

Small Group Ministry Team Questionnaire

North Holland Building Vision Task Force (BVTF)

The Building Vision Task Force (BVTF) was recently formed by Consistory to investigate the facility needs of NHRC and to present a report that makes recommendations and identifies priorities relating to building changes/improvements/projects. We would like your help in assessing the current situation and most pressing short-term and long-term needs.

The BVTF would like to specifically obtain your opinions as a member of a ministry team or a staff member who serves directly in the role of carrying out the vision of NHRC and who simply spends more time in and around NHRC's building and grounds. Thank you for taking time to answer the following questions. The BVTF greatly appreciates your help. And thank you for your continued service to the Lord through your roles at NHRC!

As you complete this questionnaire, we encourage you to keep in mind our Vision:
"Intentionally sharing the love of Jesus through compassion-filled hospitality."

Name: _____

Ministry Team or Staff Position: Small Groups Ministry Team – Pastor Dustyn

Special Directions: The BVTF team has purposefully given your team one questionnaire. It is our hope that your **TEAM** will complete this document as one voice as a united team. What that means is that we are asking that you complete this document TOGETHER.

1. Does the layout of our facility in any way influence the work you are currently doing? (If so please explain)

Answer:

Currently many of our small groups meet in homes rather than at church. In part we believe this is because homes provide a sense of intimacy and comfort for the groups that facilitates connection, but there are also few rooms that are appropriate meeting spaces at church for small groups. Many of our groups also use DVD resources and there aren't enough TV's at church to accommodate all the groups. Meeting in homes is also easier right now for some groups with small children because they are not bound by the same child protection requirements as they would be if they used the nursery. Our team meets in the chapel, which works fine, but probably isn't the most ideal.

2. Considering NHRC "as is," please list any aspects of the building, grounds and facilities at North Holland that you believe impede the effectiveness of the ministry.

Answer:

Our team values helping people create connections with one another, so we share the concerns that have been voiced lately about the traffic flow up in the coffee area and we also feel the fellowship hall could be expanded and updated to facilitate more large group gatherings, held by our team and others. We are aware that limits in our space mean a limit to our capacity to grow and welcome others, so we would love to see more space available for people to gather in large groups as well as small.

Even more of a concern to us is that there aren't many small group friendly spaces in our church or even team meeting spaces. We love the comfortable spaces in the coffee area and narthex, but they aren't very private. Other classrooms are very much designed for table and chair classroom feel or are designed for small children and aren't good meeting spaces for adult small groups and there are a lack of comfortable chairs. Rooms and resources aren't very easy to access, especially a lack of TV/DVDs for groups to use.

3. Please list any recommendations you have with regard to changes and/or additions to the building, grounds and facilities at NHRC that you believe would enhance the effectiveness of your ministry.

Answer:

Our team is currently looking at developing a new small group format for shorter term topical based groups that we hope will encourage more people to join groups and develop relationships with different groups of people. It would be wonderful to have spaces in our facility for these groups to meet on site rather than in homes. We imagine comfortable chairs that can be set up in a circle or arranged as needed, and for the sake of hospitality- clearly marked rooms for people to easily locate the group they want to join. Rooms need to be comfortable enough to provide a sense of welcome, but also need to be private enough for people to share freely with their group. (These types of rooms could also be great meeting spaces for teams like ours!) We even thought it might be cool to design rooms with different themes for different purposes! As we said above, having more TVs and other resources easily available to the groups as they meet would be helpful.

Please return the completed questionnaire in Scott Blackmer's mail box as soon as possible but no later than July 8, 2012.

Thanks!

BVTF Committee