

# Webber Street Christian Church (WSCC) and CU Church Partnership

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

*WSCC and CU Church's responses below were provided based on input of elders and/or leadership team from each respective church*

### **How did this partnership begin?**

The leadership of WSCC approached Jason Epperson, lead pastor of CU Church, about exploring a partnership to see how the two churches could work together to leverage their resources to show Christ's love in our community. This initial discussion led to many more conversations which led to the consideration of numerous ways to partner together, including shared use of the WSCC building.

### **What were the primary reasons behind this partnership?**

- To continue WSCC's 100+ year legacy of service to the community and furthering God's Kingdom
- Partnering with CU Church to better utilize the Webber Street facilities for ministry all week long
- To provide office space for CU Church as their lease expires in the coming year
- To utilize CU Church personnel to provide Sunday preaching for an indefinite term

### **Is there any timeline on how the partnership is implemented?**

- Mid-May – CU Church move offices to WSCC
- Beginning of June – Hank Sanford commence providing interim Sunday morning preaching for 9:00am service at WSCC
- June and July
  1. CU Church commence mid-week youth, children and adult ministries at WSCC
  2. Work on certain deferred maintenance and facility upgrades at WSCC\*\*
- Week of July 29 – CU Church & WSCC joint VBS held at WSCC building
- August or September – CU Church Thursday night services held at WSCC building

*\*\* Seal/ restripe parking lot, internet, painting / "touch up" work, security system, HVAC, roof leaks*

### **How long will this partnership be in effect?**

The Memorandum of Understanding<sup>^^</sup> between the two churches indicates that either party can terminate the arrangement with 30 days advance written notice.

*^^ A copy of the Memorandum of Understanding between WSCC and CU Church is available upon request.*

### **Does this partnership mean that WSCC and CU Church are merging?**

No. This partnership is not a merger of two churches into one church. This partnership is a reflection of two independent churches agreeing to share certain resources and certain costs in an effort to strengthen both churches' ability to serve and impact our community. At this time there have been no changes to the organizational status and leadership of these churches.

### **Is there an end plan of merging the two churches?**

There are no definitive plans for how this partnership will evolve. By serving together throughout the week, and CU Church temporarily providing a teaching pastor for WSCC each Sunday, we believe God will lead us in how our two church partnership will evolve.

### **How will Hank Sanford's involvement at CU Church change as a result of him providing interim preaching at WSCC on Sunday mornings?**

After Hank preaches at WSCC's 9:00am Sunday morning service, Hank will travel to the I Hotel to be there when CU Church's 9:30am service concludes. Hank's Monday-Thursday work at CU Church will remain unchanged.