

**THE 'BIG SCREEN PROJECT'**  
**FIRST UNITARIAN CHURCH, OMAHA, NEBRASKA**  
Mid-Year Congregational Meeting  
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**The 'BIG SCREEN PROJECT'/Multi-Media group**

The Multi-Media group members—Gary Emenitove, Bob Bosco and Marie Sedlacek—have been looking into options for video display in the sanctuary.

The final solution is meant replace the current projector/screen setup, which is small, dim, clutters the chancel, limits the use of the chancel area and is a trip hazard.

**Purpose of upgrade...why are doing this?**

- Update technology
- Ease of use
- Project hard to see activities during the service like 'story for all ages'
- Current technology that fits with a younger demographic
- Aid to worship using different senses.

**Two technologies LED and LCD**

- We have shifted our focus away from projection technology because it relies on projecting an image onto a reflective surface which is hampered by bright ambient light such as in our sanctuary. Projection technology has been explored in the recent past. The price tag, light limitations and expensive upkeep doesn't seem to warrant further consideration. We shifted our focus to the following.
- LED - One technology is called a "video wall" and consists of multiple small panels with LEDs (light-emitting diodes) that are ganged together to create a large, seamless image of the desired size. This technology is very bright to withstand the ambient light. Though the tiles are lightweight, the electronic support structure is heavy. A LED video wall technology is exciting but more expensive than an LCD display unit.
- LCD - The other technology consists of one or more LCD display units (monitors) like thin TVs at home, but of commercial quality. The LCD image is sharp but will be less bright than LEDs. A 'high haze' technology limits the effects of reflection. They are lightweight and easier to install. Less expensive than LEDs. We plan to evaluate a monitor in our space.

**Non-technology philosophical questions...**

- How do we want technology to impact the use of sacred space?
- What space is sacred?
- What are we willing to do to bring appropriate technology into our sanctuary?

**Participate in a multi-media focus group...**

to determine location, size and quantity of multi-media display units.