

## The Survey Report on the Parish Moving Project to the Renehan property; the Parishioners of the Baltimore Holy Korean Martyrs (Sep 9, 2019)

### 성당 이전에 관한 볼티모어 한인 천주교회 2019 년 9 월 교우 여론 조사 결과 보고서

**Summary:** Per the direction of His Excellency, Archbishop William Lori, a poll on the parish moving project was conducted from September 1 to September 15, 2019. All of the active parishioners 18-years or older were invited to participate in a survey to determine: 1) the parishioner's opinion to move to the Renehan Property, and 2) the level of financial support the parishioner would be willing to offer the parish for the building project. Three hundred sixty-five out of a total of 375 surveys (average of September mass attendance 437) were considered valid, with ten surveys voided. Results indicated that the parish moving project is favored by 291 surveys (79.7%) while 74 (20.3%) of the responders prefer to stay at Woodlawn campus. Regardless of supporting the project or not, 310 responders expressed that they plan to contribute \$1,186,250 for the building project. Since the survey results confirmed that the majority of parishioners support the project, we propose to resume the master plan and the appraisal which has been held off.

**요약:** 대주교님의 지시로 볼티모어 한인 천주교회에 등록된 18 세 이상의 모든 열심 교우를 대상으로 여론 조사를 2019 년 9 월 1 일부터 2019 년 9 월 15 일까지 실시하였다. 전체 375 개의 (9 월중 평균 미사 참석 437 명) 컴퓨터 혹은 종이 설문지를 받았으며 그 중에 무효 판정을 받은 10 개를 제외한 총 365 개의 설문을 분석하였다. Renehan 땅으로 이전하는 것에 291 명 (79.7%)의 교우가 찬성하였고, 현재의 Woodlawn 에 남아서 고치면서 살기를 선호하는 교우가 74 명 (20.3%) 였다. 모금 운동이 시작된다면 310 명의 교우가 총 \$1,186,250 를 헌금할 의향이 있음을 밝혔다. 이에 교우 대다수가 이전을 선호하는 것으로 확인되었으므로 중단되었던 성당 이전을 위한 마스터 플랜과 가격 감정을 재개하기를 건의한다.

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This report is approved. It is ready to submit to His Excellency and to circulate to the Parishioner.

이 보고서를 승인합니다. 교구장께 보고하는 것과 교우들에게 회람하는 것을 허락합니다.

## 1. Background and Procedure of the Survey

The Parish Council of the Holy Korean Martyrs decided to develop a master plan to build a new church at the Renehan Property at the monthly Council meeting on June 2019; our Pastor approved the plan. After discussion to the Facility Department of the AOB, the Quin Evans was determined to be the best option. The kick-off meeting for the master plan was scheduled for July 24, 2019. The Parish Council also decided to get an official appraisal of the Woodlawn campus. A phone call July 23 and a letter July 30, His Excellency put on hold the plan until a poll is conducted. His Excellency's instruction on the poll was: *"The survey should give each parishioner eighteen and over, male and female, the opportunity indicates clearly: 1) his or her preference for moving to Howard County or staying in Woodlawn; and 2) the approximate level of financial support the parishioner would be willing to offer the parish for each option. The survey should be made available in both electronic and written form."* It is also instructed to work with Bishop Brennan on the format of the survey.

A few teleconferences took place under Bishop Brennan's direction to prepare a Survey form. The participants were the Bishop, Nolan McCoy, Father Joseph, Parish Corporate Boniface Kim, and the Building Committee Chair Joseph Yi. Survey drafts were reviewed, modified by the meeting participants and approved by the Bishop, August 6. (Attachment 1). In three weeks, a computer software and a paper form, 1 weeks to review the poll list by each parishioner at Sep 1, then the poll was conducted Sep 7- Sep 15.

