

**Annandale Community Church and Christians in the Media  
Be strong and do the work!**

**Building God's People: Leadership Team Meeting One  
March 12, 2006, 3pm**

**1 Prayer**

**2 Why are we here? Nervous?**

**3 Where have we come from? Where are we going?**

- a Impact Australia
- b Reach the Neighbourhood
- c Build God's People

**4 Our needs**

- a a home
- b funds to get there

**5 Bible Study Buildings and Funding Buildings**

- a Building the Tabernacle Exodus 35:4-36:4
- b Building the Temple I Chronicles 28-29
- c Rebuilding the walls Nehemiah 7:70-72

**6 Plans**

**a Four purposes**

- i To help our members grow to spiritual maturity.
  - o Through a Sunday series "Building a great life"
  - o Through a midweek Bible Study series linked to our Sunday teaching
  - o Through a personal/family daily devotional guide
  - o Through personal testimonies

- ii To raise the funds to build our church home
  - ° By having a Gift and Pledge Sunday on June 4 where every family and individual in our church can make a cash gift and a 3 year giving commitment to *BUILDING GOD'S PEOPLE*.
- iii To build fellowship and unity in our church family
- iv To thank God for the extraordinary way he has blessed this ministry

**b Four essentials**

- i We must be strong, believe it CAN be done!
- ii We must involve EVERY person and family in our church!
- iii We must each be WILLING TO SACRIFICE.
- iv We must BE CREATIVE in finding ways that each of us can give more than we initially think possible

**c Four points**

- i Equal Sacrifice Not Equal Gifts
- ii Over and above regular giving
- iii The leaders must lead
- iv Expect varied reactions
- v It will be won or lost in your private conversations
- vi expect Satanic attack

**7 Calender**

**8 Where to from here?**

**9 Questions and Prayer**

## THE FOUR PURPOSES OF BUILDING GOD'S PEOPLE

### 1. TO HELP OUR MEMBERS GROW TO SPIRITUAL MATURITY.

By challenging us to become more like Christ.. who lived a life of faithful commitment, sacrificial love, and generous giving.

- Through a weekend series "Building a great life"
- Through a midweek Bible Study series linked to our Sunday teaching
- Through a personal/family devotional guide
- Through personal testimonies

### 2. TO RAISE THE FUNDS TO BUILD OUR CHURCH HOME

By having a Gift and Pledge Sunday on June 4 where every family and individual in our church can make a cash gift and a 3 year giving commitment to BUILDING GOD'S PEOPLE.

### 3. TO BUILD FELLOWSHIP & UNITY IN OUR CHURCH FAMILY.

By having half of our church family talk with the other half of our church family-to get acquainted, encourage each other in Building God's People, and pray for our church.

### 4. TO THANK GOD FOR THE EXTRAORDINARY WAY HE HAS BLESSED THIS MINISTRY

By having a special Thanksgiving banquet to express our thanks to God and enjoy fellowship with each other.

## Our BUILDING GOD'S PEOPLE Goals

o **Begin to Build: If we raise \$300,000** - This is the minimum we must raise to begin building

o **A small loan: If we raise \$600,000** - At this point the the Glebe Board will enthusiastically talk to us about lending us what remains.

o **Complete the building: If we raise \$1,000,000** - We will be in the right ball park to finish, furnish, and move into our expanded Church/Christian Education Center

## BUILDING GOD'S PEOPLE GIFT AND PLEDGE SUNDAY JUNE 4

## **Four Essentials Needed To Reach Our Goals:**

- 1. We must believe it CAN be done!**
- 2. We must involve EVERY individual and family in our church!**  
It will take all of us working, praying, and committing together. The challenge is too great for only a few to carry.
- 3. We must each be WILLING TO SACRIFICE.**  
Nothing great is ever done without sacrifice. Our church needs our commitment now, like never before.
- 4. We must BE CREATIVE in finding ways that each of us can give more than we initially think possible**

