

ESQUIMALT CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

WHAT PURPOSES DO WE THINK GOD WANTS US TO FACILITATE IN THE NEW CHURCH

Through a series of meetings and discussions by Board members, the following list of purposes for the various areas of a new church building was developed. These details were then provided to the architect to enable him to develop a building concept which would fulfill all of these requirements.

Narthex (foyer, entrance)

- Conducive to fellowship
- Directs people into the Sanctuary
- Provides noise abatement for the Sanctuary
- Has a warm, welcoming atmosphere
- Information Centre for Church activities (wall boards, leaflets, computer terminal)
- Part of the area designated for coat racks/wall hooks
- Area next to sanctuary doors/wall accessible for mothers with children (can partake in service-audio/visual-without the children causing a disturbance)

Sanctuary

- Seating capacity for 250
- Must present an “ always open “ atmosphere
- Single Purpose – Worship—Preaching, Prayer, Music, Dramatic Presentations---Layout and acoustics to facilitate this primary purpose
- Other possible uses – Weddings, Funerals, Concerts , Plays when not used for worship
- Platform to facilitate worship services, musicians, baptistry, altar and pulpit
- Small chapel off the sanctuary for prayer

Classrooms

- Primary use – Sunday School and Adult Studies
- Other regular approved Community use when not used for church purposes
- All classrooms to be multi-purpose rooms
- 6 classrooms required—4 with 10 occupants, 2 with 20 occupants—occupants can range from 3 yr olds to adults
- One large and one small classroom to have sink area
- Activities for all classrooms can be teaching and crafts

Nursery

- Mothers with small children—babies to 2 yr olds
- Needs to “ feel” part of the worship without causing distractions- access worship service by audio/visual
- Facilities for nursing mothers
- Has attached washroom

Gymnasium

- Sized for basketball court or floor hockey
- Optional use for smaller meetings not requiring the use of the Sanctuary
- Use by church youth from Esquimalt , other churches or youth organizations
- Same level as kitchen and will be used for meals, banquets
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- Sufficient storage for banquet tables and chairs and sports equipment
- Primary use—youth activities—concerts, bands, sports, worship service---and church functions with meals/food
- Multi-purpose room, diverse activities similar to a school gym.

Offices

- Number for an estimated 5 fulltime staff—senior pastor, assistant pastor, youth pastor, secretary, administrative assistant
- Separate offices for senior, youth and assistant pastors
- Combined office for secretary and administrative assistant, office equipment and materials
- Separate exterior access for office area during the week to enable the sanctuary and other areas to remain closed
- Possible combined/overlapping use between some of the offices and other rooms in the church

Services Room

- Circuit breakers, HVAC, exterior lighting controls, sprinkler controls
- Storage of cleaning equipment and materials for church cleaners
- Hot/Cold Water controls
- Security Panel
- Janitor equipment and supplies (both levels of a 2 level facility)

Washroom Facilities

- Male , female and handicapped facilities according to Building Code requirements for occupancy level
- Male & Female Shower facilities on Gymnasium level
- Easily accessible from Sanctuary and Nursery

Kitchen

- Cooking facilities for meals for rated occupancy, possibly two sittings
- Same level as Gymnasium
- Service counter into the gym
- Area for casual meals for up to 10 people
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Library

- Storage of Church Files
- Storage of Hardcopy books
- Storage of Digital books
- Use by church members and other approved churches and organizations
- Multi-purpose room with combined uses—meeting room, prayer room, classroom, adult studies
- Casual seating area for up to 12 people

Storage Facilities

- Spacious and easily accessible
- Provide individual room storage facilities such as shelving & cupboards in offices and classrooms
- Provide storage for Sanctuary seating
- Provide storage for gym equipment and banquet tables
- Provide separate storage area for church documents

Audio-Visual Room

- Could be separate room or an area at the rear of the Sanctuary
- Control sanctuary lighting, acoustics, facilitate showing videos, movies
- Control audio/visual feed to all rooms on an individual basis
- Co-ordinate speaker's presentations by controlling audio-visual from laptop on platform
- Control visual system for calling for parent(s) of child in nursery/classroom

Overall Building Concept

- Primary Purpose to fulfil the mission of the church—We exist to lead people toward experiencing an authentic relationship with God

- Be a place that can provide community support and fill the needs of the community during emergency situations