## 2. Survey method and Analysis

### - Survey questionnaires

The Building Committee Chair drafted the surveys, which were then reviewed by His Excellency. Under the Bishop's directions, the draft was significantly modified before final approval. There were two questions; 1) Parishioner's opinion on the moving project, 2) level of financial support.

### - List of Polling Participants

All of the active parishioners who are 18-years or over were invited to join the poll. Mailing list of all of 343 families who receive mail from the Parish was tentatively regarded as a poll list. After the review of the poll list and during the process of the polling, the list was updated per parishioners' request. During this period, the parish office helped parishioners to update their registration unless their names are in the active list.

### -Guideline of the valid ballots

The surveys were regarded valid if the survey was delivered in one of the following:

- 1.) a survey delivered to one of the volunteers in person before or after the Sunday masses;
- 2.) a survey delivered to one of the volunteers in person during the polling period;
- 3.) an electronic survey completed in front of a volunteer;
- 4.) a survey delivered to the Parish Office in person during the polling period; and

5.) a mailed survey which is confirmed by the parish manager over the phone.

Surveys of non-registered parishioners were regarded as valid only after the responder registered as a Parishioner. Any surveys with no address information or blank answer to the first question were considered void. More than one survey per a person or proxy ballots are void.

#### **- Polling process and Volunteers**

The polling process was managed by volunteers who were either the Committee members or any other parishioner volunteers. All of the volunteers were given a written procedure of the polling process and were provided training. The volunteers signed after the training. The roles of the volunteers were to collect polls either by assisting Parishioners' electronic survey or by receiving paper surveys, to upload the paper survey to the database, double-checking the number and the contents of uploaded the surveys.

#### **-Upload Process**

Each survey was uploaded after each Sunday mass. Surveys delivered in person during the weekdays were uploaded after the Saturday mass. All of the volunteers of the day participate the uploading procedure at the Music Room. Three volunteers are assigned to each terminal and up to 4 terminals are used simultaneously. In order to prevent mistakes, each volunteer help and monitor other volunteer's activity. There are 3 steps in uploading: checking the ballot paper, verifying the name and the address; and confirming answers to the questionnaires. Volunteer A may move to next step only if the volunteer B agrees. If two volunteers do not agree, the volunteer C will participate the discussion. Volunteers initialed on each survey after uploading so that tracking is possible if needed.

#### **-Closing the uploading process and Verification**

Only surveys received at or before September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2:00 PM are valid. Any surveys arriving after closing will be void. Accuracy of the uploading process was tested by comparing the uploaded results of twenty arbitrarily chosen ballots.

### 3. Results of the Survey

#### - Volunteers

Nineteen volunteers including 4 Committee members, some of the members of Community of Timonium Parishioners; Young Adult Community; and Community of Holy Mother. All of the volunteers were given a written procedure of the polling process and were provided a training. The volunteers signed after the training.

#### - Survey Responders

Three hundred seventy-five parishioners participate the survey: 4 electronic and 371 paper; 342 after Sunday mass and 33 in person.

Among these 10 surveys determined to be void: redundant (1), proxy (2), non-parishioners (5), blank survey (1), submit after deadline (1). After excluding void surveys, 365 surveys are used for the analysis.

There have been a few disagreement between the volunteer A and the volunteer B, mostly due to unclear or unregistered addresses. For these cases, the parish office manager Ms. Rosa Kim helped to register the responders who have not been registered as parishioners, after she confirms from the unregistered parishioners. No major concerns which prevent from proceeding to analyze were found after the verification of arbitrary chosen 20 surveys, which led to proceed to analyze.

#### - Results on the First question (To move or to renovate?)

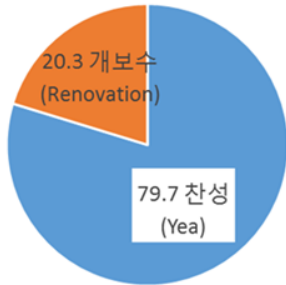
Among 365 valid ballots, 291 responders answered for the project of moving to Renehan property and 74 chose to stay at the Woodlawn and renovate the buildings (Table 1), or **79.7 %** for the project and **20.3 %** for the renovation. Women responders prefer the project more than men, but the difference was not statistically significant. (Table 1 and Fig 1.)

