

TRANSFORMING COMMUNITIES BY REPURPOSING PROPERTY



NEHEMIAH PROPERTIES

UNITED METHODISTS
OF GREATER NEW JERSEY



ABOUT NEHEMIAH PROPERTIES

A church building is many things. Churches represent our faith, which is boundless. Churches represent our congregations, which are expressions of our communities.

All too often churches represent a physical space of bricks and mortar requiring maintenance and repair which financially impacts the congregation using it for worship.

How can we boldly envision our ministry to transform physical church into a new space of vitality for the community? Nehemiah Properties has established a process to engage communities, meet needs, solve challenges, and spread Christ's love through the repurposing of properties to suit modern ministry and create a sustainable future.

WHY THE NAME 'NEHEMIAH'?

In Nehemiah 3, the scripture tells about a leader who rallied a community into working together to meet needs by building and restoring a city. We seek to do the same for the transformation of our communities and the world.

WHY SHOULD WE REPURPOSE A BUILDING?

We believe in building new ministries through asset based planning. Are your buildings an asset that can help grow your ministry to reach further and deeper in your community? Every idea begins with a vision.

Nehemiah Properties has the resources to help shape your vision through strategic partnerships with A Future With Hope and The United Methodist Stewardship Foundation of Greater New Jersey. We'll work with your congregation, leaders, community and local government to help discern your property's potential and guide funding.

WHEN SHOULD WE CONSIDER...

REPURPOSING OUR CHURCH?

- A vacancy due to building damages in excess of the current structures' value
- Unoccupied buildings resulting from mergers, change in demographics or movement in your community
- Buildings that would better serve our mission in the community through a different, more cost effective and sustainable use

SELLING PROPERTY?

- When managed well, church property can be an asset for sustainable ministry. Sometimes a congregation is better served by selling property and investing the proceeds. If you think your property can be turned into a financial asset, Nehemiah can help facilitate the sale.

WHAT'S THE PROCESS?

- Discern a vision with your congregation
- Identify and assess property with Nehemiah Properties
- Engage your community with A Future With Hope
- Explore funding options with The United Methodist Stewardship Foundation of GNJ

Is your church sitting on a potential community changing opportunity? Is God calling you to step out in faith and further the mission?

If you or your church is interested, please contact nehemiah@gnjumc.org to find out more. We will guide you, your congregation and your community each step of the way, from start to finish.



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With more than 1,000 properties throughout the state including churches, parsonages, fellowship halls and cemeteries, GNJ is establishing Nehemiah Properties to create sustainable use and regenerative income from these valuable resources owned by our congregations. Nehemiah Properties help congregations create long-term sustainability and income from development and repurpose of their most valuable resources to expand our mission to make disciples to transform the world.



UNITED METHODISTS OF GREATER NEW JERSEY

With 550 congregations and 40,000 worshipers each week, United Methodists of Greater New Jersey are heeding God's call to make disciples of Christ for the transformation of the world.



A FUTURE WITH HOPE

A Future With Hope works with Nehemiah Properties to help congregations connect with their local communities regarding engagement in missional needs and process. They work to foster relationship with the community to assess, strategize, and help maximize mission impact in the community for positive transformation.



UNITED METHODIST STEWARDSHIP FOUNDATION OF GREATER NEW JERSEY

The United Methodist Stewardship Foundation of Greater New Jersey works with Nehemiah Properties in resourcing congregations with financing and supporting their initiatives through grants and fundraising initiatives. They work with congregations to coach, pinpoint and help connect with potential investors and or providing guidance in launching fundraising campaigns to achieve their repurposing vision.



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