

Hello DCV Family,

We announced at our all-church meeting on March 20 that DCV is seeking a new building that better fits into our church's financial reality. I would highly encourage those of you who missed the meeting to listen to the [recording](#) and check out the [supporting documents](#) with all the budgetary details. We discuss the building search from 32:27-49:15 in the recording, if you want to target your listening to that subject.

Currently, our building is the largest line item on the church's budget — more than administrative and ministry initiative costs — and takes up almost 60 percent of our total revenue. So rather than cutting staffing or ministries, we are in the process of searching for a new building that will allow us to stay committed to ministry and mission in the city of Delaware.

As we search for a new building, our elders and leaders are completely committed to our vision to be a church "in the city, for the city." So, we are committed to finding a gathering space in Delaware, the city we have been called to love and serve for the past 15 years.

Because of the urgency of the financial situation, we are looking to move to a new building rather quickly, with a target of Summer of this year. A building search committee was formed several months ago and has explored several different building options, both temporary and permanent.

Whenever a group of people experiences a change like this one, we realize there are many emotions that come with that. Some of you will be excited and energized by the move. Others will experience feelings of grief, disappointment or uncertainty. Some of us may feel a mixture of these things. However you are feeling, please know that your emotions are valid and we care about how you feel. These emotions are also invitations to bring them to the Lord in prayer and to intercede for God to move on our behalf.

Your questions are also valid. As you process this transition and questions or curiosities arise, please don't hesitate to reach out to our elders (elders@delawarecityvineyard.org).

In this moment of transition for our church, I have a deep sense of trust in the God who has been faithful to our church since its beginning. While we don't know exactly where God will lead us, we can trust wherever it is, it will be good.

Lastly, we are developing a page on our website where we will post regular updates, have answers for FAQ's and other helpful information and communication pathways. Please checkout <https://delawarecityvineyard.org/> under the "Energize" tab to stay in the loop.

In much love and gratitude,
Julie