### **Our Themes**

#### **“EQUAL SACRIFICE... NOT EQUAL GIFTS”**

To **“sacrifice”** means to willingly give the best I have for a greater purpose. While we all cannot give the same amount, we all can sacrifice somehow. This way everyone can have a part. For some, a “sacrificial” gift given over 3 years may be a \$1,000. For others, a “sacrifice” may be closer to \$100,000. God will impress a specific amount on your heart if you ask him to

#### **“Over & Above Giving”**

Our Building God’s People giving needs to be in addition to our regular giving, otherwise our ministry will suffer.

### **Our Method:**

#### **“A Cash Offering & A 36 Month Commitment**

## What it will take to raise \$1,000,000?

### Scenario One

2 wage earners pledge \$20000 a year for three years = \$120000  
2 wage earners pledge \$15000 a year for three years = \$90000  
2 wage earners pledge \$10000 a year for three years = \$60000  
3 wage earners pledge \$7500 a year for three years = \$67500  
4 wage earners pledge \$5000 a year for three years = \$60000  
20 wage earners pledge \$4000 a year for three years = \$240000  
30 wage earners pledge \$2500 a year for three years = \$225000  
20 wage earners pledge \$2000 a year for three years = \$120000  
4 wage earners pledge \$1000 a year for three years = \$12000  
4 wage earners pledge \$500 a year for three years = \$6000  
2 wage earners pledge \$200 a year for three years = \$1200  
2 wage earners pledge \$100 a year for three years = \$600  
1 wage earners pledge \$50 a year for three years = \$150

This model raises \$1,002,450 over three financial years

### Scenario Two

If each of the 100 wage earners contributed \$2500 now and \$2500 for each of the next three financial years (\$6.84) we would raise our target of \$1,000,000

## Four Ways To Give

### 1. Give A Cash Gift

Ask God for creative ways to increase your gift. From savings, tax refunds, shares, garage sales, an extra part-time job, reducing expenses, deferring a major purchase etc. Involve your whole family in raising a specific amount.

### 2. Make A 36 Month Giving Pledge

You can give far more when it's spread out over time. Please take advantage of this option as well as giving cash.

### 3. Give A Gift Of Assets

In addition you can give real estate, shares, bonds, coins, gold, etc. Call Ben Koo () for assistance.

### 4. Make Annandale Church a Beneficiary In Your Will

### Gift and Pledge Sunday: June 4

On June 4 we'll each bring our cash offerings and Commitment Cards to church. Our Building God's People commitments are to be what we intend to give "over & above" our regular commitment to church during the next 36 months.

### **My Part In The Miracle**

As a leader in our Building God's People program, you need to be praying about what a "sacrificial" gift may mean for you. One of the most important decisions you will make during this campaign will be the decision about your own giving commitment.

**If we aren't sacrificial in our giving, we can't expect others to be sacrificial.**

### **My giving potential**

Each of us can give far more than we think by giving it over a three year period. Here are some examples:

<b>Weekly</b>	<b>Monthly</b>	<b>3 Year Total</b>
1000	4,300	156,000
500	2,167	78,000
400	1,734	62,400
350	1,517	54,600
300	1,300	46,800
250	1,084	39,000
200	867	31,200
175	753	27,125
150	650	23,400
125	542	19,500
100	434	15,600
90	390	14,040
80	347	12,480
70	304	10,920
60	260	9,360
50	217	7,800
45	195	7,020
40	174	6,240
35	152	5,460
30	130	4,680
25	109	3,900
20	87	3,120
15	65	2,340
10	44	1,560
7	30	1,092

## **A GUIDE TO DISCERNING GOD'S WILL In Deciding Your Giving Commitment**

The most important decision you or your family will make during our **Building God's People** emphasis will be the decision about your own giving commitment. This sheet gives suggestions on how to decide what your commitment will be.

