

NOW  
IS THE TIME

VINEYARD  
CO/GALLERY  
GLENBOR

UNDERSTANDING THE TIMES &  
KNOWING WHAT TO DO

The heart of Vineyard Church Glendora has always been to be a porous and unboundaried church-- to not just gather people within the walls of a building for an event or a service, but to naturally and fluidly invite people into love-filled relationships with God, others, and themselves as we live and move and have our being in Christ.

It has been the burden of our church for many years that we are living in a moment in time when the lonely are becoming lonelier and the disconnected are becoming even more disconnected. Loneliness is now being cited as an American epidemic. According to a 2018 study, Generation Z is being identified as the loneliest generation.

**Meanwhile, the chasm between those who participate in church life and those who don't is ever increasing.**

It has become the reality of many churches today that fewer and fewer people are comfortable stepping foot into a church building to access connection, care, and essential support. Statistically defined, the Millennial's represent the lowest percentage of church involvement compared to prior generations. We must be attentive to this trend.

"THE CHURCH DOES NOT HAVE A MISSION IN THE WORLD. GOD'S MISSION HAS A CHURCH IN THE WORLD."

- Christopher Wright

We maintain that the Church, blessed, broken, and given to the world, continues to be God's beautiful announcement of love, hope, peace, and grace. So, while we celebrate what God has done throughout our church history, **Now is the Time** to reimagine how we reach the next generations with the good news of the Gospel!

## THE VISION

As a church community dedicated to joining God on mission in our time and day...

**WE ARE SEEKING TO DEVELOP A MULTI-USE, CO-GATHERING SPACE IN WHICH WE WILL INTENTIONALLY HOLD THESE THREE PURPOSES IN MUTUALITY...**

- Connecting **inwardly** to God's unique purposes for our lives.
- Connecting **outwardly** to God's love-filled activity in the world.
- Connecting **corporately** to God's vision for the church in community





VINEYARD

# CO/GATHER

GLENDORA







## VIEW #1

Welcome to the Vineyard Co/Gather! As you enter into this space, set your imagination loose! This is our space. This is your space. Picture all of the walls and ceilings down. This is a container for the church to fill with life and meaning so that people are called out of isolation and into love-filled connection with God, others and themselves. NOW IS THE TIME! *How might God be inviting us to use this space? How might God be inviting you to use it?*





## VIEW #2

When you first walk in, you will enter into a creative and warm atmosphere that is welcoming and comfortable for all ages. You will immediately notice that there are multiple types of spaces to gather in. There will be cafe tables to work at and comfortable couches to lounge in while chatting with friends over coffee. *What kinds of artwork would you put on the walls? What kinds of finishing touches would you make?*





### VIEW #3

What would be a gathering place without yummy drinks and snacks! Looking to the right, you will find a coffee shop ready to serve the community. This coffee shop will be owned and operated by a local coffee entrepreneur looking to lease the space and partner with the Co/Gather. Up above, you will see a mezzanine with additional seating and one of the private gathering rooms. *How might having a coffee shop serve as a bridge to the community? Open mic nights? Poetry readings? Youth events? What ideas do you have?*





#### VIEW #4

Moving onto View #4, you will see another view of the open cafe space. To the left is a larger private gathering room, to the right is the children's play gym, and down the hall are additional gathering rooms. *What do you see yourself doing in here? Studying? Meeting with a friend? Getting some work done? Reading?*





## VIEW #5

The space wouldn't be complete without a fun place for kids to roam and play! But, if you're studying, no worries! This area is surrounded by soundproof glass! During the weekdays, our indoor play gym will serve the community-- parents, grandparents, community playgroups, birthday parties, art classes, DCFS reunification visits, etc.-- but, on Sundays, this entire building will transition to serve our Vineyard Kids and Youth Ministries. Won't they have fun here? *Who do you see using the play gym? What kinds of activities do you envision being offered here? How might the space be used to support the community?*





## VIEW #6

Moving down the hallway, you will come across smaller gathering rooms. These rooms can be used for counseling sessions, spiritual direction, coaching, tutoring, etc. On Sundays, they will become spaces for our little ones to gather in! *How might you see yourself using these smaller gathering rooms? What are some ways you think the community might use them?*





## VIEW #7

Also at the Co/Gather will be two larger gathering rooms. These spaces will be ready to house all kinds of gathering needs like support groups, workshops, classes, business meetings, and prayer gatherings. Both rooms will be outfitted with all of the current technology necessary to meet various meeting needs. *Is there something you would like to offer in one of the larger gathering rooms? What types of resources might we make available to the community in these rooms?*