

# FAQs on the Chapel & Shepherd House

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## What changes are proposed for the Historic Chapel & Shepherd House?

The interior of the **Historic Chapel** will be repainted. Pews will be reupholstered. A new partition wall will be built in the east wing (the overflow area to the left of the pulpit) to make it symmetrical with the west wing, creating the cross-shaped worship space typical for historic churches. The area behind that partition will become a new room suitable for wedding preparations (i.e., a changing room for the groomsmen) and other such worship support needs. The sacristy will be remodeled. The restroom will be enlarged and made handicapped accessible.

The rear addition to the **Shepherd House** is falling off and will be removed, restoring the Shepherd House to its original footprint. The remaining interior of the Shepherd House will be significantly remodeled to remove an interior wall, opening up the space. The restroom will be remodeled and made handicapped accessible. The kitchen will be remodeled and equipped with new appliances. The interior of the Shepherd House will be updated, redesigned, and redecorated. New furniture will be purchased. When completed, the renovated Shepherd House will function as a support space for the Historic Chapel (e.g., a place for the bride and her bridesmaids to get ready, or for families to gather before the funeral). The Shepherd House will also be available for StJLC groups, meetings, Bible studies, and fellowship activities.

## Do the Historic Chapel and Shepherd House need to be renovated?

The Historic Chapel and the Shepherd House are our two original buildings. The Historic Chapel was dedicated in 1932 and the Shepherd House in 1936. The Shepherd House served as the parsonage for the next 55 years. These two buildings are part of our congregation's heritage, and we want to preserve them. But the buildings are 90 years old and need work. Renovating the buildings will bring them back into congregational use—especially the Shepherd House, which, with its home-like feel, will make an ideal location for small-group gatherings.

## Who is proposing those changes? Who will be in charge of the project?

The proposal comes from the Council, which unanimously voted to recommend the project at its August meeting. The Property Committee will be in charge of the project.

## How much will this cost? How will we pay for it?

The total cost is estimated at \$300,000. The Historic Chapel renovations will cost an estimated \$100,000. The Shepherd House renovations will cost an estimated \$200,000.

There is no need to seek financing for this project. The project will be funded entirely with monies from our Building Fund and a generous gift. An anonymous donor has already pledged \$100,000 toward the Shepherd House renovations and \$50,000 toward the Historic Chapel renovations. The remaining balance will be paid for from our Building Fund, which currently stands at \$300,000. The congregation is encouraged to donate as well so that we can maintain a healthy balance in the Building Fund for the next step in our Facilities Master Plan.

# FAQs on the Organ

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## What is the proposal about the organ?

The proposal is to purchase a new digital organ for the Sanctuary and move the existing digital organ into the Historic Chapel.

## Why buy a new organ now?

Two reasons. First, an anonymous donor has pledged ½ the total cost. Second, the organ in the Historic Chapel needs to be replaced.

## Who is making the proposal?

The proposal comes from the Council, which unanimously voted to recommend the project at its August meeting.

## How much will it cost? How will we pay for it?

Moving the current digital organ to the Historic Chapel, purchasing a new digital organ, and installing both organs will cost \$110,000. An anonymous donor has pledged ½ the total cost. We will ask for donations to cover the remainder.