Achille Acolatse July 26, 2024

[IMPORTANT] This Sunday: Second Town Hall Meeting About Church Property Search in MD

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I hope this letter finds you well. I wanted to extend my heartfelt thanks for attending our town hall meeting last Sunday regarding the Capital Family Church's property search in Maryland. Your participation and input were invaluable in making the discussion both productive and meaningful.

During the meeting, we presented an overall vision for the future of our church community in Maryland and asked for your opinion on whether we should further investigate the property located at <u>1377 Meyers Station Rd, Odenton, MD</u>. It was encouraging to see so many members share their insights and suggestions, which will help guide our future discussions.

Here is a link to a summary of the meeting **July 21st Meeting Notes here**

And here is a recording of the meeting:

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Regarding the further investigation of the 1377 Meyers station road's property, we received a total of 42 Yes and 4 Nos. We also reviewed the comments and suggestions made on the cards. We believe that we need to continue the discussion and hear from more of our community members.

To continue this important dialogue and address any additional questions or feedback, we are planning another meeting this Sunday, July 28th, following the church service. The meeting will take place in the Beech room. We would be delighted to have you join us once again as we further explore the results from the last meeting and discuss our next steps together.

Thank you once more for your engagement and support.

We look forward to seeing you on Sunday.

If you cannot join us in person, the meeting will also be on Zoom **Join at:** <u>us02web.zoom,us/j/618147675</u>

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<u>Please use this form</u> to send your suggestions, comments and vote on the 1377 Meyers Station Road, Odenton MD property. <u>forms,gle/8m2ffdNzqWBHSYcq8</u>

Warm Regards,

--Dr. Achille Acolatse Senior Pastor



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July 21, 2024 Town Hall Meeting Notes

Gabby gave a presentation about the overall vision for the future of the Capital FC and why we need a new church property he then invited the community to ask question and share comments and suggestions about the overall vision and particularly about the property at 1377 Meyers station road, Odenton MD.

Highmy stressed the importance that everyone feels heard and listened to.

Daniel Hess – If this property isn't the one then God will show us. It is important to keep the Times building as it'll be difficult to find another building like it in DC

Dan Stein – When he drives on the beltway and sees the Mormon Tabernacle, he feels sad. We should have something even bigger. We want a building big enough for TM. We need to take a giant step.

Jan Van Zupten- He thinks we need additional information about the zoning and the finances. Let's find partners to help us build, especially financial partners. Let's pursue this option.

Gabby Marchitelli thinks that 5 to 7 acres should be sufficient for our needs.

Dan Fefferman thinks it's good idea to buy land and then build. He thinks it's better to find a property closer to the beltway or near Rt. 3. He said that before he can vote he needs to know how much the offer will be.

Dr. Achille said that the listing price of the property is \$650,000, and that we would make an offer for \$500,000 with a deposit of \$50,000.

Gregg informed everyone that 5 to 7 acres can be cleared.

Ingrid is asking where will we go to have service once TWT is sold and our new church is not yet built?

Gabby said that the site engineer will inform us to what acreage can be cleared. The church will take 2 to 3 years to build. New Hope Academy is an option or we can rent a different property. "We are open to suggestions."

Dan Burton is wondering who will be the owner of the property? National HQ? HSA-UWC? What if National HQ decides to sell the building? Do we have control over the money that is our building fund account? Bay Area Church owns their own buildings and they lease the building out. 56 years ago, Columbia Road Church was purchased and now it's for sale.

Angela Jones – Why don't we meet at Columbia Road Church? This could be a viable option.

Brother Canola (a guest) – Churches that don't have programs are declining. Have a building with mixed uses. With a tactical development auditorium. Zoned for for-pay programs.

Henri Schauffler – Yes, with a caveat. Create a great vision. My "yes" isn't as important as the younger families yes. Our elder gen are part of the financial base. The younger people/families get to catch the vision. Let's do a massive outreach to younger families, 2nd gen.

Gabby – 20 to 30 younger people have visited the property. 99% of the young people were inspired. The TWT is nice but you can't throw a football for fear of breaking a chandelier.

Henry Rissanen – When we were at Melford we had a place where the young people could hang out. He's excited to have a place to hang out and he is willing to invest long-term. Some of his friends may move back to Maryland if we take ownership of a property.

Ndassi - I love the idea of a new building and will help pay for it. Other churches are well packaged. Some people are attracted by the new image. I'm inspired by the photos. Let's search other properties. Let's unite and take everyone's comments seriously!

Diane Falk asked what is the selling point of TWT? Why don't we buy it from the church if we could afford it.

Gabby – We can't afford to buy TWT.

Nick Kernan – Physical preparation and spiritual preparation. He echoes Don's concern: location, location, location! Let's find some pace that will serve DC and Virginia as well. Let's find something closer in!

Matthew Goldberg is in favor of moving forward. He's glad to know that this is being recorded. It's very important to listen to everyone. Let's allow people who aren't here tonight to have a voice as well. How can we be inclusive?

Gregg – Dr. Achille would like to continue these town hall meetings. In person is better than Zoom.

Dr. Achille – We will hold a meeting next week in the Beech Room after Sunday Service, while people are eating dinner. We want a community discussion.

Robert Abendroth expressed we are building the kingdom of heaven on earth. The physical building is important. I am committed to bringing God's spirit. The physical structure can attract people. That's the standard. So let's build something that Is powerful to bring people together. We get to be like magnets. But let's do our due diligence.

Gabbi drew the town hall to a close by thanking everyone who participated. The young people are inspired. We appreciate our 60+ who are the rocks. Let's unite. Then he shared the story of the guy who was in a canoe and he prayed for help when he was stranded in the ocean. The guy rejected help until he finally died. The moral of the story is that we have to work to realize our dream. This property may not be the best one for us. But we have our portion of responsibility to investigate and try to see if it is the property for us nor not. If this is the right property then everything will work out for us.



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