

**First United Methodist Church of Lakeland**  
**Long Range Facilities Plan: Reaching Out Together**

*Questions raised in the 12/17/09 meeting with the geographic neighbors of the church*

**Q: What are the anticipated demands on the infrastructure?**

A: Minimal in Phase I; primary services will need to be expanded for Phase II. Our new buildings will be energy-efficient e.g. of a sustainable architecture

**Q: What is the earliest that we will see new buildings?**

A: If financing were in place today (which it isn't), the earliest building of Phase I could be accomplished in 3 years

**Q: Describe the integration of the new buildings in terms of elevation, especially with regard to the new Contemporary Worship Center.**

A: We plan to deliver transparency and vitality on the south façade (along Vistabula) and a low profile on the north façade (along Walnut); we will show bulk and size of buildings with massing studies at future community meetings.

**Q: Traffic on Vistabula is a great concern and the sound/speed of the traffic already causes neighborhood disturbance. Can the cut-through between Walnut and Vistabula (behind F) be eliminated?**

A: Angled parking on the street helps to slow traffic but we understand that it creates less walkability for pedestrians, so after we move the parking inside (angled to our passenger drop-off driveway) the next choices are bricking the streets and using landscape 'thumbs' (like on Johnson/FSC campus) with parallel parking streetside. We acknowledge your concerns about speed bumps adding to the noise. We can consider eliminating the traffic turnout from our back drive directly onto Vistabula, instead forcing the traffic lakeward, exiting at the main entry to the church.

**Q: What is the impact on walkability of the proposed Master Plan?**

A: Using landscape 'thumbs' (like on Johnson/FSC campus) with parallel parking along with streetscaping and wide sidewalks are acknowledged as critical to create leisurely walks.

**Q: What is the buffer (setback) from Vistabula to the south façade?**

A: 20 ft at the narrowest and 40 feet at the widest

**Q: How many historic homes could be lost to owner-occupants? Will the historic flavor be kept?**

A: We have a variety of means to retain homes and occupants either through re-purposing, the construction of infill housing, or the moving of homes to current parking lots (e.g. along Lime Street). The architecture of the new buildings will complement the iconic sanctuary; although these buildings are not yet designed except in terms of mass, we anticipate that they will feature considerable glass on their facades to capture the transparency we desire. We pledge not to infringe on the quiet enjoyment of living in this beautiful neighborhood.

**Q: We appreciate your invitation to give our input and the welcome you have extended. Will you accept our invitation to send a church representative regularly to our neighborhood association meetings?**

A: Yes, we will determine a representative that can represent our long-range planning team and church and will be glad to send someone regularly. Thank you for welcoming us, too.