표 1. 건축 지역 선호도, 전체 및 성별

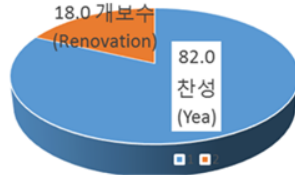
(Table 1. Numbers by Polling Counts, All and per gender)

	Yea to Move 이전 찬성	Renovation 성전 개보수	Total 계
All Participants 전체 교우	291	74	365
Female Participants 여성 교우	169	37	206
Male Participants 남성 교우	113	32	145
Gender Unknown 성별 미상	9	5	14

All Parishioners 전체 교우



Female Parishioners 여성 교우



Male Parishioners 남성 교우



Fig. 1 전체, 성별 찬성 반대 백분율, Percentage distributions (All and per Gender)



As we can see in the Tables 2 and 3, no statistically significant tendency per age have been found. Since the responders of 20's and 30's are less than 20, two groups are merged in Table 3. The support rate of the 40's and 50's demonstrated as 75% which is slightly lower than the average, but not statistically significant. Even the smaller number 75% means ¾, which is way over the majority. This suggests that the moving project is equally supported by all age groups, from 80% of the responders.

표 2. 연령별 찬성 반대 숫자

(Table 2. Numbers by Polling Counts, per Age)

	Yea to Move 이전 찬성	Renovation 성전 개보수	Total 계
18-29	17	2	19
30-39	8	4	12
40-49	24	8	32
50-59	51	17	68
60-69	71	13	84
70-79	65	16	81
80 or Over	28	4	32
Age Unknown	27	10	37

표 3. 연령별 찬성 반대 백분율

(Table 3. Percentage per Age)

	Yea to Move % 이전 찬성 %	Renovation % 성전 개보수 %
18-39	80.6	19.4
40-49	75.0	25.0
50-59	75.0	25.0
60-69	84.5	15.5
70-79	80.2	19.8
80 or Over	87.5	12.5
Age Unknown	73.0	27.0

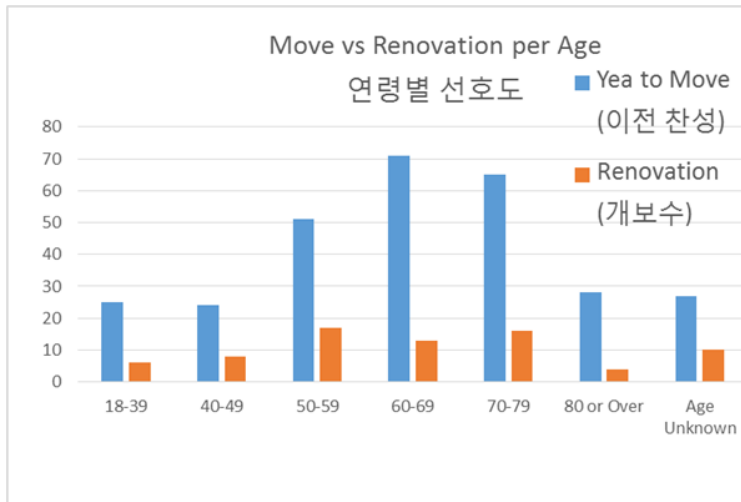


그림 2. 연령별 선호도

(Fig 2. Numbers by Polling Counts, per Age)

Fig 3. Demonstrates distributions of residences of the survey responders. Yellow color indicates the distributions of the residences of the 'Yea to move' group, while Red color the 'Renovation' group. As it is seen in the figure obviously, both of the groups are distributed all across the AOB region, but, no attempt was made to analyze quantitatively.

