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Hey Kevin and Sue,

Hope this finds you well amidst all that's going on in your world right now. Kevin was made aware of briefly at Steering Committee that we have been exploring use of the Seminary for Sunday worship for City Church.

I can now confidently say that we've worked out an agreement to be able to move forward with renting their space in 2020, and our leadership team just approved the move. We will have access to the Seminary starting January 1st, and are hoping to have our first Sunday gathering there on January 19th.

I understand that your staff has been made aware of our exploring this option, under the circumstances I would have hoped to give you more lead time, but have peace knowing our agreement is (3) weeks notice. I was hoping you might be able to share with your leadership team the basis for our decision:

As we have cast some new vision or plans for 2020, acknowledging our slower growth, smaller size, and re-centralizing around life in our Gospel Communities, we have been in need in particular of a facility that not only meets the needs of our City Kids and classrooms, but also a worship space that fits our size.

The Seminary opportunity provides a much smaller worship space for our much smaller and intimate Sunday worship gatherings, on-site storage for all of our gear, significant decrease in set-up/tear-down for our limited volunteer base/staff, and affords us the opportunity to be near both Augie and USF where we have or are launching Gospel Communities on campus. In re-focusing on Gospel Communities, less energy is going toward our Sunday Gatherings, so any chance to simplify and keep energy low at those gatherings will be key for our team to totally invest at a Gospel Community level.

We have absolutely no complaints of your hospitality toward us, or the accommodations you have made for us, and without this opportunity, might have considered staying for another year. It's an opportunity we simply can't pass up.

On behalf of our team - thank you for welcoming us in, getting us started, serving us, supporting us, and giving us space to grow. Church planting is hard, and having a reliable space and reliable relationships at that stage has been such a great and needed blessing.

Additionally, we are putting together a thank you and gift for your church to show our appreciation for how you have helped us get started, been hospitable to our use of the space, and have accommodated for us greatly with rent, kindness, and opportunity we might not have had otherwise our first few years of planting.

As you share this with your Consistory/Staff - let us know how to best proceed with preparing to exit, and anything we can do to be a blessing to your congregation as we depart.

Thanks!

Luke