



WHY PURSUE A NONPROFIT PARTNERSHIP?

Our existing building is significantly underutilized, so creating a space-sharing partnership with an existing local nonprofit is more faithful stewardship of our physical resources. This will also give us an on-site mission partner and generate needed income for our short and long-term financial sustainability.

WHAT IS THIS NONPROFIT PARTNERSHIP ABOUT?

The nonprofit partner interested in sharing space with us currently serves clients from across the Lehigh Valley at multiple locations. Adaptively re-using the South Building for their work would provide a consolidated location for our nonprofit partner to offer support services and housing security for the families they serve.



WHAT IS THE CURRENT STATUS OF THIS PROJECT?

In October 2023, we began a feasibility study with a local architecture firm to determine several key things:

1. Whether the nonprofit partner's needs fit in the South Building
2. Whether the church's offices, classrooms/meeting rooms, and other space needs fit in the lower floors of the Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall buildings
3. What mechanical, engineering, plumbing, and other system updates are needed for these new uses to be possible
4. What the estimated construction costs are for the needed renovations and system upgrades to make this new model possible

Step 1 and 2 of the feasibility study are underway with steps 3 and 4 to begin later in 2023. We expect this feasibility study to conclude sometime late 2023-early 2024.



WHAT IS THE TIMELINE AFTER THE FEASIBILITY STUDY?

We expect to have a Memorandum of Understanding in place with the nonprofit organization regarding our space-sharing partnership no later than April 2024 (though hopefully sooner). At that time, we'll be able to share the nonprofit partner's identity. Our nonprofit partner's strategic plans identify 2026 as the goal for their relocation, so this trajectory includes the needed time for fundraising, grant-writing, renovations, and moving.