table,

RE Foyer with teacher mailboxes, coat hooks, restrooms.

Foyer for RE should feed into larger entry/social hall.

**Additional Specifications:**

All ADA accessible

Sound proofing. Absolute sound proofing between sanctuary and RE rooms

Windows in all interior doors

Toxin free floor covering and other furnishing. Possibly cork flooring with area rugs.

Outside windows for light and view

If room dividers are necessary, hope they would be panels that can hold artwork.

Mounted whiteboards, or on wheels.

Outside doors that close securely and quietly.

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