

Church Management Meeting Report 20251012

■ Reports and Confirmation Items

1. Parish House Heaters

Replacement is necessary. We are replacing a total of three old units together.

2. Evacuation Drill

It is difficult to hold a full drill during winter. Since it is also challenging to schedule a staff-only drill, the training will be postponed until next year.

3. Items Confirmed in the Previous Meeting

- **Kerosene Tank:** Purchased 20 years ago but still usable. The strainer has been cleaned. Painting the exterior will be planned.
- **Church Roof Insulation Material:** No updates since last report. We will consider possible methods of inspection, and the work may be carried out in the next fiscal year.
- **Mini Bazaar (scheduled for Nov. 2):** Will feature goods from the church shop, daily necessities provided by parish members, food from the bakery “Olive,” Café Bell, and contributions from the Filipino community. The entrance area will be used as the venue.
- **Projector:** The present projector can still function. A brighter model would be very expensive. Livestreaming via smartphone is also considered. Display content will be developed with the member of liturgy committee.
- **Children’s (Community) Cafeteria:** Information is currently being organized and discussed.
- **Participation of Foreign Members in Mass:** Currently Foreign members participate in readings once a month. The inclusion of “The Lord’s Prayer” and hymns in foreign languages is also being considered.
- **Youth Participation in Mass:** Students from Christian high schools plan to join the joint Mass in November.

■ Discussion Items

1. Abolishment of the color cloths behind the altar

There are vertical slit-like spaces in the wall on both sides of the altar. Currently, colored cloths are changed to match the liturgical colors, but this task has become increasingly difficult due to the aging of the volunteers.

→ Considering stained glass or shoji-like materials. The original design intent will be reviewed.

2. Elimination and consolidation of church committees

It was proposed by the Mission and Welfare Committee to dissolve the committee and integrate it as a sub-department under General Affairs Committee. The reason for this is that it has become increasingly difficult for current members to continue, and no new applicants have come forward to join. However, a few individuals are willing to assist with specific duties, such as serving as greeters or helping with the Bible Study group.

→ *Requires approval from the General Affairs Committee. Since that committee already handles a large budget and oversees broad responsibilities, implementing this change may be challenging. From a financial standpoint, it may be more practical to retain the committee. A review and possible restructuring of the committee’s functions, as well as a renaming, were suggested. Further discussion will continue.*

The Church School’s function will be transferred next fiscal year to the Education and Formation Department of the Parish Council. Consequently, the Miyamaecho Church School Committee will be dissolved. There has been a request to continue holding celebrations for the elementary and high school students of our parish.

→ *Reorganizing such celebrations at a parish-wide level was suggested. Will be confirmed by next meeting.*

The next meeting will be held on November 9th.