



TO: Calvin Church Congregation

FROM: Family Assistance Task Force (Amy Netz, Ruth Rice, Ron Rozema, Bobbie Talsma)

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On Sunday March 30, following the morning service and congregational meeting, council offered the opportunity to learn about an exciting proposal to replace the long-time home of our Family Assistance Program. Slides from the presentation by Bill Boer are posted on our church web site www.calvincrc.org click on the Ministries tab which will give you a drop down list. Click on Outreach and Services. There you will find the *Family Assistance Presentation*, the *Letter to the Congregation*, and the *Pledge Form*. Hard copy and pdf versions are available on request from Kim in the church office.

On April 27 in a congregational meeting, council will invite approval of a proposal to move ahead with the project. The motion to be presented includes provisions that the proposal must pass by a 2/3 majority by paper ballot and that half of the anticipated construction cost of about \$600,000 be in-hand or confirmed in written commitments before construction begins. These caveats make every vote and every gift commitment essential.

Gift forms to confirm your commitment, contingent on passing the motion and securing the funds, are available from the church office or by contacting any member of the Task Force.

We urge your prayerful, strong support of this proposal to assure the safe continuation of this vital, volunteer-dependent service ministry.

Whom does Family Assistance serve? As told by Bobbie Talsma

We heard immediately when a mom's house burned down. Mom had four boys ages 4 through 12. That same day, we provided linens, blankets, warm clothing, jackets and boots along with some necessary personal care items. We always add something to comfort the children: their own quilt, a teddy bear, a couple of books, a toy or a game. We also include a note stating these gifts reflect the love and goodness of God to comfort his children; that God loves us and He loves them too.

Calvin Church's Family Assistance is at its tipping point on several fronts. We continue as a team; we make a difference in our community serving the least among us. During 2013, we served 2,947 people through 34 Agencies and 110 Social Workers. The need is deeper than ever. We are asking you to support the proposal for a new building on campus to continue our hands-on tradition of Calvin's Family Assistance ministry in our community.