

Wallenpaupack Church - Feasibility Study Questions Asked and Answered

1. How many total acres does the church own?

The two adjoining tracts include about 12 acres total.

2. Are any grants available?

Few if any grants are available for church construction. There may some grants available regarding any community-oriented programs initiated by the church and operated from new space.

3. Is adding on to the present building possible?

Initial feedback from contractors is that it may not be the wisest solution for several reasons. Some of these reasons have to do with needs to upgrade mechanicals, code compliance, and other concerns. There would also be the matter of finding a place to meet while the current building would be under construction. All this to say it may be possible, but not the best option. This will be studied.

4. Would other options such as vacant buildings in Honesdale be considered?

Relocating again in a relatively short time would not be a wise move. The community has come to know the church where it is and the acreage we have should well facilitate what we need at this location.

5. Could a satellite campus be considered?

Interest from study participants centers around being together in one location. Adding a second campus may be a matter to consider in the future but it does not seem to be part of the overall thinking right now.

6. Are we growing too fast? Is this just a season?

The ministry style with which God has blessed us is working. The people that are drawn to this faith community are excited about inviting others. We are striving to care for one another within this community. We believe the pace of growth is up to God. What we do know is that the growth is real and has been steady for most of the time we have been at this location. The spirit of excitement with what God is doing is strong. Therefore, we believe we need to plan with expectations of the growth continuing.

7. Should we stay the same size and plant more churches? Are we fast tracking our new pastors?

Staying the same size would require a decision to curtail growth or divide the congregation. Over half of those who are part of this faith community have joined us in the past two years. Many are just getting established in their relationship with Christ. They need the mentoring and fellowship of more mature brother and sisters. We must let God add to the church as He wishes to do so. Nevertheless, God may call individuals to dwell among us for a time to receive training and experience in order to prepare to be sent out with our blessing and support to establish more churches where they are needed. Different potential leaders mature at different rates and may be ready to move on with more or less time invested in training. We should be earnest in prayer for God's timing in these matters and be willing to support whatever appears to be the will of God.

8. Do we have any programs to help the elderly with tasks who have no family nearby?

There is nothing currently in place that specifically addresses this need. One suggestion made in the study was to develop a list of those in the church who are tradespeople with various skills so that, when in need, members could contact a familiar face as opposed to relying upon a stranger. This is a matter that bears some consideration.

9. Where will new space be built?

The exact spot where any new space could be constructed has yet to be determined. The lot has to be inspected and studied and size of any new space determined. If possible, should any new space be erected, it would be our desire to have new and current space connected so that children and parents would not be in two separate buildings.