As you begin praying about your commitment, keep in mind that our theme is **"EQUAL SACRIFICE, NOT EQUAL GIFTS."** Obviously, God has not given everyone the ability to give the same amount in dollars. However, God does call us to make the same quality of commitment.

Remember, your **Building God's People** Commitment can include both a cash gift AND a 36 month giving commitment. Most of us can give far more than we initially think by giving it over a three year period. You will help your church most by making **both** gifts.

Each of us has a choice to make:

**1. I can give based on REASON.** This means I look at what I have, figure out what is "reasonable," and commit that amount. It doesn't take faith to give by reason. Reason simply asks, "What can I afford?"

**2. I can give based on REVELATION.** This means I determine my gift by praying, "Lord, what do you want to give through me?" This requires faith. When you make giving a matter of prayer, your decision becomes an act of worship. Revelation giving is asking "How much am I willing to trust God?"

### **SUGGESTED STEPS FOR DETERMINING GOD'S WILL**

**1.** Begin by praying every day, "Lord, I **want** to give sacrificially. Now please show me **how** to give a gift that will stretch my faith." If you're married, pray together with your spouse.

**2.** Give yourself time! Don't rush your decision. You'll find that the longer you genuinely pray "Show me **how**," the more ways God will show you, and you'll be able to give more than the first amount that popped into your head.

**3.** **Plan a family conference** to discuss ways to give. Ask your family members to be thinking of ideas in advance. Be sure to involve your children, no matter how young they are. This is a great opportunity to teach giving and faith.

4. At your family conference, read the following Bible promises and instructions and make a list of what you learn:

**Prov. 3:9-10; Prov. 11:24-25; Luke 6:38; 1 Corinthians 16:1-2; 2 Cor. 8:1-12; 2 Cor. 9:6-12; Matthew 6:19-20.**

5. In your family conference, ask yourselves aloud these questions:

Regarding our cash gift:

- How much cash could we gather by June 4?
- Is there anything we could sell or convert to cash?
- Do we have any assets or tangible items we could give?

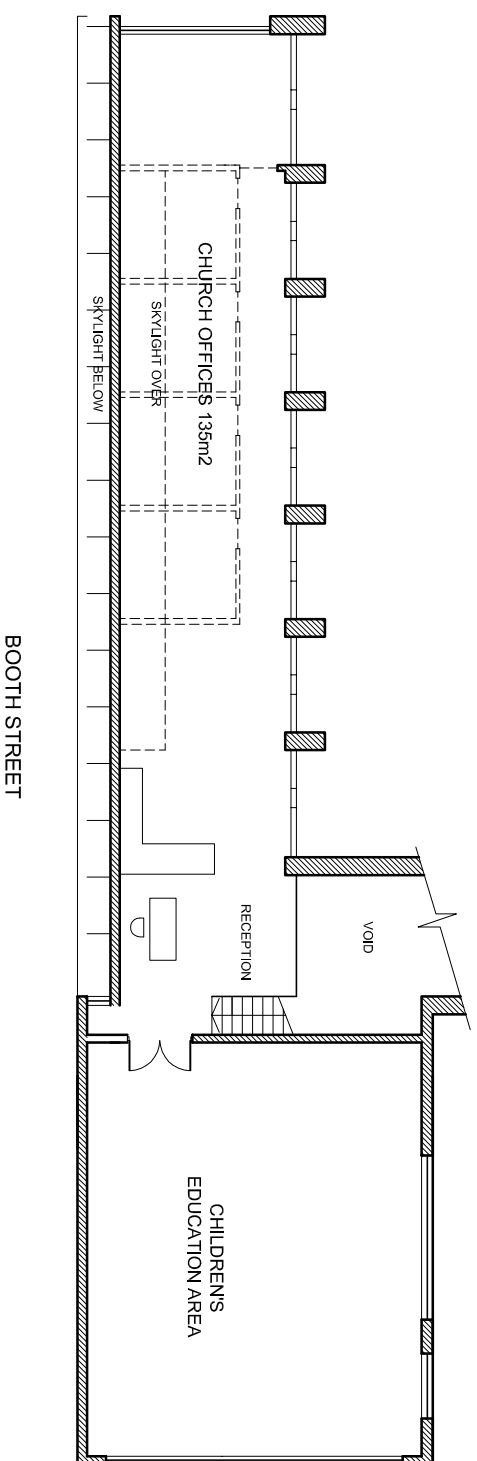
Regarding our 36 month commitment:

