

Discernment Voting 101:
Everything you could possibly want to know (and probably more)

1. After a short gathering in the sanctuary, we will move to the chapel. As we leave the sanctuary, everyone will receive THREE sticky notes, marked first, second, and third choice proposals. *(Can't be present in person on March 26? Read on for how to participate.)*
2. We will ask you to sign in, and write your initials on the stickies, so we can follow up with questions as necessary.
3. In the chapel, large-print posters of the proposals will be on the walls. You will be asked to place your stickies (ranked 1, 2 and 3) on the proposals you have discerned to be filled with the Spirit's movement for FCCB.
4. Each part of the BUILDING AND RENOVATIONS proposals are to be treated and voted for SEPARATELY. You CANNOT vote for the Buildings and Renovations proposal as a whole, as the projects are too large and diverse.
5. This means you will be discerning between 13 proposals:
 - a. The First Church ED HUB
 - b. Supporting and expanding work with current Partners
 - c. Environmental Assessment and Climate Justice
 - d. Child Care
 - e. (Buildings & Renovations) Capital Fund
 - f. (Buildings and Renovations) Community Music Space
 - g. (Building and Renovation) Generate Rental Income
 - h. (Building and Renovation) Improve Accessibility and Security
 - i. (Building and Renovation) FCCB Music Program Home Base
 - j. (Building and Renovation) Supporting Worship Life
 - k. (Building and Renovation) Front Entrance
 - l. (Building and Renovation) Public Bathrooms
 - m. (Building and Renovation) Affordable Housing
6. All of the proposals have multiple projects included. If you would like, you can vote for a specific part of the proposal, and not the whole proposal.
 - a. For example, PARTNERING has listed several stand-alone organizations we could work with. If you just want to focus on one of those organizations or areas (homeless outreach, for example) you can place your sticky over that particular part of the proposal. If you want to vote for the Partnering project in general, you can simply place your sticky at the top of the page or on the wall next to the poster.

CHILDCARE has two ways of making childcare happen at FCCB – option one and two. You can vote for either option one, or option two by placing your sticky directly over

those options. If you don't care how it happens, you just want to vote for childcare, you can simply place your sticky at the top of the page, or on the wall next to the poster.

ED Hub has several different focus areas you can choose between, and the Environmental assessment has several different suggested components.

Again, for these four proposals, you can vote for the whole proposal, or a part of the proposal, by placing your sticky in the appropriate part of the poster. Please see #4 above for information on voting on B&R proposals.

7. If you want all of your stickies – 1, 2, and 3 – to go to a particular proposal, you can do that. You can place your stickies however you have discerned to be where God is leading us.
8. After the discerning has occurred, we will be offering an extended coffee hour for folks to gather and chat before heading home.
9. *Can't be present on March 26?* About 10 minutes after worship – a new YouTube live stream will be available making the *Vision Discernment* gathering available to you.
10. *Can't be present on March 26 and want to share your Vision Proposal choices?* An online form for sharing your first, second and third *Vision Proposal* priorities will be available for you on our website [Vision page](https://bit.ly/visionprocess) – on or by – Wednesday March 29 (<https://bit.ly/visionprocess>). Please complete the online form and your priorities will be included in the congregation's tally.
11. *If you'd rather not use the online form:* please contact Caroline Catlin in the Church Office Wednesday the 29th – or Thursday the 30th – and she will record your priorities: 802 862 5010, ext 4; email: office@firstchurchburlington.org

How the votes will be tallied:

1. The Vision Team will look at the votes, both as they relate to individual parts of each proposal, and the aggregate for the proposal as a whole.
 - a. Let's take childcare for example. Say the first option gets ten votes, and the second option gets 4. 3 people vote for childcare in general – they don't care if it's option one or two. That's 17 votes for childcare overall – so we know it is important. Then they will look at the preferences for option one and two, as they craft the strategic plan going forward.
 - b. Again, the 9 separate Building and Renovations proposals will be tallied as separate proposals.
2. From these discerned priorities, the Vision Team will take six weeks to craft a strategic plan, which will then go to the Trustees for honing. After this, it will come back to the congregation for discussion and to undergo feasibility and implementation studies.