

Wildflower Church - Search for a Home of Our Own

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Response Text		
1	Any move should be to a space clearly better than SASAC.	Jul 1, 2010 5:57 PM
2	Why not see what our anticipated money can buy first, and then ask these questions? The limitations of what we can afford may not seem to be such great limitations if we're looking at a property and can see its unique advantages, too.	Jul 2, 2010 10:03 PM
3	In my opinion, staying at SASAC is no longer an option. We cannot maintain our current size, or even grown, without a 24/7 home (either own or lease).	Jul 5, 2010 2:28 AM
4	Look at linking with First U. Maybe outreach & community space in S Austin; formal sanctuary at First. Or share administration to divert more \$\$\$ to building and program.	Jul 5, 2010 3:54 PM
5	The distance from SASAC would be better measured in travel time. For example, it currently takes me 25-30 minutes to get to SASAC (one way, depending on traffic). Ideally, I would prefer to travel no more than 30-35 minutes.	Jul 5, 2010 6:14 PM
6	First choice would be Room to grow but keep size of worship services about 200+;2nd choice urban setting or Acreage for outdoor activities,	Jul 5, 2010 8:19 PM
7	I think acreage along the size of SASAC's is good for gardens and activites. We should be cautious about jumping into a space of our own- we need to have a strong financial nestegg. A lot of people aren't able to give much right now.	Jul 5, 2010 11:09 PM
8	Very soon SASAC's size will start capping our growth--if it hasn't already done so.	Jul 6, 2010 6:09 PM
9	I would likr a question that says Growth Space for Worship Services and CRE. Quotas do not always work.	Jul 6, 2010 7:30 PM
10	I prefer an earthy, non-churchy environment	Jul 6, 2010 8:04 PM
11	acreage is nice but not necessary...if something wonderful becomes available in an urban setting, then I think it should be considered. If we are a growing church, then future growth should be added to the equation when considering space...especially long term space.	Jul 6, 2010 8:30 PM
12	I think that the search boundaries were too large and that we should focus our search on a smaller area that is centered on the location where the majority of Wildflower member currently live.	Jul 6, 2010 9:17 PM
13	It may seem that I contradicted myself by checking both the urban setting and the acreage options, but I did so because both are equally acceptable to me.	Jul 7, 2010 11:34 AM
14	Actually, my preference would be to have an "urban" setting (meaning in-town), but with some acreage. As for the worship size, I would say keep it at 200, and if it grows beyond that, expand to two services.	Jul 7, 2010 5:43 PM
15	The most important issue for me is that we have our own place with room to do what we want when we want.	Jul 8, 2010 9:04 PM
16	I'm open to a lot of scenarios...but feel it may be most cost-effective to stay where we are until we've grown larger.	Jul 9, 2010 4:08 PM

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17	A new home anywhere within a reasonable distance and affordable or a rental, lease/purchase.	Jul 9, 2010 4:14 PM
18	starting next year we should budget serious monthly contributions to Building Fund to boost start up funds	Jul 10, 2010 1:46 PM
19	I can't imagine turning people away when we get to a certain size. Will we say, "I found a church that's transforming my life but I don't want you to be able to attend too." Instead, I'd rather we think about what size we need to be before we help plant a new UU church in an underserved area. The choice about being "near a community in need of social action" not only presents a false dichotomy, it's also quite arrogant. We can participate meaningfully in social action projects regardless where we are located. For example, instead of duplicating the efforts of another group that runs a successful soup kitchen, it makes more sense for us to support a soup kitchen that is doing good work now, like Mobilize Loaves and Fishes. In terms of "arrogance," I wonder why we think we have so much to offer that "they" might need. Please talk to the Rev. Dennis Hamilton, a very respected UU minister of a successful UU church, about his evolving view of who needs help. Also, I would much rather we help support a concrete project that is making a significant difference in peoples' lives right now than continue supporting Austin Interfaith which seems to engage in a lot of talk but hasn't accomplished anything concrete that is making a difference now. It Austin Interfaith was making significant concrete changes in people's lives, more Wildflowers would participate.	Jul 10, 2010 7:45 PM
20	Need classroom and meeting space.	Jul 12, 2010 2:37 PM
21	What I learned from our previous search is that we don't have enough money to get a building right now. We need to save a great deal of money so that the 600K we might be able to borrow will give us enough money added to what we've saved to buy a building.	Jul 13, 2010 7:51 PM
22	Caring for the environment by minimizing driving is an important value for my family. I would very much support sharing our property with a comparable organization.	Jul 14, 2010 1:23 AM
23	Offer two Sunday services instead of just one. That's what churches do when they are growing. Our church needs to be visible and not hidden away.	Jul 14, 2010 2:12 AM
24	Concerned that as a congregation, we are not financially ready for a church of our own.	Jul 16, 2010 3:14 PM
25	Let's not pretend to be something we're not...	Jul 18, 2010 1:03 AM
26	The more we grow, the more problems like 1st church.	Jul 18, 2010 10:11 PM
27	None	Jul 20, 2010 9:52 PM
28	My actual preference would be growth space for worship services up to about 280--300	Jul 28, 2010 3:59 PM
29	Growth is not the most important aspect. Location is.	Aug 3, 2010 10:26 AM
30	It would be lovely to have acreage, but keeping the debt manageable might be a higher priority.	Aug 3, 2010 6:39 PM
31	We need to have enough outdoor space for children's activities and family recreation.	Aug 3, 2010 8:05 PM
32	I am fairly open to any "home of our own" in South Austin. Would love it to have an outdoor space for a labyrinth or an outdoor performance area...	Aug 3, 2010 9:16 PM
33	I wouldn't mind if the church was more on the edge of Austin. I also think the church site should be determined by financial practicality & geographic availability, not by a social action agenda.	Aug 4, 2010 5:06 PM
34	I think most of the congregation is content to be at SASAC until a really good deal on another building comes along. I think some influential members pushed harder than necessary on the last building search and consequently, the church lost about \$10,000 chasing an unrealistic goal.	Aug 10, 2010 6:20 PM
35	We need a one to two acres for outdoor space for a playground and open space for activities. More space for a garden would be nice.	Aug 24, 2010 3:01 PM

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36	I believe you should think about writing a letter to all the churches in south Austin to see if they are interested in selling.	Aug 24, 2010 4:28 PM
37	Acreage less important than overall space, but desirable.	Aug 24, 2010 4:45 PM
38	is there any opportunity for leasing a property vs outright purchasing, that would satisfy our current parking, congregation and service needs and provide some security while we look for a more permanent home?	Aug 25, 2010 2:02 AM
39	All are acceptable.	Aug 29, 2010 10:19 PM
40	There seems to be land available on Wm Cannon and near Buda.	Aug 29, 2010 10:24 PM