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Dear HTOC Community,

Christ is Risen!

Sorry for the delay in the patio proposal. Having already heard from several of you I am not expecting this proposal to pass. That is ok. I strongly hope this proposal (and the other proposals) do not become contentious.

One thought I will share before outlining the proposal because this is something that I have heard from other members and something that I also have thought before. It goes something along the lines of, "we should save money now because at some point we may need to hire a new Priest". Well, right now we have great Priests. Great resources to take advantage of if we are interested in improving our spiritual lives etc... I personally do not make nearly as much of this opportunity as I should (if we had a nice patio to sit and talk on it would be different).

Joking aside, my current thinking is that we need to take advantage of what we do have now. 15-20 years in the future if I'm going to a new church because there was no replacement for Fr. Philip and Fr. Peter I'm not going to be thinking I'm glad there was \$200k in the account of HTOC when it dissolved. Alternatively, if there is a new Priest that is able to build upon the foundation laid by our current clergy I don't think saving the funds that could have gone towards a patio, parking lot, etc. to put towards 6-9 months of clergy salary is going to make the difference.

I believe a nice patio will be heavily used and a benefit to the community. We can have multiple picnic tables, and umbrella's (with bases that can stay in place) for shade. Phase II (which is not part of this proposal) could be to put a nice pergola over a portion so that it could be even more covered from the elements such as sun, rain, snow and allow it to be used 3/4 of the year... optimistically. An additional benefit will be to have a handicap accessible entrance to the building!

Please reach out with any questions on the below proposal:

We have received a proposal to put in a patio and handicap walkway from Paul Swimm (Swimm Landscape + Plant Nursery Inc. <https://www.swimmlandscaping.com/>). He has done several walkways for Colin and me that have turned out very well and were much lower cost than every other quote we received. The all in cost for the church patio is \$25,000.

Please note the following about the attached/proposal in general:

1. This is a patio made from pavers
2. We have the choice of multiple colors/patterns (options can be seen here: <https://www.swimmlandscaping.com/patios>) a couple options will be presented at the community meeting
3. The attached is a concept sketch not an exact replica of the patio footprint (the curves are a little exaggerated etc.)
4. There will be a direct connection to the parking lot (not shown on the concept sketch) but it will look similar to the first example in the attached . Exactly where and how it would connect to the parking lot will depend in part on the the parking lot repair proposal being approved or not

Thank you all for feedback received thus far. I will be available this Sunday after church to discuss and/or feel free to email/call with thoughts, feedback, questions!

-Greg

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Outline for proposed patio area



*Door to be added by Ironhorn Enterprises

Examples of patio options





