



ELY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH COMPLETION OF FACILITY

BACKGROUND

Property was procured in 1994 based on a church facility that was old, small, lacked handicap accessibility, and parking. This was a time period when the church had large attendance due to mining developments in the area.

The church had \$500,000 in their building fund when they went forward with construction. The building was designed and construction of the building shell was completed.

Construction was suspended when major roof leakage was identified- repairs were attempted, lawsuit was initiated against the roof installer, roof issues were corrected.

In this same period the local mine was shut down and membership plummeted. The building fund was consumed and due to a caveat in the deed, financing from outside lenders could not be obtained to complete the project.

The old church was sold as part of the project; temporary facilities were utilized. In 2007 the rental of the former Nazarene Church was negotiated and it is currently utilized.



Ely United Methodist Church Building

ACTIONS

In 2012, research to find a method to complete the church facility based on the given restrictions was initiated.

The individual from whom the land was purchased was approached regarding amendment of the deed to allow the building to be utilized as a charter school or other facility in conjunction with the church. He specified that this was an acceptable idea.

When requested to amend the deed to allow a charter school he and his wife refused to change the deed. Their insistence being that the facility be completed as a church or be removed and the land sold back to them per the deed.

The Cal/Nevada Conference legal representation verified that we are subject to litigation regarding this matter if a church is not completed.

CURRENT FACILITY STATUS

The Nazarene Church did not renew the current lease. Congregation is subject to discharge from the facility on 30 day notice.

An offer to purchase the facility was made with the intent of stability and to utilize as a form of collateral during the primary facility completion. Submitted purchase offer was not accepted and a counter offer was not provided.

The leased facility has major repairs developing that need to be done and the Nazarene Church will not pay for them based on assumption that all repairs be covered by the occupant.

NEW FACILITY STATUS

After the failure to link the completion of the facility with the proposed charter school and coordination with District Superintendent regarding funding the following actions were taken:

- An architect was hired to design a low cost completion plan for the facility
- A local contractor who will work with Volunteer in Mission Teams and provide his personnel was secured
- Property was resurveyed and fenced to protect the property and demonstrate progress

PHASES

	<u>Preferred Date of Completion</u>
Phase 1- Fire suppression/Alarm System	15 May 2015
Electrical Wiring /Configuration	15 June 2015
Phase 2- Mezzanine Construction	15 July 2015
Plumbing of Restroom/Sink/Fountain	15 July 2015
Heating/Air Circulation System	15 August 2015
Phase 3- Roof/wall Insulation/enclosure/restroom amenities	15 September 2015
Phase 4- Exterior lighting/paving	15 October 2015

* Each area subject to adjustment other than Fire Suppression which is under a licensed contract. Funding for material is provided, but assistance is greatly appreciated. Any VIM member who has a Nevada license for the respective area would be of great assistance.

THANK YOU

Thank you for considering our request for assistance, we realize there are multiple challenges and that you many other opportunities.

We need your help to move forward with this facility that will support the United Methodist Church mission and the local community of Ely, Nevada.

The Ely United Methodist Church is a viable church that has sustained membership and met its obligations to the conference. Many errors were made in the past regarding this project that have placed the conference and the Ely United Methodist Church at risk in regards to litigation and liability.

Thanks to blessings in the form of a vibrant pastoral team, an open-armed established membership, and many new younger members this can become an illustration of resilience and faith in the Great Northern District.