



# Westminster Presbyterian Church

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## Sanctuary Enhancements Plan, Approved by Session on August 22, 2023

The Dream Again Team (Kathy Baker, Ed Crawford, Ed Glover, Rick McKibben, and Tom Harris) is continuing to meet to live into the Session's approved Sanctuary Renovation. The most pressing and easily accomplished task was to improve the sound in the sanctuary so all can hear and to improve the live stream sound for those who attend virtually. We have begun that process and are experiencing the rewards of clearer, crisper sound from each spot in the sanctuary. Live stream is still being tweaked but hopefully soon we will also have clear crisp sound that all can hear.

On Sunday, June 25, the Dream Again Team shared in worship and in an afternoon discussion at Summit Square updates of the A/V improvements to the sanctuary and celebrated the fully funded Phases of 1.0 and 1.5. StageSound plans will finish the installation of 1.5 on Wednesday, July 5.

To continue to live into our goals the Dream Again Team recommended creating a more intimate worship space with flexible seating. It is hoped that a gathering space at the back entrance to the sanctuary can be created by removing up to seven pews from each side of the back of the sanctuary. A row or two of chairs would be added near the pews, possibly a rocker or child table with drawing items, and refreshments on tables such as coffee, water, gummies, etc.

Also, the Dream Again team recommended transforming the Narthex's coat room into a hospitality space. In the decluttering project, we have discovered an unused large refrigerator and would like to relocate the large refrigerator to the sanctuary's narthex's coat room/hospitality space. Once the refrigerator is relocated and the middle portion of the coat closet removed, we would like to begin offering the morning brew/juice in the sanctuary. One suggestion is for a donation basket or have a family sign-up to cover the cost of food/drinks.

### Conversation Timeline for Sanctuary Enhancements

- June - Rick McKibben, member of Dream Team, shared vision with Session
- August- Flexible Seating and Hospitality Space shared via email with all elders, pilots, and church leadership.
- August - At ministry team meetings, all ministries are encouraged to discuss the sanctuary's flexible seating and hospitality space
- August Session Meeting- Discuss flexible seating, hospitality space, and how to proceed with conversations to the congregation.
- September-December- Speak with worshippers who sit in the pews regarding the new options for flexible seating.
- September-December - Movement of large refrigerator and transformation of coat room into a hospitality space.
- January 2024 - Movement of pews and creation of gathering space in sanctuary.