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## TEAMWRKX Transforms 50-Year-Old Gymnasium into Modern Multipurpose Youth Center for Los Gatos United Methodist Church

San Jose, CA – [Teamwrkx Construction](#) announced that it has completed a \$1.5 million renovation of a 50-year-old gymnasium into a modern youth center for the [Los Gatos United Methodist Church](#) (LGUMC). The new youth center will serve as an all-encompassing meeting place for adolescents of LGUMC and the surrounding community.

“We wanted a great youth center because we earnestly believe that children are our future,” said LGUMC Senior Pastor Lee Neish. “We welcome Teamwrkx as the construction partner helping us to realize our vision.”

The predominantly interior remodel of the 10,500-square-foot space included a worship center, an area dedicated to missions, a stage and music room, a labyrinth for meditation, a café and kitchenette, and showers. As the gymnasium is located two stories down in the existing building, renovations presented several challenges, such as complying with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

“By including an elevator in the design, we fulfilled ADA requirements as well as accommodating people with special needs,” said [Teamwrkx CEO and CFO Eric Venzon](#). “We are honored to be a part of this project because we see a synergy between Teamwrkx and LGUMC. We both have compassion, conviction, and share a philosophy of giving back to our communities.”

For 140 years, LGUMC has served community members of all ages — from preschoolers to the elderly. Although the church’s Live Oak Senior Nutrition Center and Adult Day Services had to be temporarily relocated offsite, Teamwrkx is taking special care to ensure that the construction area remains safe for the toddlers, parents and teachers who began classes at LGUMC’s Grace Preschool Children’s Ministry last week.

While the construction has required the congregation to find additional offsite parking and relocate some activities, most members say the visible changes around the church property add to the anticipation and excitement of what’s to come.

“We held an official groundbreaking celebration for our new youth center in July,” said Maxene Blood, chairperson on the church board. “For those who had not seen the gym, it was a ‘before’ experience. Within a few months it will be transformed into an ‘after’.”

Eagerly anticipated by the church’s youth are the new stage and modern sound equipment. LGUMC Director of Operations Karen Noe said that music has always been important to the congregation. “Music is the universal language – especially for teens. If we can attract more youth with music and activities they enjoy and they tell their friends, we can build an even stronger youth ministry.”

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LGUMC Youth Pastor Alex Hardt is especially looking forward to the new youth center. "With a location on Church Street that neighbors Los Gatos High School, we have ample opportunity to reach out. Some adults may say that we have nothing to learn from youth, but I believe we have more to learn from youth than from anyone else. Our youth have a light inside of them that shines brighter than any other light in this world."

### **About Los Gatos United Methodist Church (LGUMC)**

Methodists became a part of the of Los Gatos community in 1866 when the congregation gathered under a great oak tree that today is the centerpiece of the LGUMC courtyard. In 1867, the community built a small-frame church and became known throughout the late 1800's and early 1900's for their mission work, arts and music, senior citizen support, and programs for children and youth. Today, Los Gatos United Methodist Church connects to the Los Gatos community through ministries such as Grace Preschool, Children's Ministry, RATS of God Youth Ministry, Young Adult Ministries, Adult Ministries, Live Oak Senior Nutrition Center, and Live Oak Adult Day Services. More information about LGUMC is available by calling 408-354-4730 or at [www.lgumc.org](http://www.lgumc.org).

### **About Teamwrkx, Inc.**

Founded in 2004 and now the 24<sup>th</sup> largest commercial contractor in Silicon Valley, Teamwrkx, Inc. is an incubator for a family of companies that includes Teamwrkx Construction, a commercial general contractor specializing in corporate interiors and renovations in addition to new building construction; and Teamwrkx Mechanical, Inc., a company offering a range of services designed to reduce a building's overall operating expenses. Teamwrkx has offices in San Jose and San Francisco and construction projects in progress throughout the Greater Bay Area and Central Valley. More information about Teamwrkx is available by calling 408-287-2700 or at [www.teamwrkx.com](http://www.teamwrkx.com).

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