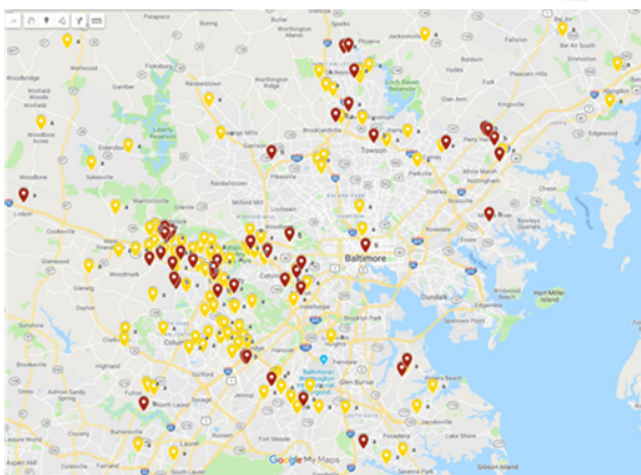


그림 3. 각 그룹의 거주지 별 분포. Fig 3. Distributions of the residences of each group.

- **Results on the Second question (Contribution plan)**

A survey with no answer on question 2 was counted as no contribution (\$0). This was informed at every mass. Three hundred twelve responders replied to contribute, while 53 demonstrated no contribution. About 70% of the responders planned to contribute about or less than \$5,000, while 6% more than \$10,000. (Table 4) Total is expected to be \$1,186,250. Moving project supporters plan to contribute twice of that of the renovation group.

표 4. 헌금 계획 Contribution Plan

	No Contribution 헌금 계획 없음	<\$2,500	\$2,500 - \$5,000	\$5,000 - \$10,000	\$10,000- \$15,000	\$15,000- \$20,000	>\$20,000
All Participants 전체 교우	53	147	107	37	16	2	4
Yea Group 찬성 그룹	21	120	93	35	16	2	4
Renovation Group 개보수 그룹	32	26	14	2	0	0	0
Representative Value for Calculation (\$) 계산에 사용한 값	0	1250	3750	7500	12500	17500	22500

표 5. 연령별 헌금 계획 Contribution Plan per Age

	Total Amount 총액
All Participants 전교우	\$1,186,250
Yea Group 찬성 그룹	\$1,086,250
Renovation Group 개보수 그룹	\$100,000
18-29	63750
30-39	28750
40-49	132500
50-59	286250
60-69	300000
70-79	195000
80 or Over	68750
Age Unknown	111250



#### 4. Discussions

Average mass participants for 3 weekends of September is 437. This number includes 17 or less young parishioners who are not invited to the poll. Poll participants, 365 means 83.5%; it may be even higher if the number of younger parishioners is known. Most of the adult mass participants contributed to the survey.

The moving project is supported by 80% of the participated parishioners. This justifies the validity of the moving project in terms of the parishioner support, considering overwhelming support for the project, regardless of the gender, age, and the region of residence. There are, however, 4 lessons which we learned more clearly through the process of the survey mainly from the renovation group. We need to consider these towards the next step: 1) concerns on the uncertainty of the zoning process, 2) financial concerns, especially uncertainty in the construction cost and the price of the Woodlawn campus, 3) concerns on the allocation of the parish priority; there are many priorities in the parish as important as the building project, but, the importance of these may be neglected if the importance of the building project is overly emphasized for coming years, 4) special consideration is needed for the senior parishioners living in the HKM senior apartment. We have to consider the first and the second concerns, seriously, anyway for us to proceed. There are many hurdles in front of the project: a successful business plan to be reviewed by His Excellency, Howard County zoning and especially neighbor hearings. The Committee needs to be more meticulous and to develop more communications with the parishioners. The third concern is beyond the scope of the Committee. The missions of the parish need to be reminded frequently to all of the stake holders of the parish including the Pastor, the employees, the layman leaders and all parishioners so that they do not forget our mission which our Lord commended us. The last concern does not only applied to the senior apartment parishioners but also applies to any senior member of the HKMCC parishioners. Transportation plan including the shuttle service to the seniors needs to be designed and established soon to help their participating in mass.

