

Buildings Review “Ideas”

2nd August – Consultation Uniting Church Johnsonville 5-6.30pm

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- Churches everywhere in the West are shrinking, failing to connect with younger generations and financially struggling
- Too early to decide on large, modern church (like Our Lady of Kapiti) costing several million dollars.
- Churchgoers in 15-20 years’ time are not in our pews now. Where will they come from? Our big church could be empty.
- A big church can still be an option but let’s wait and observe the “signs of the times”
- Keep land wherever that is possible and practicable
- In meantime, initiate discussions with other Christian Churches in the area. Are they interested in:
 - more active sharing of common goals?
 - sharing our respective buildings?
 - avoiding replication of facilities throughout the area?
 - working together
 - worshipping together
 - building a multi-denominational church/pastoral complex where respective traditions are acknowledged and respected but we try to spread the Gospel as a universal (ie “catholic”) People of God