

Worship Center Improvements

There are several improvement projects in our worship center that are part of the One Initiative. Because of the combined cost of these projects, we will have to do them in phases. It is a challenge to determine in what order the projects should be completed, since they are all needed. In consultation with the church staff, the Implementation Committee has decided that the first projects to be completed next year will be 1) relocation of the existing sound booth and 2) the creation of an interpretation booth for our various language translators. What follows will be an explanation of these two projects and the rationale for doing them.

SOUND BOOTH (Sound/Video/Lighting)

Our current sound booth is located in the middle of our balcony. When our worship center was built, very little consideration was given to the functionality of sound and lighting systems. This is why many churches placed their sound booths in locations which did not work well, and designed their audio and lighting systems to be hidden as much as possible. While this might have been great for the look of the worship center, it seriously limited the effectiveness of those systems and the people who operate them.

Relocating our booth to the main floor level will enable our sound technicians to actually hear what the congregation is hearing, since it will be located in the same area. No doubt there have been times when you have wondered why they can't seem to get the sound system adjusted correctly. It is because they cannot hear properly. Our plan calls for the current sound booth to be relocated where the last three pews are on the west side of the center aisle. This location will greatly enhance the sound technician's ability to hear and mix the sound correctly. It will also improve sight lines to the platform area for all of the technicians, and enable our video camera to be in a better location for videotaping of each week's message.

INTERPRETATION CENTER

Currently we have people translating our services into Spanish and Korean. There are future plans to expand this to other languages as needed. In order for the translators to be able to do their work without disturbing those around them, they need to be in an area that is sound isolated from the rest of the congregation. Our current plan will convert the existing sound booth area into such a room. The translators will have a much better environment to do their translating, since they will be able to not only hear the service, but see the video screens as well. They currently are sitting outside the worship center looking in through a side window.

Our Implementation Committee is in the process of securing cost information for these two projects, and we anticipate being able to start on them sometime in early 2015.