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Please be a part of this campaign! Here is one member's perspective on why we should support it:

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I still find delight in entering this building. So many experiences: The sun shining through the café windows on a Thursday morning as a group gathers to sing, pray, and study the Bible. Smiles, chatter, and the flurry of activity on a Wednesday night. Wonderful smells and the sound of laughter as young people chat with Ellen in the kitchen. The intriguing sound of the piano in an empty sanctuary as someone works out a song to be used in a service. Warm smiles, good food, and the sound of many languages during ESL tutoring times.

All that is just the tiniest taste of what one can experience in our church during course of the week. This building has allowed our church to minister in a multitude of ways that would not have been possible otherwise. However, this gift is not without cost. Debt and facility costs make up a significant portion of our budget.

This campaign gives us the opportunity to reduce the debt and redirect the savings to the ministries of the church. The installation of a geothermal heating and cooling system reduces costs over the long term while being mindful of the earth. Both of these savings will provide additional freedom for our church now and for the church to come.

The call to give is not for a few, but for all. We are the church. Please consider how you can help to make these savings a reality.

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