

HPHC DMV: Letter from Pastor Achille Acolatse - Finding a New Church Building

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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

As we presented at church about a month ago, we would have to move out of the Washington Times Building soon. We don't know yet exactly when this may happen, however it is wise to start the process of choosing another location for our Washington DC and Maryland church community. Since May, the Virginia Community has already found a new location for the northern Virginia Community (NOVA) to convene. Now we need to find a new location for the DC and Maryland communities. With the focus on witnessing and finding new members we are looking for a place to facilitate the vibrant growth that will be forthcoming.

There has been an ongoing search for a church property that could be bought instead of rented. The Maryland community is one of the largest numerically in the country so it is important to establish a stable location for Sunday Services, community gatherings, a place that our next gen can enjoy and claim proudly as their own favorite place to come to meet Heavenly Parent and brothers and sisters.

A representative team of our brothers and sisters who are realtors and who have experience with real estate investing have been actively searching for a church property that we could purchase.

There are certain criteria that this team has identified on our wish list for our community's new location:

- a. Sanctuary open area with multi-purpose use and that can accommodate a minimum 300 people at any given time.
- b. Teaching room/lecture hall for up to 100 people, maybe with fixed theater style.

- c. Room for dance studio.
- d. Art room.
- e. Nursery / Toddler room with access to the playground on the 1st level.
- f. Sunday school rooms / some may double as rooms for clubs /groups.
- g. At least 3 offices or more to house different organizations like Women's Federation, ACLC, etc.
- h. Community garden.
- i. Playground, sand box, sand volleyball court, large sports field, basketball hoop.
- j. Parking lot for at least 130 cars.
- k. and more

It has been challenging, in fact very difficult, to find such a property that we can afford. So the idea is being discussed to try and find a parcel of land and to build what we envision. **After a long search and looking at many different properties, there is one parcel of land at 1377 Meyers Station Road, Odenton, MD 21113, which the team has found and would like to present to the larger community to get your feedback.**

This Sunday, July 21, 2024 after the sermon I would like to ask the building search team to make a short presentation and to open the floor for feedback and a short discussion on this topic with our church family. For those who wish to make their comments in writing there will be a Questionnaire available to complete and submit after thought and prayer. Please come and let's see together what the best way to proceed is.

In the meantime for several weeks now, there is a

prayer meeting every morning at 7:30 for the purpose of being guided by Heavenly Parent to make the best decisions concerning buying a pre-existing church or a parcel of land on which to build a church. Anyone interested is invited to join in our daily prayer. It is the same link as the Morning Vigil Prayer

7:30 am Join at: us02web.zoom.us/j/618147675,
Use Passcode: 2027

I look forward to seeing you next Sunday, the 21st. Let's gather now prayerfully and conscientiously to prepare for the imminent changes before us. If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to email me at aacolatse@unification.org

Respectfully yours,

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