Thirteen families registered voluntarily by recognizing they have not through the process of this survey. What is the most thankful thing was that 4 families who have not practiced for a while returned and registered again. This survey has not intended this effect, but this motivated the families. We strongly hope this kind of pleasant-unexpected surprises continue to happen throughout the building process.

## 5. Conclusion

The moving project to Renehan property is widely supported by the active parishioners, women or men; young or aged and living north, south, east, and west. We propose to resume the master plan kick-off meeting and the appraisal of the Woodlawn campus, which was initially scheduled to be July 24 and has been held off.

## 첨부 (Attached)

1. Brennan 주교께서 승인한 여론 조사 문항 (Survey Questionnaires approved by Bishop Brennan)



첨부 1. Brennan 주교께서 승인한 여론 조사 문항 (Survey Questionnaires approved by Bishop Brennan)

## 영어판 설문지 (English Version)

Dear beloved Parishioner,

This survey is to collect opinions of the HKMC Parishioners on moving to the 38-Ac Renehan property in Howard County or on staying at the current Woodlawn campus.

Having a decent church for our Holy Korean Martyrs Parish has been a long desire of our parishioners since the conception of our Parish, the Korean Catholic Community in the Baltimore Area 1972 and the approval of the Parish 1988. Several attempts have been tried since then, including 1993 building committee; 1997 moving to Woodlawn campus; 2007 building committee; 2014 Remodeling committee and 2014 building committee. Efforts of 2007 committee received the building project approval from the Parish Council followed by the approval from then Cardinal in the year of 2010, however, the plan did not go through since the not-favorable economic environment. Again, the Parish Council re-approved the new building plan which constructs 17,000 sq ft new building at current campus.

Oct 6 2015, this plan has been brought to His Excellency Archbishop William Lori, who inspired us the vision to move our Parish to Howard County, center of the Korean population. Indeed, the missions of our Parish is to proclaim the Gospel to Koreans reside in the AOB region and nurture their Eucharistic living. When His Excellency suggested on moving, not only myself but also our parish leaders in the meeting were shocked from unexpected but enlightening call. What His Excellency offers was the words from Luke, "Put out into deep water, and let down the nets for a catch."

Since then, we searched land for 3 years until His Excellency directed us to design a plan to build a new church on the Renehan property, which is also in Howard County. As it is pointed out by the experts who are members of our Building Committee, it is such an incomparable opportunity, I believe, for us to move our Parish there. There are 4 distinct advantages to move;

- 1) Better opportunity to proclaim the good news to the non-believing Korean population since we are with them in the center of the Korean population;
- 2) Better serve to Parishioners for same reason as above,
- 3) More interaction opportunities with tepid members,
- 4) More attractive to young generations since we are new and conveniently located.

On the other hand, this plan has a risk of uncertainty in getting a construction approval from the Howard County government; if we fail to get the construction approval, we'll lose the opportunity to move to the Renehan Property.

We have two options to choose; to move to the Renehan property (Option 1) or to stay here at Woodlawn Campus (Option 2) with significant renovation.

Option 1 is estimated to require \$6M - \$6.5M for the initial phase for 19,000 sqft which allows us ~400-pew church and classes. Then we can add more spaces, later. Considering savings (over \$3.5M) and the estimated price of the current campus (~\$2.5M) we can build our new home with similar amount of budget which we have now for the initial phase. As the project moves, we need raise campaign or loan.

Option 2 does not require initial phase campaign since the remodelling has been estimated to be \$3.5M - \$4.0M. Considering many problems of the buildings of Woodlawn campus, more than major revision is required per the study of the Remodeling Committee 2014. We may need to raise similar amount of campaign/loan when we need to expand our spaces in the future.

