

## Middle school Youth 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."*

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*Ministry Team or Staff Position: RIOT (Middle School Youth Group)*

**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.

#### **Middle School Youth – Chris and Alison Major, team**

1. Considering NHRC "as is," please identify aspects of the building, grounds and facilities at North Holland that you believe enhance the effectiveness of your ministry team. (What do you like?).

#### **Answer:**

- Youth room is right by an entryway, easy for us to greet kids and parents and help other parents find their way to Kid Connection if necessary
- Office is close in case we need to make copies
- There are some bathroom options close (but boys is downstairs and girls have to use the single room with the heavy door unless they go downstairs and around the corner)
- Building is great for playing Sardines
- Coffee area is great for our size group once in awhile
- Narthex has great small group spot for when we want to break apart for discussions

- Plenty of seating for our current group size (approx. 16 kids and 4 leaders)
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:**

- Bathrooms on different levels and with heavy door can be difficult for some of the kids
  - Chapel Room is inadequate
    - Space constraints for games (have to go outside or hope Fellowship Hall isn’t in use)
    - Gets hot in there sometimes (can’t open windows)
    - Love that stained glass is preserved, but not the best in a youth room where kids can get rowdy sometimes
    - Hanging lights are sometimes a hazard... Rather, they have close calls with being damaged
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. Please list each recommendation in a separate “answer” space and explain how each will help serve our congregation or community. Please prioritize your answer by ranking them – 1 as your highest priority, 2 is your second priority, etc.

**Answer:**

- 1. Indoor space for run-around games – could always work it out with the school, but then would have to cross the road and in winter when we need the indoor space, that doesn’t sound very nice to do. (have to do run-around games at beginning, sometimes it’s hard to work around what space Kid Connection needs – just communicating better with KC may be all we need, not sure)
- 2. WiFi that is reliable anywhere in Chapel Room (and in more places in the church if we break into small groups)
- 3A. Sound system – listening to music or integrating with laptop/projector when we have YouTube videos
- 3B. While the existing TV is adequate for our needs, it won’t last. Would be nice to have something dedicated that’s easy to hook up a laptop, iPad or DVD player
- 4. Basketball hoops are in the middle of the parking lot, ball tends to roll towards road, would love them to be by playground area away from road (actual basketball court would be awesome)
- 5. Better kitchenette for snack
  - fridge for storing pop – mini fridge is hard to share with RCYF with so many 2–liters
  - Sink for cleaning out reusable cups/dishes, spills, etc

- Slightly bigger counter for snacks or pizza parties (could move bookshelf and make bigger counter – bookshelf is inefficient anyways, it's too deep for books, too small for tubs)
- 6. Foursquare area outside

**If you need more space for this question please attach additional pages or use the back of this document.**

4. If you could lay out the church campus, buildings, recreation areas and etc. what would the campus look like?
  - a. How would that layout allow you to serve better?

**Answer:**

- Basketball hoop away from road
- Bathrooms and kitchen-type facilities closer or on same level
- Like youth room near entry/exit (always able to greet parents/kids and keep in touch with parents better), if it were closer to playground area, would give kids safer spot to hang out while waiting for rides rather than near front sign and road.

5. Currently how many kids are in your program?

**Answer: 16 students**

6. Do you expect to see growth in this program next year(s)? If so how many do you estimate?

**Answer:**

- Not a ton, based on the “now” – kids bring 1 or 2 friends, but not regularly
- Probably will stay under 20 kids for next couple years, based on current program
- Biggest concerns are the space and the future growth of the RIOT group. Eventually we will outgrow the chapel and this needs to be addresses in the long term planning.

**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