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# Central Presbyterian Church



# Outline

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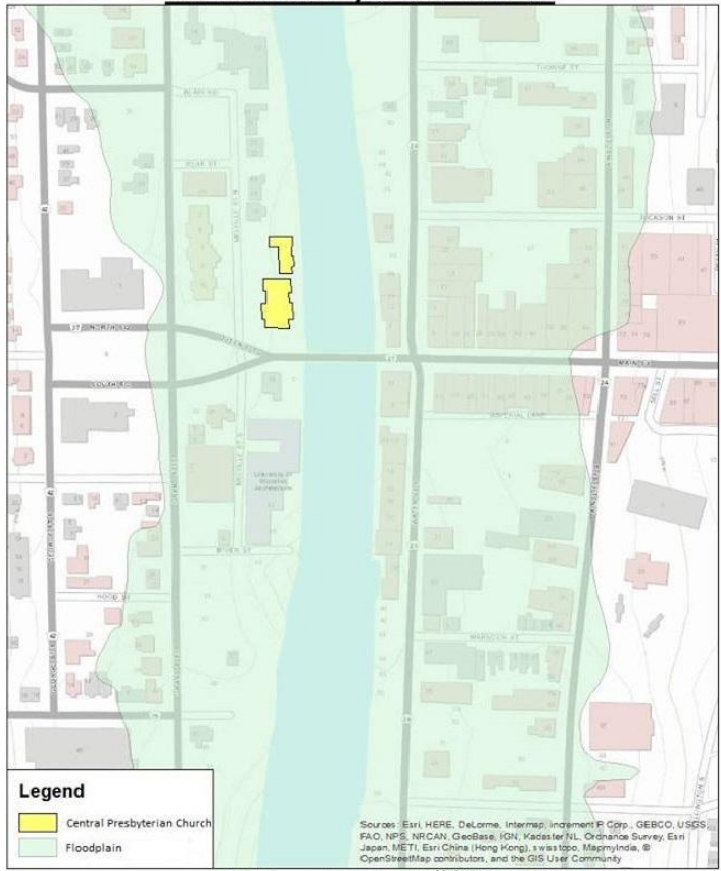
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# Church Background



## Central Presbyterian Church



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# Location

# Central Presbyterian



# Research Process

Demographic Research



Interview Community Organizations  
Representative



Interview with Central Presbyterian  
Church Representatives



# Findings

## Current Outreach Activities

- Rachel's Home
- The Cambridge Self-Help Food Bank

## Church Needs

- Church needs to better utilize space
- Other sources of revenues

# Reutilization Options

1. Do Nothing
2. Host Conferences and Concerts
3. Second Floor Extension
4. English as a Second Language Program

# 1. Do Nothing

- Receive funding from members of the congregation, heritage grants, and filming
- Underutilized space
- Update church management strategy plan every 3-4 years



# Do Nothing Implications

## City

- Re-assess at a later date
- No Zoning changes

## Church

- Continue current outreach programs
- Underutilized space
- Experience ups and downs naturally

## Community

- Nothing changes
- Continue current programs
- Continue services

## 2. Host Conferences and Concerts

- There is a need for conference space in downtown Galt
- Building is equipped with appropriate technology
  - New stage
  - Large projector
  - High quality sound system
  - Modern instruments
- Space is known for acoustics



# Conferences and Concerts Implications

## City

- Parking needs to be accommodated
- No zoning or policy implications

## Church

- Advertise conference space availability
- Collaborate with the School of Architecture

