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Plans for the refurbishment of the Chapel has been undertaken with the basic premise that the Chapel is and is to remain a sacred space. It may be used for gatherings of various groups that are formed from the membership of St. John the Divine.

A Group has been meeting to consider the various elements of the furnishings that need to be replaced or revived. The Group has gathered information and been in contact with several chair manufacturer's. It was agreed that wooden chairs designed for sacred spaces would be the most appropriate and the cost may not be too exorbitant. New Holland (which is the manufacturer with the most preferred product so far), has sent a package with detailed information. The Group also plans to include some accessories to be added to the chairs such as book holders. It has been estimated that several possible configurations would work with about 24 chairs.

It was thought that tables (possibly two) would be useful to have at the back of the Chapel. These could be used to keep the books on for use in services, and at other times be used for speaker's at meetings etc. The tables should be an appropriate size and design for a sacred space such as this.

The Group has researched some advertisements for local companies making customized doors. It was agreed that some investigation would be worthwhile at this time, for consideration even if this was not a high priority at first. An estimate will be obtained.

The plan is to repaint the Chapel in a lighter, warm and neutral colour. The Property Committee has been informed of the plan to paint the Chapel.

Some consideration is ongoing as to whether there will be a need to do something with the floor after the pews are removed.