- Are there ways we could **decrease our expenses** in order to make a larger commitment?
- Are there ways we could **increase our income** in order to make a larger commitment?

6. Decide as a family the total amount you'll give, and speak to God along these lines:

**“Father, this is a big step for us. We’re asking you to strengthen our faith and help us grow spiritually through giving. We thank you for all you have given us. We know we wouldn’t have anything if it weren’t for you. We want to be cheerful givers. We’re claiming the promises you’ve said in your Word that you’ll take care of our needs if we trust you. Thank you for this opportunity to grow. Thank you for our church. Help us to reach our goal to Build God’s People. In Jesus’ name, Amen!**

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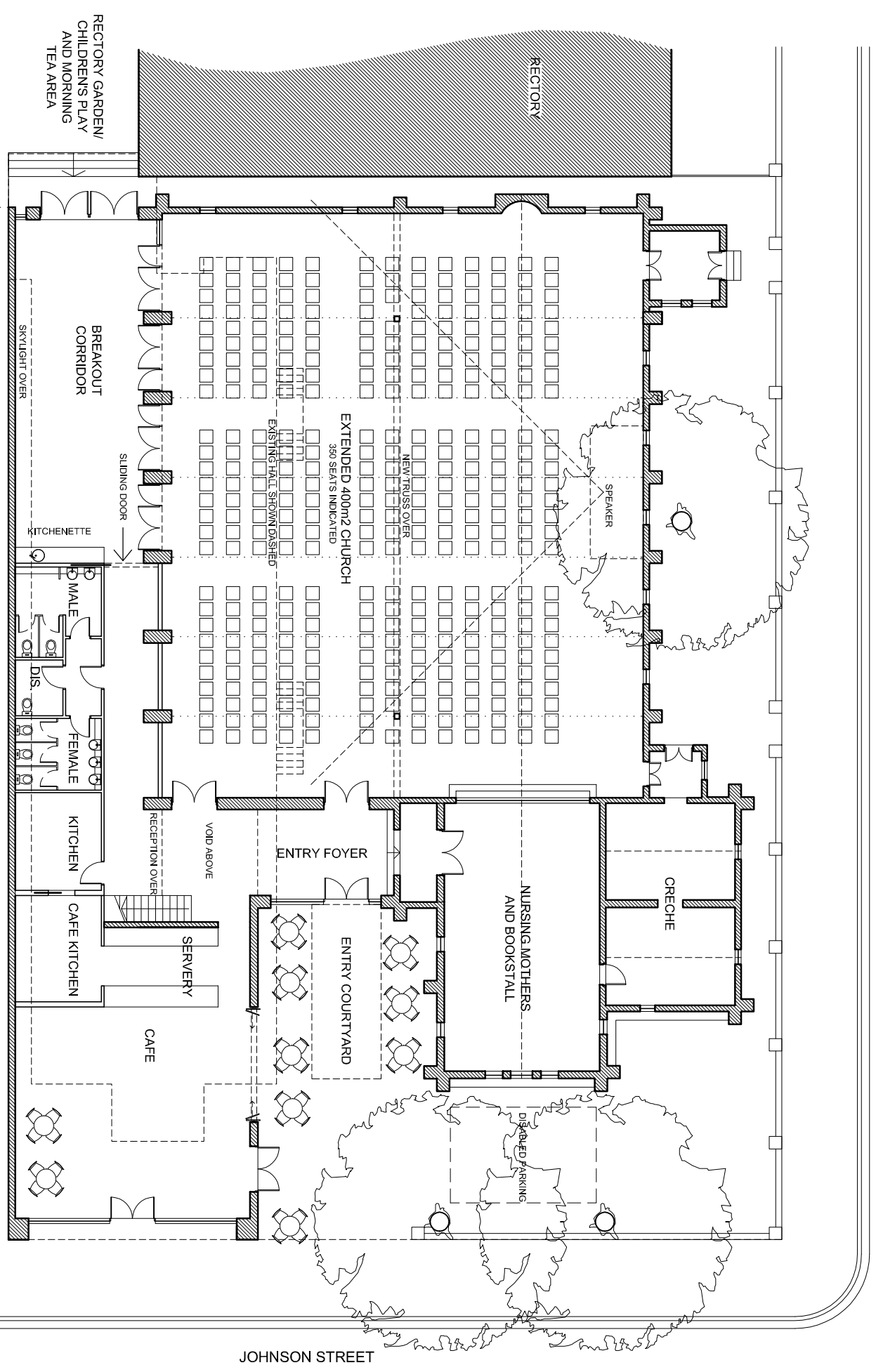


