

Pros & Cons of Moving Guild Meetings to the Live Oak Campus at 820 North Fairview

Pros

- Extensive hybrid meeting equipment & experience are available for immediate use
 - computers, two large wall mounted screens, multiple cameras, ethernet, speakers, and sound mixing equipment are already installed and configured in the main hall
 - a tech support person deeply familiar with the setup is available for hire
- The campus is light, modern and comfortable
 - 195 comfortable cushioned seats in the main hall ("Sanctuary Building") don't require setup
 - the main hall was designed for music and live recitals in addition to church services so the acoustics are excellent
 - the smaller hall ("Fellowship Hall") has tables, chairs and space for pre-meeting socializing, treasure table, etc.
 - a nice patio separates the two spaces
 - the stage in the main hall doesn't have a distracting backdrop like the new black and white eyesore that is now behind the stage at St. Andrews
 - the smaller hall could potentially be used for workshops at some point in the future if desired
 - see <https://liveoakgoleta.org/weddings-events/> for photos of both spaces
- Both parties are interested
 - Live Oak is seeking new opportunities for additional monthly income
 - several Guild members are members of the church

Cons

- Cost may be higher
 - Rental cost of both spaces (the main hall and the smaller hall) plus paying for tech support at the meeting may be more per month than current cost of St Andrews rental and chair setup.
 - Mitigation: The savings of having some speakers lecturing via zoom (thereby having no travel costs) might offset the higher monthly costs over the course of a year.
- Parking is on two levels
 - Parking is split on two levels, with the lower level separated by 17 steps. Street parking is available if both lots are full. The upper level includes two disabled spaces and two spaces for those with limited mobility.
- Storage may be limited
 - Storage options for the library carts, quilt stands and other items in the shared closet at St. Andrews are uncertain.
 - Mitigation: Live Oak has space and may be willing to have additional storage built/installed; items could be stored temporarily at the Guild storage unit or in members homes (as was done in the past).