

Greetings First United Methodist Church family,

Attached is the Readiness Study prepared for our church by Midwest Church Consultants. The purpose of the Study is to help us to understand our spiritual, emotional, and financial readiness to undertake any kind of major project involving our church facility.

On Sunday afternoon, February 20th at 4:00pm, our congregation will gather together to vote on whether to proceed in "the process," based on the findings of the Readiness Study. All members and attendees are encouraged to attend and vote. Because this is an official Church Conference vote, only persons in attendance are able to vote (no absentee or proxy votes).

"The Process"

- Vote #1: Approved in May 2010 - Authorized the Whatdowedo Group to represent the church for the purpose of hiring a consultant to prepare a study, examining the church's spiritual, financial, and emotional readiness for expansion.

- Vote #2: February 20th, 2011 - To authorize the nomination of a Building Committee, which will prepare design development plans and a financial plan, and which will be accountable to the Administrative Board.

- Vote #3: Design Development Plans and Financial Plan presented to Congregation

- Vote #4: Working Drawings, Financial Plan, Construction Contract, Mortgage presented to congregation. If Vote #4 is a "yes," construction begins.

This is a lengthy and detailed process, with a number of checkpoints along the way, which allow for the congregation to decide whether to continue.

On behalf of the Whatdowedo Group, it has been a privilege to serve God and the people of our church. We pray that we have been faithful servants during our part in the process.

Sincerely,

Dave Rennolds, chairperson
Whatdowedo Group