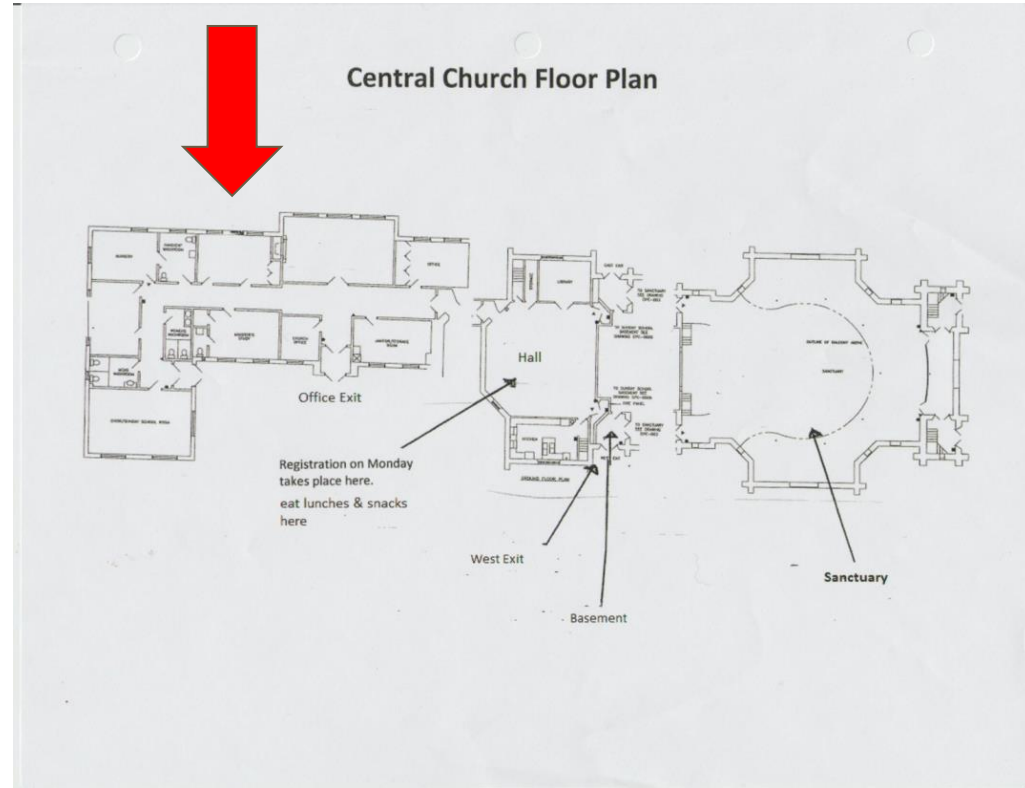
## Community

- Increase community involvement
- Provide companies and businesses with conference space



# 3. Second Floor Extension

- The new addition was designed for expansion
- Creates space for current programs
- Creates space for possible future programs furthering community outreach



# Second Floor Extension Implications

## City

- Consider building permit for approval
- Does not interfere with Heritage Designation
- No zoning implications or changes

## Church

- Apply for building permit for second floor expansion
- Expensive initial investment
- Consult with building contractors and structural engineers

## Community

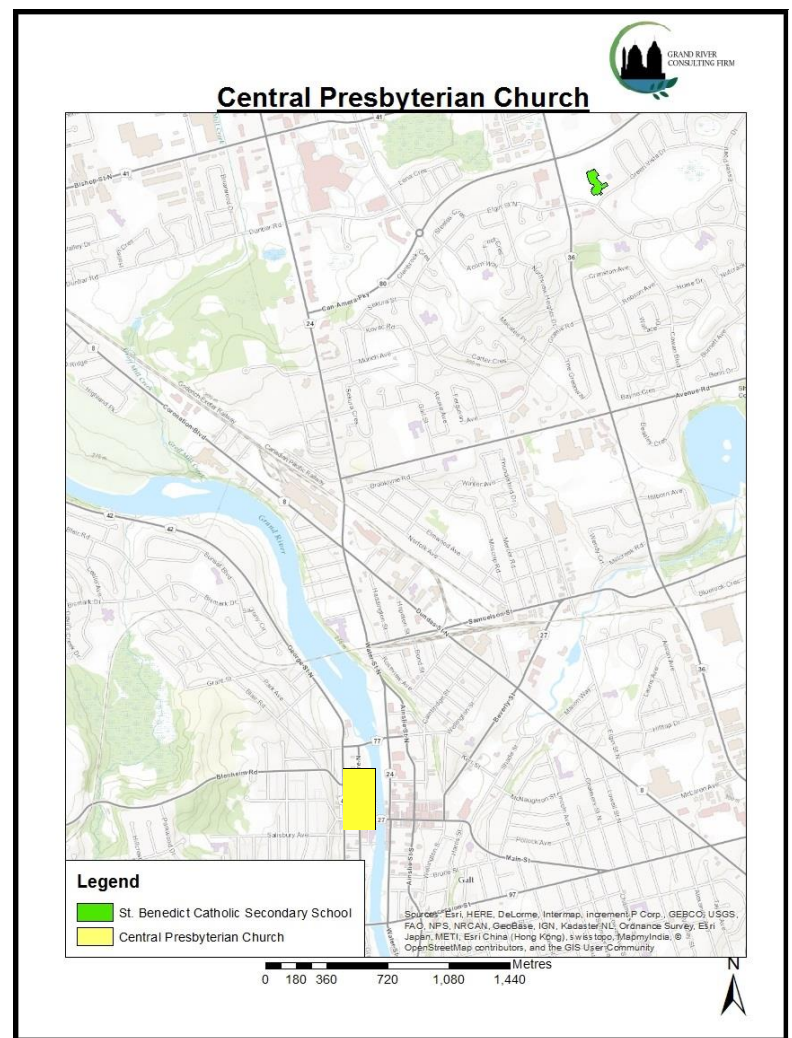
- Allows more programs to be held in the church increasing community involvement



