

Session 4:

Our Boat: Pontoon or Cruiser?



DEBT REDUCTION
&
BUILDING



As the body of Christ,
what is our “body language”?

from Pat Dever, ELCA

VISIBILITY

Example: We say we are welcoming - does our building reflect or contradict that?

ACCESSIBILITY

Example: Do I know where the main entrance is? How is the signage?

BUILDABILITY & EXPANDABILITY

Example: How do we expand? How do we use what we have? Parking lot?

SUSTAINABILITY

Example: Do we recycle? Have we looked into energy savings?

4 Inhibitors to Church Growth

from Pat Dever, ELCA

1. Small Sanctuary (70% is "full")

Some Sundays, past this
Some Sundays, very close

2. Small Narthex (recommended ratio is 1/2 the size of sanctuary)

We are at about 1/4 - 1/3

3. Parking (recommended ratio is 1 space for 1.5-2 worshippers)

We have 106 spots

4. Nursery (2 Top priorities - cleanliness & safety)

It received a deep cleaning this summer
Consistent check-in & staffing still an issue

Brainstorm 10 priorities

for any building project
at St. Luke



Prioritize top 5

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

The Almighty vs. The "almighty \$"

Borrowing Ability:

Up to 4 x member giving to general Ministry Budget

2010 member giving: \$275,000

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