

Strategic Planning

Annual Meeting

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Programming Subcommittee

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Subcommittee Task

- Evaluate capacity of current facility
- Assess space needs of church programs
 - Immediate needs: Are any current programs significantly disadvantaged by space limitations?
 - Future needs: Are any planned or envisioned programs stalled by space limitations?

Immediate Needs #1: Administrative/Program Space

- Offices for 4+ staff members
- Private, small-group meeting areas
- Music program space: choir rehearsal room, storage for music

Immediate Needs #2: Religious Education Space

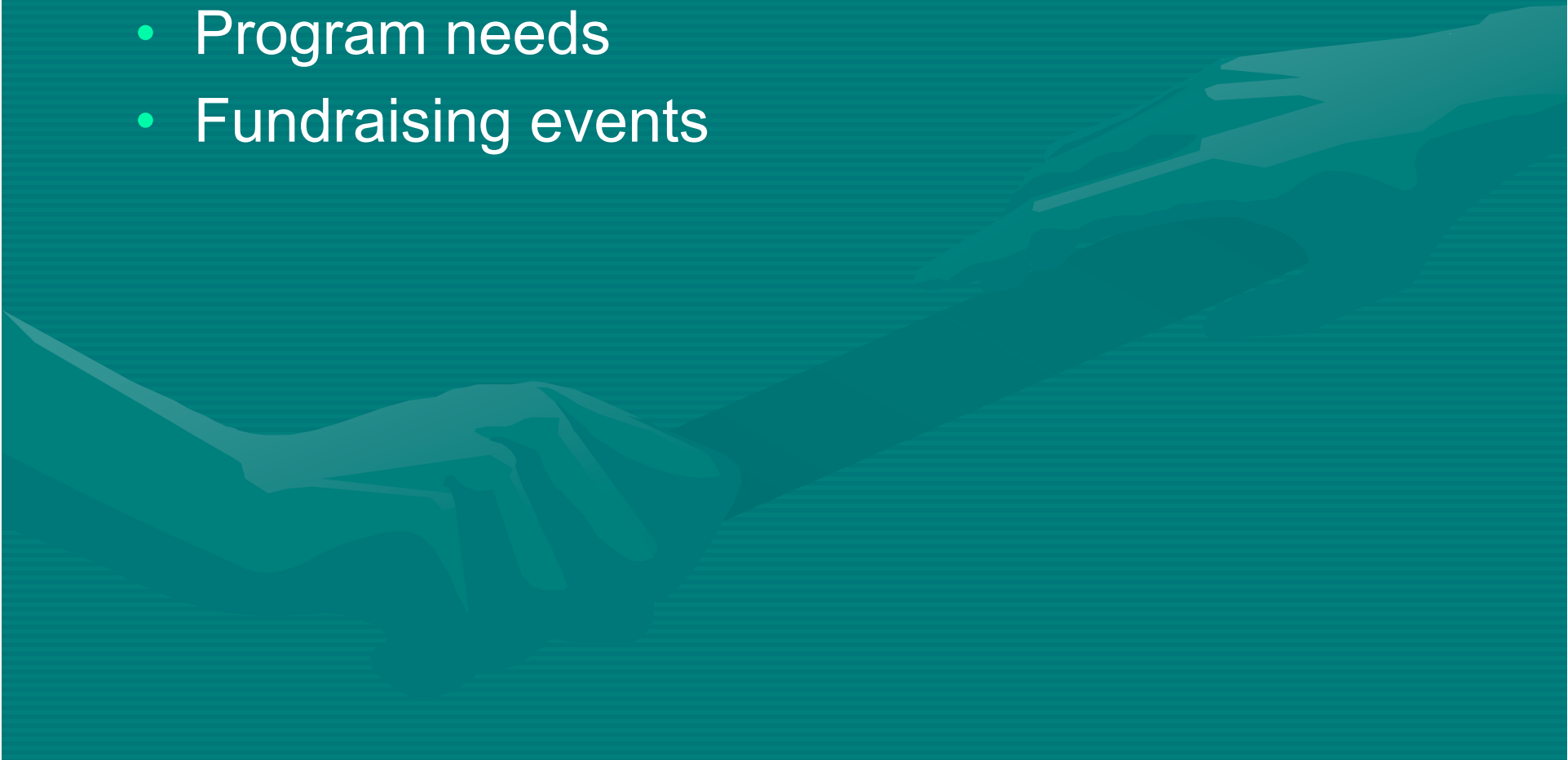
- Nursery crowding relief
- Classroom crowding relief
- Dedicated space for YRUU

Immediate Needs #3: Sanctuary Accessibility

- Have accessible sanctuary entry
- Limited accessibility to lower portions
- Limited accessibility to other portions of our building

Pressing Needs #1: Fellowship Hall

- Social functions
- Program needs
- Fundraising events



Pressing Needs #2: Meeting and Storage Spaces

- Adult education spaces (smart classroom, adult-size seating)
- Church/community group meeting spaces
- Dedicated storage space

Future Needs

- Sanctuary: equipped for modern technology, able to fully seat choir, includes “backstage” preparation space
- Religious education: larger gathering space, commercial kitchen, weekday preschool education program
- Outdoor recreation area
- Library and bookstore
- Separate chapel

Facilities Subcommittee

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Subcommittee task:

- Review Reach for the Sky materials
- Research expansion options
- Research city ordinances around each option
- Establish ballpark price tags for each option

Stay or Leave

- Stay in our current facility and do nothing.
- Stay in our current facility and expand and modify our site.

- Buy an existing building in Asheville.
- Buy land in Asheville and build a new facility.

Staying

Pros:

- This is a beautiful church and we love it.
- This is a premium location.
- We may be able to expand our campus.
- It may be cheaper to stay.

Cons:

- Our neighbors might not like what we want to build.
- Adequate parking
- The sanctuary would need extensive reworking to be accessible.

Leaving

Pros:

- We can build a green, accessible building according to our vision.
- We can incorporate parking.
- We can have enough space for programming and staff.

Cons:

- Land is expensive in Asheville.
- We do not know of any available potential land or existing buildings for sale.
- We would leave this facility.

Work to be done:

- Investigate possibilities of acquiring surrounding real estate parcels
- Meet with our neighbors
- Research City of Asheville Parking Ordinances
- Research possibility of creating an additional UU congregation in Asheville

NO

DECISIONS

HAVE

BEEEN

MADE.

We are in this together.



*... to
embrace
us all!*

*A Dream **Big** Enough*