

reVision Seniors Adult Ministry Plan

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Vision: What do we envision accomplishing with this proposal?

One of the efforts of the team was to do a survey of Red Clay Seniors. We received 121 responses to the survey. This became a guiding tool in our work to develop proposals.

Campus Accessibility: We became aware early in our discussions that **full accessibility to the building is incomplete and that work needs to be done to accommodate differently-abled people especially seniors.** This could include making **the outside doors to the sanctuary and Founders Hall accessible via touch pad.** It could include **removing some or parts of some pews in various places in the sanctuary to accommodate people in wheelchairs and walkers.** It could include once the manse is torn down an **outside accessible ramp to the lower level of Founders Hall.** There may need to be additional examination of access to rest rooms. Also parking access and curb cuts.

Resources for Shut-in Ministry: We followed up our online survey of seniors by reaching out to an additional group that may not have internet access by phone. We were pleased to learn that many of them were able to watch Red Clay services via the internet. **For those who do not have access who are shut-in or otherwise unable to attend worship services, we propose the church provide means of recording or making available recordings or devices (such as tablets with cellular data) that deacons or others could carry in with them once home visits are permitted to share audio/video recordings of Red Clay Creek Worship services.** We also propose the church create a group of volunteers to provide training for those who need assistance with digital devices. We also find that this could provide more opportunities to provide home communion services.

Using Founder's Hall one day a week as a Community hub for Seniors.

Post-covid we propose a weekly noontime meal for seniors both in and outside the congregation to gather at Founder's Hall. This could then include re-starting

social activities, education programs (Wellness, Education, recreation, crafts). We could even envision that this could be a hub for day trips to nearby attractions.

What will be the impact of this proposal?

1. **Accessibility:** Addressing needs of differently abled people with a more accessible campus.
2. **Digital Connection for Shut-ins:** Providing greater connection to our seniors and others not able to attend in person or currently online.
3. **Senior Community Hub:** Looking post-covid to creating an outreach to community and church seniors for greater connection.

Who will we partner with to accomplish this proposal?

1. **Accessibility:** Home Committee for building remodeling. Will require Session approval.
2. **Digital Connection for Shut-ins:** Deacons, Stephen Ministers and the Care Group. Also the Tech Production Team.
3. **Senior Community Hub:** Wellness Committee, Tuesday Together, Deacon's, the Belong & Nurture Committee and the Community Partners.

What resources will be needed (building space, dollars, staff, volunteers)?

1. **Accessibility:** Building work will take some dollars. Budget unknown, could be some grants available for creating accessibility. However, the pews could be solved with sweat labor.
2. **Digital Connection for Shut-ins:** Getting organized and coordinated to meet the needs of those who are shut-in.
3. **Senior Community Hub:** There could be costs associated with the meal, however there could be community resources, donations. Coordination of many different groups and a church decision to utilize staff time to make this happen.

What is the time table for implementing this proposal?

1. **Accessibility** - some or all could happen now while no one is in the building
2. **Shut-in technology**- could and should happen now
3. **Senior Community Hub**- Post-Covid but planning needs to begin now.