# **Learning Centre for English as a Second Language (ESL) Program**

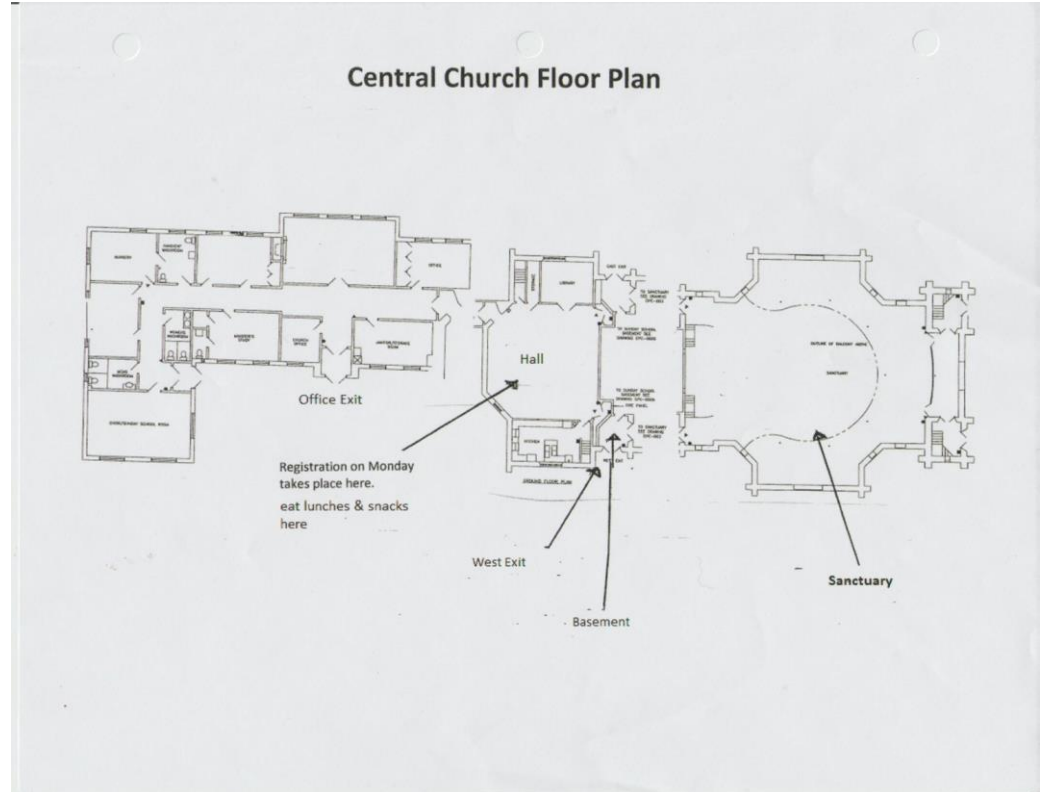
# 4. ESL Program

- St. Louis Adult Learning and Continuing Education Centres' main campus in Cambridge closed
- Currently classes run out of St. Benedict Catholic Secondary School



# ESL Program

- St. Louis needs more space to accommodate for high demand
- ESL (English as a second Language) Program
  - Greater immigration calls for a need in more ESL Programs



# ESL Implications

## City

- No action required
- No zoning implications or changes
- Promotes diversity

## Church

- Facilitate a meeting between Central Presbyterian Church and St. Louis
- Sunday School rooms can be used for ESL Classes
- Connection to the Community
- Increased Revenue

## Community

- More programs available
- New immigrants can become more involved with the community

# Overarching Policy Considerations



# Accessibility Considerations

## Accessibility Challenges

**Action:** alter interior structure allowing for wheelchair access throughout Central

**Implication:** contact a structural engineer and renovation manager to assess cost

**Outcome:** inclusivity for all individuals who may attend a church service, conferences, and adult learning classes for ESL



# Parking and Transportation Considerations

- Central only has 5 parking spaces
- Additional parking options
  - Rent parking from Knox's Galt
  - Rent spaces from the Cambridge Public Library Parking lot
- Bike rack stations



# Central Presbyterian Reactions

- Expressed their desire to increase community outreach
- Interested in increasing revenue opportunities to draw in younger audiences



# Conclusion

- Do Nothing, Host Conferences and Concerts, and Second Floor Extension
- The ESL program would help Central Presbyterian Church further be involved in the community



**Thank you to the Church representatives, and other community members we have contacted.**