As a summary, the Option 1 promises more, while the Option 2 has less risk than the Option 1.

Considering the information provided here, I request your honest opinion on these two options, which will affect our future significantly.

Thank you.

Bonded in the Christ, Pastor Fr. Joseph Kim

Address:

Name: Christian Name:

#### Questions

1. Do you support the moving project, Option 1?
  - a. Yes, I want to move to the Renehan Property to practice our mission at the center of the Korean population
  - b. No. I prefer the Option 2, to stay here at the Woodlawn Campus and to renovate our home to attract more Korean people.
2. Regardless of the options you choose, how much can you contribute for the Parish in responding to the fund raising campaign in the near future?
  - a. Less than \$10 /week for 5 years (Total less than \$2500)
  - b. \$10- \$20 /week for 5 years (Total \$2500 - \$ 5000)
  - c. \$20- \$40 /week for 5 years (Total \$5000 - \$ 10,000)
  - d. \$40- \$60 /week for 5 years (Total \$10,000 - \$ 15,000)
  - e. \$60- \$80 /week for 5 years (Total \$15,000 - \$ 20,000)
  - f. More than \$80 /week for 5 years (Total more than \$20,000)

## 한국어 판 설문지 (Korean Version)

+ 사랑하는 교형 자매 여러분,

하워드카운티의 38 Ac Renehan 땅으로 우리 본당이 이사갈 것인지, 지금의 Woodlawn 에 남아 있을 것인지 교우들의 의견을 묻기 위하여 여론조사를 실시합니다.

멋진 교회에서 신앙생활을 하고자 하는 우리의 마음은, 우리 본당이 1972 년에 출범하고 1988 년에 본당으로 승격한 이래로 품어왔던 오랜 숙원입니다. 그간 여러 차례 성당 건립에 대한 시도가 있었습니다. 1993 년의 성당 건립위원회를 시작으로 1997 년 지금있는 Woodlawn 지역으로의 이사, 2007 년 건축위원회, 2014 년 리모델링 위원회, 같은 해 건축위원회가 구성되어 활동해 왔습니다. 2010 당시 교구장으로부터 건축 승인을 받기도 하였습니다. 그러나 경기 불황의 여파로 이 계획을 계속 추진하지 못했습니다. 2015 년 사목평의회는 17,000 평방피트의새 성당 건물을 현 교육관을 헐고 신축하기로 결정하고 교구장님께 달려갔습니다.

2015 년 10 월 6 일 대교구장 윌리엄 로리 대주교께 우리의 계획을 보고드릴 때, 대주교께서는 한인의 중심 지역인 하워드 카운티로 본당을 이전하는 것이 어떤가고 물어 보셨습니다. 우리 본당의 사명이 볼티모어 대교구 내 거주하는 한인들에게 복음을 선포하고 그들로 하여금 성사 생활을 누리도록 하는 것입니다. 대주교님의 제안은 저 뿐 아니라 함께 했던 사목회 임원 모두에게 생각하지 못했던 일깨움의 충격을 주었습니다. 대주교님의 방향 제시는 루카 복음의 말씀처럼, 깊은 곳으로 가서 그물을 던지라 하는 것과 다를 바 없었습니다.

그 이후로 우리 건축위원회는 3 년간 성당 부지를 열심히 찾아 다녔지만 성과가 없자, 결국 대주교께서는 교구청 소유인 하워드 카운티 소재 Renehan 땅에 성당 건립 계획을 만들어서 갖고 오라고 지시하셨습니다. 이 곳으로 이사가는 것은, 건축위원회 위원 한 분이 지적한 것처럼, 비교할 수 없이 좋은 기회라 하는데 동의합니다. 그 중에 특히 다음 네가지 중요한 잇점을 이사함으로써 누릴 수 있습니다.

