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Dear Members of the Grand Rapids Jewish Community,

In February, the Boards of Temple Emanuel and Congregation Ahavas Israel approved and established negotiating teams tasked with developing the basic terms of collaboration. Some of these questions are:

- Who will own the collaboration campus on Fulton Street?
- What is the role of each congregation in the building?
- How will High Holidays be handled?
- Will the building be subject to kosher rules or will they apply only to certain parts of the building?
- What role will the Jewish Federation have?



There are many more questions that our negotiating teams are working on. Once a final document has been achieved, both Boards will have the opportunity to approve them. Following that, both congregations will vote on moving forward with the collaboration according to the approved terms.

Please read the attached Vision Statement that outlines the shared aspirations of the Collaboration Committee. A number of specific questions are addressed in the revised FAQ sheet. If you have questions not addressed in this mailing, please contact us.

Kadima B'Yachad - Forward together!



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