

Iowa State Pastor Alan Jessen opens Learning Center Launched in Cedar Falls

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The church community in Cedar Falls, Iowa rented an Executive Office building that will be called a "Learning Center."

The Iowa Church has two official centers now that the Cedar Falls branch has rented a 600-square foot office which will be named a "Learning Center," according to Iowa State Pastor Alan Jessen. A group of Cedar Falls members held their first worship service in the rented office on Sunday, June 16, 2013.

"We now have a rented space in the lower level of an Executive Office building two blocks from downtown Cedar Falls. It belongs to everyone who wants to claim it, invest into it and use it!" Pastor Jessen said in an email. "We are praying for God's guidance and seeking to make a good spiritual foundation for God's Love to be present," he wrote.



The Cedar Falls Family Church meets in the lower level of the Executive Office building.

"It's the start of something we will have ownership of. It can serve as a witnessing location, and we can have book clubs, study sessions, debates or prayer," he added in a telephone interview.

The use of the space will be decided largely by the high-school youth and young adults in the community. Pastor Jessen convened a so-called "master mind" meeting for the young adults to brainstorm about programs and activities to be held.



Cedar Falls members met for worship in a newly rented office on June 16, 2013

International One World Crusade (IOWC) Teams visited Des Moines in 1973, and the church has maintained a presence in the state for close to 40 years. The largest Unificationist community is located in Des Moines, but six families live in Cedar Falls, about a two-hour drive away.