- 1) 한인 거주 중심지로 이사가는 것이기에 한인들에게 더 효과있게 복음을 선포할 수 있습니다.
- 2) 같은 이유로 지금 본당 교우들이 더 나은 신앙 생활을 할 수 있습니다.
- 3) 쉬는 교우들에게 더욱 가까이 다가갈 수 있습니다.
- 4) 편리하게 위치함으로써 젊은 세대에게 더 잘 다가갈 수 있습니다.

이제 모든 준비가 끝났습니다. 대주교님께서는 우리가 마음만 정하면 즉시 새성당을 신축하도록 허락하시겠다고 약속하셨습니다. 교우 여러분들께서는 다음의 두 개의 옵션 중에 어느 쪽을 더 선호하시는지 말씀해주시면 됩니다. **제 1 안은 Renehan 땅으로 신축 이전하는 것이고, 제 2 안은 이사가지 않고 현재 Woodlawn 땅에 새성전 신축 혹은 리모델링하며 사는 것입니다.**

경제적으로 보면, 제 1 안은 초기 건축비로 \$6 백만 - \$6 백 5 십만 정도를 들어서 400 여석의 성당과 교실 등을 갖는 19,000 평방 피트의 건축을 하는 것입니다. 추후 새성당에 살면서 성당의 성장을 보아가며 필요한 건물을 추가로 공사하면 총 공사비가 늘어날 것으로 예상합니다. 현재 우리는 현금 \$350 만불과 Woodlawn 성당 매각금 \$250 만불(추정)을 합하면 \$600 만불을 지니고 있습니다. 제 2 안은 리모델링 규모에 따라 비용이 \$350 만불 - \$400 만불을 예상합니다. 신축하게 되면 더 많은 비용이 듭니다. 2014 년 리모델링 위원회의 연구조사에 따르면 대대적인 리모델링이 필요한 것으로 나오고 결국 제 1 안과 비슷한 비용이 들것으로 예상하고 있습니다.

경제적인 면에서 전체적으로 요약을 한다면, 제 1 안은 제 2 안 보다도 공사하는데 모험성이 크다고 볼 수 있지만, 더 많은 가능성을 열어 누릴 수 있습니다. 위에 제시한 정보를 고려하시어 교형 여러분의 진솔한 의견을 듣고 싶습니다. 이 설문지 우리의 미래를 바꿀 것이라고 생각합니다.

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설문서

이름: \_\_\_\_\_ 세례명 \_\_\_\_\_ 전화 \_\_\_\_\_

주소: \_\_\_\_\_

설문 1: 교구청에서 제공한 새로운 부지에 성당을 지어 이사하기를 원합니까?

- ( ) 네, 저는 새성전, 우리 한인이 많이 밀집되어 있는 Renehan 부지로 이사해서 신앙생활 하기를 원합니다.
- ( ) 아니오, 저는 이곳 Woodlawn 캠퍼스에 남아 성전 개보수를 하며 살기를 원합니다.

설문 2: 이사 가서 새성전을 짓거나, 남아서 성전을 보수하거나, 성전을 위한 모금 운동이 실시된다면 귀하는 어느정도 기여할 능력이 있다고 생각하십니까?  
(지금 약정하는 것이 아닙니다)

- ( ) 1 주에 \$10 이하, 5 년간 봉헌. (총 \$2,500 이하)
- ( ) 1 주에 \$10 에서 \$20 정도, 5 년간 봉헌.(총 \$2,500- \$5,000)
- ( ) 1 주에 \$20 에서 \$40 정도, 5 년간 봉헌.(총 \$5,000-\$10,000)
- ( ) 1 주에 \$40 에서 \$60 정도, 5 년간 봉헌.(총 \$10,000-\$15,000)
- ( ) 1 주에 \$60 에서 \$80 정도, 5 년간 봉헌.(총 \$15,000- \$20,000)
- ( ) 1 주에 \$80 이상, 5 년간 봉헌. (총 \$20,000 이상)