

## The Way Forward Committee Report 25 August 2021

We discussed our physical space - the two buildings plus the outside space.

What does it offer us - what does it mean to us?

- We treasure the property, it has helped bring us together and given us options and opportunities
- Even in these times, it can let us see and hear each other in person
- Feel more connected when we're there, more like a unified body

How do we use it?

- Accessibility during this time of COVID
  - COVID is here to stay so hybrid option is going to need to be available for a long time
  - Still have high level of concern due to Florida and Hillsborough statistics
  - Everyone seems to care about what everyone's experience is with live and virtual... That is important and appreciated
  - We need to encourage higher levels of participation – regularity and repetition is important
  - Consider service projects in conjunction with worship
  - Friday Art Group is a great way to get more involvement
- Accommodating needs for hybrid (live and virtual)
  - Really appreciate the hybrid model
  - Need to keep the meeting house open now that we've reopened (for continuity and to minimize confusion for visitors)
  - Very satisfied with the Zoom experience
  - Should we invest in more/better equipment? Smart Cameras, big screen, more mics and audio system?
  - It's okay to have live or Zoom events – people don't believe it would be perceived as exclusionary
  - What carries us is that we care about each other, now how we meet
- Outside space
  - Start using it ASAP
  - We could take advantage of outside space more, events and programs that bring us together, start with some worship