BOOTH STREET



Notes  
Existing stain-glass windows  
to be relocated appropriately

## 1 GROUND FLOOR PLAN



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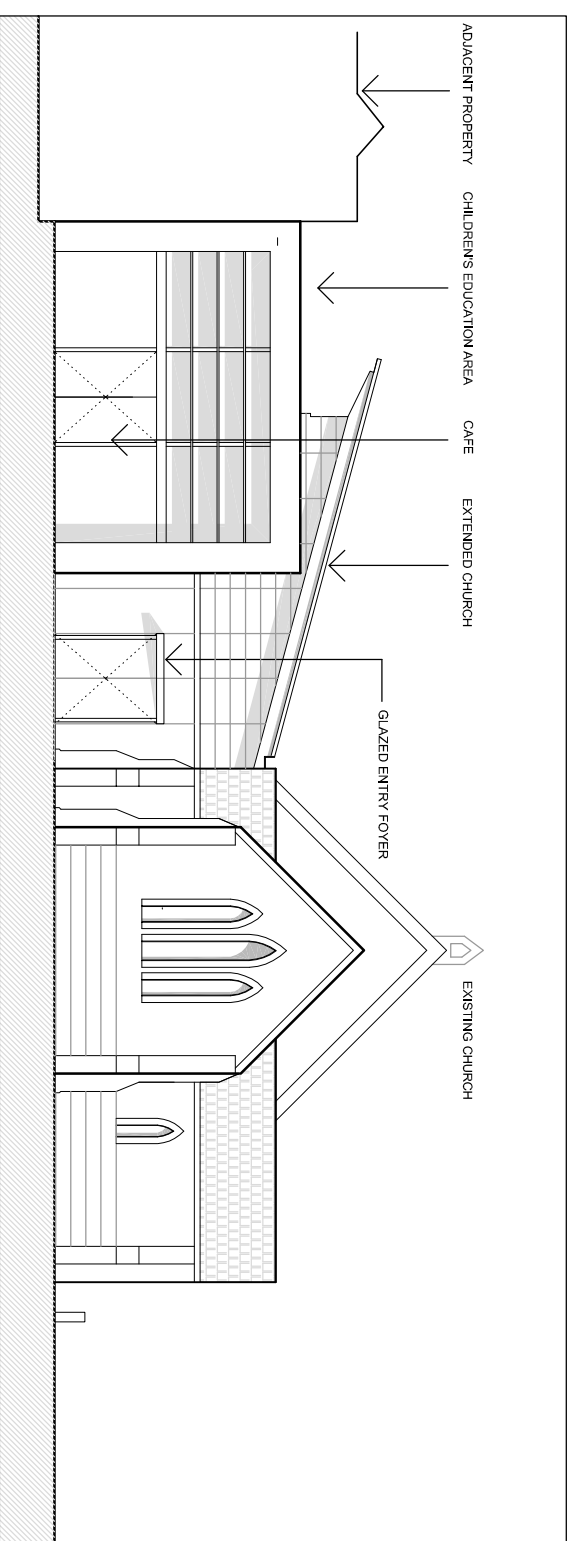
