

Aug 2026 Congregation Gathering Survey

Received 54 Responses as of 08/26/26

52 Responses provided a rating

Knowing what you know today, how are feeling about the development process at this point?													
Congregation Gathering	Date	Promoters		Passives		Detractors						n/a	Total Surveys
		10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1		
Facilities Assessment	3/29/2026	13	7	9	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	32
Developer Interviews	5/31/2026	16	10	2	7	4	0	0	1	0	0	0	40
Core / South Campus	8/16/2026	21	12	9	7	2	1	0	0	0	0	2	54
		61%		30%		6%						3%	

31 Comments

1. Make sure some process is set up to save our trees!
2. The cost of renovating the Fellowship Hall (lot 26) is substantial. It seems to me that it makes more sense to include it in the 'north lot' development.
3. New Guiding Principles are not particularly helpful. Need specifics and options.
4. I hope there is an effort to transition/blend the 'classic/traditional' architecture of the church with the contemporary architecture of the high rise.
5. I am not clear about how UPLift and Micah 6 will access the places they need to be.
6. I can't see any reason to consider demolishing the sanctuary building based on what was shared today. I also hope the courtyard is preserved.
7. I appreciate your respect for our vision and how you connected your roles to our dream. I am nervous about necessary 're-construction' for our building as an over 80's couple the future navigating the construction and access that will be coming.
8. Worship Space: It would be wonderful if this space could provide music/theater space for UPC and for the community to use.
9. Mission Space: It would be wonderful to have showers, laundry, sleeping space for our visiting high school groups, homeless neighbors or City of Austin cold weather shelter.
10. Planning is making progress. I was initially worried, but now feeling better about the overall project.
11. Looking forward to seeing some design illustrations.
12. Please no change to the courtyard. It is a treasured space to visit, occasionally worship and just an overall treasure.
13. Access for people coming from UPLift and Micah 6.
14. Need more facilities for your children to attract young parents.
15. I'm very impressed with Overland and their guiding principles. It's also exciting news on the developer front. Kudo's to PDC for reaching a unanimous decision!

16. As I hear about necessary changes to the South Campus (restroom, elevators, ramps), I'm worried about appeasing those of us who want little or not apparent change. I continue to have great confidence in the PDC.
17. The guiding principles are on the right track, but I was really hoping to see some graphics or mock ups for the North/South campus integration. I found the Overland presentation dry and not very engaging. As usual, I love hearing from the PDC and Christopher Kennedy. It's always informative, fun and an enlightening conversation. Overland was way too dry for me!
18. I am feeling good about it. I appreciate the thoroughness and care you have taken to make sure the presentations are uncluttered and easy to read. Thanks for bringing the experts to clarify within their roles. Very helpful in inspiring confidence and trust.
19. This is my first interaction with the project and I'm very pleased. Would love to learn more about the actual scope of work.
20. I appreciated the authenticity from Overland – where they listened to our needs and input from the congregation. The guiding principles speak to the respect of our members. They outlined my current concerns about our current structure. Thorough presentation!
21. Very impressed with Overland!
22. Accessibility and parking --- thank you for making this a priority.
23. I am much more optimistic about this due to the very informative presentation today.
24. I am so grateful for all your hard work – the listening, the organizing, the communicating ... we are blessed with the team's leadership and dedication. ---- thank you!
25. Amazing work PDC!!! We are so excited for the future of UPC. I am very assured with Overland, Core and the faithful leaders of your commission. I am supportive of a full rebuild of the South Campus. Let's leave the next generation 100 years of outreach.
26. I feel heard and understood.
27. Thank you for significant work and progress. God's at work!
28. I was fascinated by the way the architects merged their planning and process/goals.
29. GO BIG --- Generational!!
30. I have great confidence in the PDC and great hopes for the future of UPC. The challenges (location, decline of Protestant churches, aging congregations, etc.) are enormous. *"Where there is no vision, the people perish" – Proverbs*
31. I am very confident that our PDC has thoughtful and intelligent people asking the right questions. Thank you so very much for all the hard work so far!
32. Amazed at the vision, professionalism and detailed planning of PDC – excited about the future possibilities for UPC to be more engaged and involved with West Campus residents. Both as the church and culture continue to change going forward for inter denominations and cooperation with inter-faith communities to help change and/or expand the face of 'the Church' in the minds and hearts of young people and future generations.
33. Communicate updates monthly regarding the Session's decisions regarding the south and north campus developments and context within our mission.
34. Keep the importance of UKirk space.

35. Very good planning.
36. I hope we can do much of the work on the south end without tearing down too much of the outside of the building.
37. Very important – thank you for always making time for us at Westminster.

11 Questions

1. I would like to know if we are going to revise and update our UPC mission statement to help guide the architects. Personally, I do not believe our current statement is specific and direct enough to provide them with much guidance.
2. Is it still in the plan to demolish the Fellowship Hall?
3. Will there be plans to repurpose some of the existing architectural elements (i.e. frosted glass windows in Fellowship Hall)?
4. Are there any plans to preserve or integrate the engraved bricks in the current north courtyard?
5. Are there specific spaces in the North Lot that we'd like to use (in addition to parking spaces)? Mentioned share grease trap which is great idea ... how about a gym exercise space or should we keep our spaces separate?
6. What would our congregation do for space during a rebuild?
7. How long will our oak trees in the courtyard live?
8. What length of the construction loan for the south campus would we consider?
9. Is it possible that parking will use some of, if not all, of the sunken courtyard?
10. Are we open to adding a style of worship that appeals to college aged persons?
11. I guess I assumed that Overland was also the architect for the student residence / north campus development. From what James said, I now think they are just advising the other firm, is that right? So how much can we (UPC and Overland) affect what the developers decide to do?