

Spirit & Space Team Report – Generis Generosity Report October 2018

The Spirit & Space Team was charged by Session to determine how we can continue to be a welcoming community by empowering the structural, visual, and practical design of the space we call our church home. Check out our Spirit & Space link on the CPC home page for past *Tydings* articles and other information. We want to keep you informed of our progress!

In our September *Tydings* article we shared with you two (2) very important milestones... 1) a decision, with Session approval, to approach a professional consultant, Mr. Craig A. Loscalzo, Ph.D., Senior Generosity Strategist with Generis, to assess the current generosity climate here at CPC; and 2) the decision to engage the firm of Chambers, Murphy and Burge for architectural services.

In this month's *Tydings*, we will discuss that portion of Mr. Loscalzo's generosity climate report that specifically addresses affirmations and observations he gleaned from interviews and various CPC reports:

- **AFFIRMATIONS:**

1. Leaders of CPC speak highly of Pastor Dave and the staff, and believe they have the ability and capabilities to take our church into the future.
2. Worship is truly a centerpiece of ministry at CPC.
3. There is an authentic sense of community at CPC, and people feel genuinely loved and cared for by their fellowship here.
4. CPC members and leaders speak very highly of ministries that engage people, e.g., Children's Ministry; Food, Prayer and Clothing Ministry; Camp Wakonda; Mission West Ministry; etc.
5. Church leadership has a committed desire to help CPC in the area of generosity and stewardship.

6. Although the church faced a potential deficit in the 2018/2019 budget, leaders proactively worked to balance the budget. (Through such efforts the deficit was later successfully eliminated.)
7. In terms of generosity – as evidenced by metrics and interviews – when a need or ministry is presented, CPC meets the need.
8. Some good strides have been made in stewardship and generosity education.
9. As demonstrated by openly pursuing a Generosity Audit, Pastor Dave, the Staff, Session, and other CPC leaders realize that generosity is a critical discipleship matter that must be addressed for the long-term health and future of CPC.

- **OBSERVATIONS BASED ON CPC REPORTS:**

1. CPC has typically been able to meet its annual expenses through regular giving and special offerings.
2. CPC has no long-term debt.
3. CPC has invested endowment funds totaling \$5.65 million which are overseen by the church's Endowment Ministry, Session, and the church Treasurer.

In next month's *Tydings*, we shall point out the opportunities for growth Mr. Loscalzo has identified that such affirmations and observations present to us members of CPC.

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