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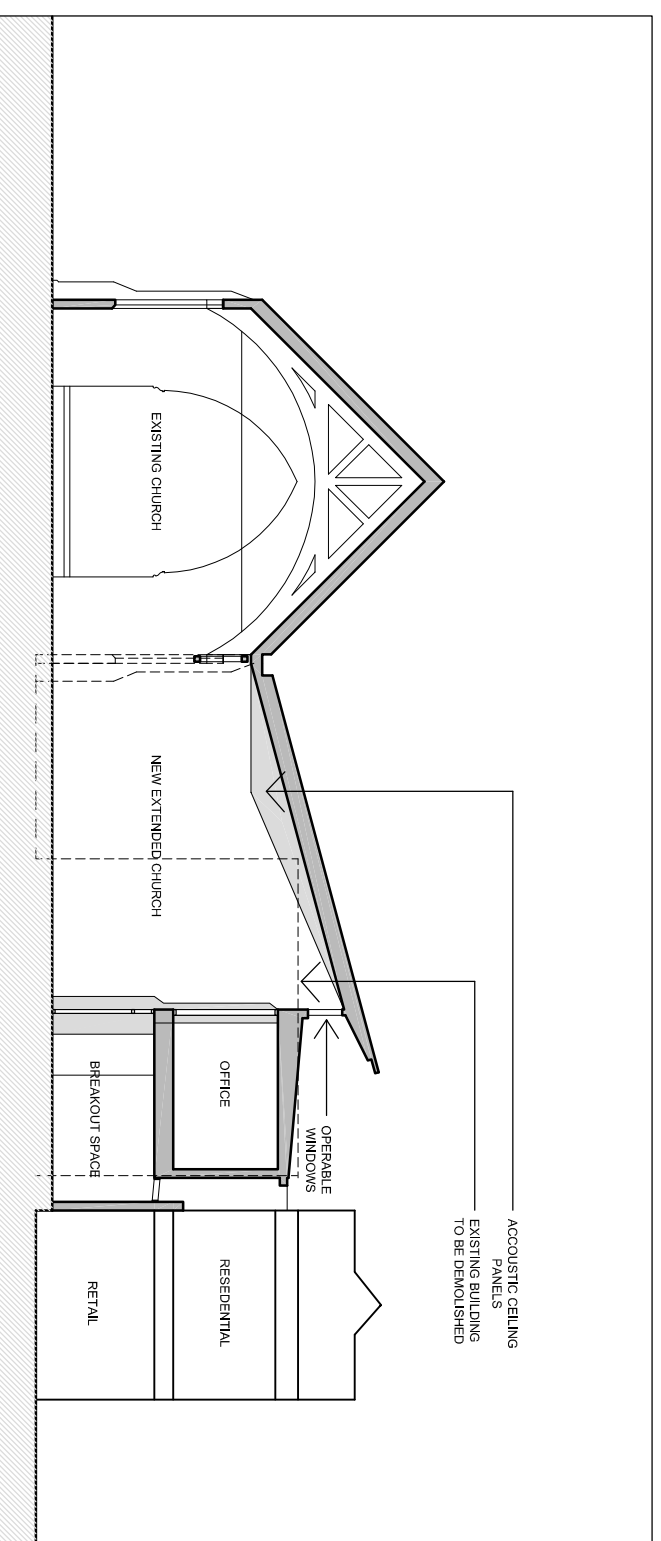
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**2 EAST ELEVATION**



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