

Proposal from Sign Committee for New Outdoor Church Signage

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Background

Our committee looked at various church signs in our local community and several other Mennonite Churches (on the web).

We considered our current sign and discussed what information is important to include on a sign and what could be removed to minimize clutter and enable the clearest visibility.

We considered the sign location and what makes the most sense for visibility from the street and walkways and for identifying the building as the church, considering some previous comments about visitor confusion between the school and the church buildings. We are recommending that sign be mounted on the church brick wall to the left of the Norma St. entrance. We believe this clearly identify our building and will be easy to install with top lighting.

We discussed what kind of welcoming language we should have on a sign. The current sign includes, **“All are welcome”** We came up with a slogan that is new for our church community, but that we felt succinctly captured our historical peace perspective and welcoming stance, **“*Rooted in peace, open to all*”**

We also looked at some broader signage issues related to parking signs and door vinyl.

We are recommending the following sign design to be mounted on the brick wall to the left of the Norma St. doors. We considered several different shapes but ended up recommending a simple rectangle. The size of the sign is 5 ft 6 inches wide by 3 ft 6 inches high (a total of 19.25 sq ft). Note: our existing sign is 6 ft wide by 4 ft high (24 sq ft).



Depiction of Sign on Building (from street)



The sign would be constructed with a plexiglass type back with an affixed printed design. Estimated costs are approximately \$500 (not including installation that we could do on our own). Installing lighting would be an additional cost (\$250-\$500).

We are also recommending that we purchase printed vinyl for the left-hand side doors on both the Norma St. and parking lot entrances. The door vinyl allows for a bit more information as well as a QR code that would direct phone cameras to our church web site. The vinyl would be approximately 30" wide (width of door) and 16" high.

Estimated cost are \$90 for the two doors



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Lastly we are recommending parking lot signs be placed beneath the present school signs at each entrance to the parking lot. This would clearly identify the lot for church parking as well as the restrictions for the school. The signs would be standard 12" x 18", made of aluminum and cost \$50 each.



Summary of Costs

Primary building sign – estimated \$500

Installation costs and lighting – estimated \$250-\$500

2 Door Vinyl – estimated \$90

2 Parking signs - \$100

Total - \$940 to \$1,190

Once the church has agreed on design, we would complete the required zoning permits and have the Sign Factory create the signs.