



Project: Christ Church Frederica Master Plan
Re: **Ideas, Insights, and Barriers Summary**
Date: April 27, 2017

On Sunday, April 23, 2017, a parish workshop took place at the Christ Church Parish House on the historic grounds on St. Simons Island. Parishioners participated in four different team discussions focusing on the arrival experience, building sizes, programmatic elements, and building adjacencies. Below are several of the initial thoughts gathered from parishioners throughout the workshop.

Arrival Experience

- Clearly marked pedestrian crossings are needed
- Fully delineated parking is desired by a large portion of the parish, as “loosely-defined” parking tends to degrade over time and provides for less structured parking
- Creation of a drop-off point
- Clearly labeled signage and branding should be present along Frederica Road so that motorists know they are driving through an active area
- Possibility of creating a shuttle service for parishioners to use to alleviate stresses on parking

Building Size

- Several parishioners stated that at some point, a second chapel will need to be built to accommodate a growing parish
 - Others suggested exploring a means to expand the existing chapel, possibly through the south façade
- Possibility of converting attic space to offices for those staff that do not require expansive office space
- There is no space for active recreation – could there be an outdoor recreation field? Some suggest that an indoor recreation room is also needed as inclement weather can be unpredictable

Adjacencies

- An overwhelming amount of parishioners expressed a need for a safe, comfortable, and beautiful covered walkway or colonnade that would both reflect the architectural styles of the existing structures as well as provide for an efficient means of getting to and from the Chapel and Parish House, especially during inclement weather
- Possibility of creating a “visitor center” area with an archive space, as well as designated facilities/rooms for tourists

- Position visitor center in an area that could facilitate separate restrooms
- Recreational field that can serve as a community gathering space for the entirety of the parish

Music + Education

- Major focus on expanding classroom and choir room sizes
 - Many feel that the choir room is a major hub within the parish hall, therefore it should be expanded
- Introduction of “flex space” or “flex rooms”
 - These rooms can have defined purposes, however they can facilitate many uses if the need arises
 - Major need for additional meeting spaces; these rooms could be partitioned for further, diversified uses
- Possibility of creating a library for parishioners