

We Want Your Input on Worship and Music

It is our desire to develop a culturally inclusive worship ministry that speaks the musical language of the diverse people attending our services. In the coming weeks and months we will be intentionally seeking to implement this vision. We desire our worship services to be a welcoming intersection of our many cultures, giving place to a multiplicity of styles for worship and discipling of all generations.

One of the cultural musical expressions of our church is the organ. Ten years ago we purchased a used electronic speaker organ to function as a stop-gap measure. God has helped this organ last a long time, but it is showing some signs that it is wearing out. To replace this instrument with a new electronic organ will cost \$75,000 to \$100,000, which will last for 15-20 years.

In January, the church board was presented with the opportunity to purchase a small, top-quality, mechanical action organ that has become available. This type of organ has little to no maintenance and lasts for generations. This instrument would cost \$200,000 new. The owner of the organ has offered the instrument for our church for \$50,000. The estimated cost of transportation and setup is \$25,000, we can then request 10% of the total price from the Indiana Conference, bringing our total cost to \$62,500 which we can pay in three yearly installments.

Over the remaining Sabbaths in March, we will be seeking to engage our church family in conversation about the organ and the larger vision for worship & music ministry. Next Sabbath, March 14, we will have a booth set up in the foyer with more information, as well as a survey for the church family to complete. We want to learn how we can best meet the spiritual needs of each member. We invite our congregation to reflect on the ways in which music helps them connect with God, and which styles and instruments facilitate that spirituality.