



Congregation Informational Meeting

FUTURE OF SMPK SHELBY

April 27, 2025



Board of Deacon Members

- Fr. Kyrillos Sifain
- John Azer - Treasurer
- Samuel Mekhaiel - Secretary
- Diana Daniel
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Background & Current Initiatives

- **Our Journey Since April 2024:** The Board of Deacons has been active in maintaining and enhancing our building.
- **In January 2025,** discussions started on our church's future:
 - Should we renovate the current space where we pray?
 - Or build a new church facility in the backyard/playground area?



Vision – To Build or Not to Build?

- **Strategic Decision:** A unanimous (100%) vote by the BOD supported constructing a new church building.
- **Why?** The new church building is envisioned to serve our families, youth, and children for generations as we grow the number of families.
- **Tradition & Practice:**
 - Most Coptic Orthodox Churches begin with a dedicated church building.
 - Extensions (e.g., Sunday School, Gym, Social Hall) are added later.
 - Currently, St. Mina and Pope Kyrillos VI hosts a service building—but no dedicated church space.



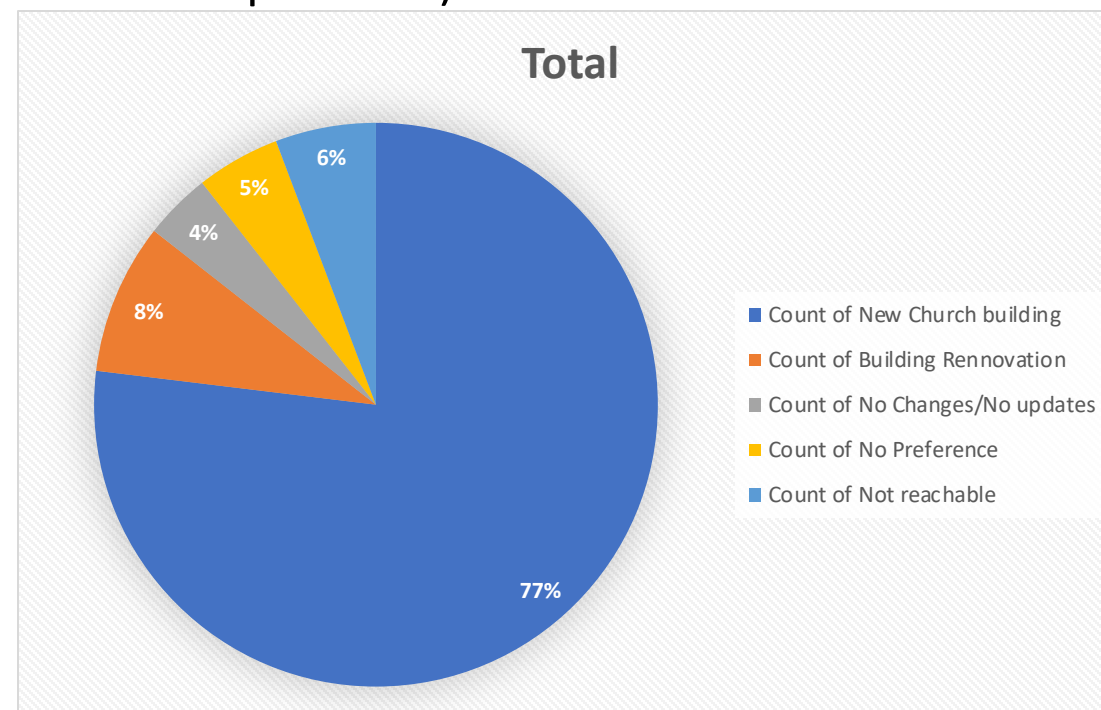
Congregational Survey Results

Survey Overview: In February 2025, each of the 6 BOD members contacted congregation families by phone.

Total participation: 104 families (plus 3 additional families from April 2025)

Results:

- **80 families - 77% – New Church Building**
- **9 families - 8% – Renovate Current Building**
- **4 families - 4% – Maintain the Status Quo**
- **5 families - 5% – No Preference**
- **6 families - 6% – Unreachable**





Process and Phases Overview

- **Phase 1:** Architecture and Design phase (fundraise)
- **Phase 2:** City approval
- **Phase 3:** Project bidding (building loan)
- **Phase 4:** Construction



Phase1: Architectural & Design Phase

- **Start:** to research architects inside and outside the state of Michigan.
- **Goal:** finding someone who designed churches, but not any churches, Orthodox Churches. But again, not any Orthodox Churches, but Coptic Orthodox Churches.
- **Quotes:** interviewed and received architectural quotes from 3 different companies (architect fees are not construction fees).
- **Selection:** finally, was settled on an architect (Masterplan Design) from Texas who designed and overlooked the construction of 11 Coptic Orthodox Churches all over the United States and is currently working on a project for St. Mary and St. Moses Abbey Coptic Orthodox Abbey (monastery) in TX.



Phase1: Current Status

Current status: Hired Masterplan Design to start surveying the current building and to draw conceptual designs for what the new church building can look like and where it will be located in the backyard.

Coming soon:

- Presentation of 3D Design to show you
- Initiation of Fundraisers

FAQ's



Q: If we are building a new building and parking lot in the backyard/playground, will we lose the current area where the kids outside? A: NO! The space in the backyard is big enough for a new church building (+2 more additional buildings if needed), parking lot space, kids area, and a soccer field.

Q: Where will the Church be in the backyard? A: Pending Shelby Twp City approval, the church will be connected to the current science center

Q: How big is the building or how many families can this building take? A: According to the Diocese of OMI, capacity should be 200 families for the sake of service.

Q: How much is this project going to cost? A: Current market prices are approximately \$450/sqft. While we can't get exact dollar figures yet, as this is done when the project is bid out to construction companies, but the range is between \$4.6- \$5.5 million, subject to change based on the market

Q: When can we begin construction? A: Construction begins once the city approves everything, and we have the funds to start. We can't start until 50% of the funds, in addition to the current monthly expenses (John will speak more)



Expenses- Treasury

- **The Church financial position.**
- Annual Income (\$480,000 – \$530,000) Included \$102,400 from School cost sharing.
- Annual Operating Exp. (\$380,000 – \$430,000)
- Saving \$800,000
- **The New Church Building financial plan**
- Total project (\$4.6 -\$5.5 M)
- Available Start Fund \$400,000
- Targeted donated fund to start \$2M
- **Funding the gap**
- 15 years Loan (\$2.5 - 3 M) cost (Average monthly payment 30-35K)