Ministry Input into "Living Into Our Vision"

"How many people are we currently welcoming and, over the next 10 years, how many more would you like to welcome?"

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How many people do we currently seat in the fellowship hall at a potluck? How many more do you hope we will welcome in our fellowship-hall-of-the-future? ***Now:*** *In 2020, we were averaging 79 in-person for worship. To date in 2025, we are averaging 86. This is an 8.9% increase.* *In the fellowship hall we now seat 64, with close proximity.* ***Future:*** *By 2030, our average attendance may be at least 95, and by 2035, 105.* *W&F would like to see the fellowship hall seat 125 safely and comfortably, i.e., with clear paths for wheelchairs and walkers to navigate.*	How many children, youth and adults are in our building for religious education on Sunday mornings, and how many more do you hope we will welcome to our classrooms-of-the-future? If we have that many more, which (if any) classes do you imagine you might divide? ***Now:*** *Nursery – 0-4* *Elementary – 5 to 11* *Youth – 10* ***Future:*** *Classes to include –* *Infant (up to 2 yrs)* *Toddler & preschool (3 to 5 yrs)* *up to 10 children* *Elementary (1st to 5th grade)* *up to 10 children* *Youth (6th to 12th grade)* *up to 25 youth*	How many people are in our sanctuary now and how many more do you hope we will welcome in our sanctuary-of-the-future? ***Now:*** *The sanctuary has a fire marshal capacity of 150, including the chancel. We are often at more than 75% of capacity.* *Research has shown that at 80% of capacity (120 for CUCC) sanctuaries feel crowded and unwelcoming to visitors.* *20 choir members/ 9 band musicians* *The arrangement of seating, music and preaching areas often feels too narrow and separated.* ***Future****: An 8.9% increase over each 5-year span would total to a sanctuary capacity of 177.* *Capacity to seat 25 in the choir area and room for 11 musicians is desired.*	How do you use our spaces now and, as you imagine our welcoming more people, what space would you need for your work? This is primarily an "office/work room" question, but you may have other things you want to tell us about chunks of space you think are essential to our welcome? ***Now:*** • *Pastor Lacey uses her home office* • *Anne Bailey uses her classroom as office space* • *Anne Moorman-Smith uses her home office* • *Santi Matthews uses her home office* • *Jeff Cole uses space in the Pilgrim House or works from home* ***Future:*** • *Pastor Lacey – a 12 x 14 private office space at the church is preferrable* • *Anne Bailey – will continue to use her classroom for office space* • *Anne Moorman-Smith – no mention of need for office space* • *Santi Matthews – prefers to work from home* • *Jeff Cole – needs dedicated office space similar to current space in Pilgrim House*