Recommendations to Modify Parking to Better Meet Needs of Members with Mobility Issues

These represent recommendations resulting from a meeting October 30, 2016, of representatives from **Membership** (Rachel Rose), **Caring** (Mary George), **Building and Grounds** (Brad Kosiba) and **ECO** (Mike Vann, Cecilia Warshaw).

AGREEMENTS

- There is need for more handicapped spaces and more designated spaces closer to the building for those with reduced mobility. [Both the data and observations collected June 19 - September 25, 2016 and personal experiences and awareness of meeting participants validate this.]
- The above need is limited, so far, to Sunday mornings and special church events.
- Although the church has almost matched the ADA guides for handicapped parking, the number of spaces needed in a church setting may be higher than for other settings.
- It would be helpful to have a better idea of how many members have handicapped placards or reduced mobility.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- Add more handicapped parking spaces; Make right-hand spaces in back lot into handicapped spaces
- 2. Designate spaces in circle drive and back lot for those with more serious mobility issues
- 3. Move Visitor, Auction Winners, and environmentally-friendly spaces further into main lot to free closer spaces for those with less serious mobility issues
- 4. Use signage that indicates special use is for Sundays/Events; Signage refers to Sunday/ Event parking for those with mobility issues
- 5. Conduct mobility survey
- 6. Request a Within These Walls announcement (data, actions taken, other possible ideas)
- 7. Mark at least one handicapped space as "Van Only"

Related to other parking issues:

- 8. Parking attendant for one-service Sundays
- 9. "Culture shift" where leaders park off-site
- 10. Spaces for parents with small children
- 11. Carpool spaces replacing environmentally friendly spaces