

June 20, 2016

Mr. John Goodwin
Chairman, Planning & Zoning
Town of New Canaan
77 Main Street
New Canaan, CT 06840

Re: Grace Farms – Neighbor Meeting

Dear Chairman Goodwin:

Further to discussions at the Commission's May 31, 2016 meeting, having received copies of the letters that we previously submitted, Grace Farms Foundation (Grace) invited us to a meeting "to discuss Grace Farms' activities and any and all concerns you may have." The meeting took place on the evening of Thursday, June 16, 2016 at the New Canaan Library. The meeting lasted just under one hour.

In attendance were:

From Grace:

Michael Chen
Robert Khattabi
Lisa Lynne Kirkpatrick
Roy Medile

Neighbors:

1194 Smith Ridge Rd	Whitney Williams	
1196 Smith Ridge Rd	Paul Ostling	Danita Ostling
1208 Smith Ridge Rd	Donald Bissonnette	Emiko Bissonnette
1218 Smith Ridge Rd	Timothy Curt	Dona Bissonnette
1258 Smith Ridge Rd	Jennifer Buczkiewicz	
1328 Smith Ridge Rd	David Markatos	

While the neighbors in attendance at this meeting comprise all of the abutting Smith Ridge neighbors to Grace Farms, this letter is being submitted on behalf of the families at 1196, 1208, 1218, 1258 and 1328 Smith Ridge Rd. Mrs. Williams attended this meeting but has not reviewed the content of this letter and her views are not intended to be conveyed herein. Each of the other abutting neighbors have reviewed and approved this letter.

Mr. Chen opened the meeting by indicating that Grace is of the view that their operations are entirely in compliance with the existing Special Permit and associated conditions, and that they were not there to debate that question, as they were certain that it would be properly covered within the Commission's review. They did not come to the meeting with a plan to modify their activities in any way or to respond to the letters we had written. Although they acknowledged having read the letters, they claimed to be only interested in hearing our concerns about their activities and their impact on us as neighbors. They were not prepared to refer to the text of the letters during the meeting because the letters called into question their adherence to the Special Permit and associated conditions.

The neighbors disagreed with their contention about their compliance with the terms of the Special Permit and associated conditions. But the Grace representatives claimed to want to understand our concerns better so we proceeded with the discussion, which started with the issue of property values. The neighbors voiced concerns about the impact of the significant scale, intensity of use, and scope of Grace's activities on their property values. Mr. Chen indicated an interest in wanting to better understand that issue and give it consideration. The Grace representatives stated that they understood that Grace Farms was generally perceived as having a positive impact on New Canaan property values. The neighbors noted that visitors to their properties have likened the view of Grace Farms to that of an industrial park or an airport, depending upon the time of day, and noted the detrimental impact of regular and virtually unrestricted use of Grace Farms on their safety, security and privacy, which have resulted in a material negative impact on the value and saleability of their properties. The Grace representatives continued to emphasize their view that Grace Farms enhances general public perceptions of New Canaan and property value generally in New Canaan, as if the points we just raised relative to our specific properties -- all of which directly abut Grace Farms -- had not registered with them. Mr. Chen would not respond to a question about why Grace had bought out other dissenting neighbors.

On many issues, the Grace representatives claimed not to appreciate even the most basic concerns that neighbors abutting Grace Farms might have regarding the significant deviation of their activities from what was originally described. While we found this strained credibility, we indulged them in a discussion of some of our more specific concerns. Topics included: the imposing view from at least three of our properties of an oversized (two story) structure originally depicted in the site plan as a "shed", the impact of the noise from the amplified "sound sculpture" on one neighbor, the noise from their ongoing construction and maintenance activities that starts before 7:00AM, the impact of the interior and exterior lighting of the buildings, the impact of the parking lot lighting, the hours of operation of the facility, and the total number of visitors and events at the site. With regard to the amplified "sound sculpture", Mr. Chen sought to understand whether the regular noise it makes would be more acceptable if only occurring at

certain times of day or on weekends. He seemed disappointed when he was told that there is no time of day when a neighbor wants to be disturbed by the sounds of a two minute ballad/folk tune/chant that is audible from all parts of their property and repeated throughout the day.

The neighbors noted that substantially all of the specific concerns referenced in the letters and discussed during the meeting had previously been brought to Grace's attention (many in writing) and it seemed disingenuous for them to be interested in acting like good neighbors now. The Grace representatives who attended this meeting claimed not to be familiar with some of those specifics, like the amplified sound sculpture, the construction of an oversized shed and operating construction equipment at early hours (including during several days prior to this meeting). The neighbors took the opportunity to highlight that these issues were previously brought to the attention of senior Grace personnel and had been dismissed – that based upon each of our individual interactions with Grace, we had not been interacting with an organization whose “tone at the top” was focused on being a good neighbor.

The Grace representatives suggested that there may be accommodations that can be made in some situations, like start times for their work crews and re-routing of certain walking trails. However, the neighbors advised the Grace representatives that our purpose of attending the meeting was not to give them an exhaustive list of items for them to respond to. We reminded them that in the context their 2012/2013 Special Permit process, some neighbors had asked for many additional conditions (to protect our privacy and security and to address a number of other concerns). Undoubtedly as a result of the assurances from Grace representatives that the development was solely for Grace Church and its ancillary uses, the Commission did not adopt those requests in the final issued conditions. The neighbors also noted that if their usage activities had contemplated regular tour groups coming through Grace Farms, conditions comparable to the Glass House conditions would have been appropriate to apply yet Grace claims the right to operate outside any such construct.

The neighbors noted that our primary interest was that they operate as they originally represented – that the site would be for Grace Church. Mr. Chen acknowledged that the uses at the site have evolved over time and more uses were planned than when the original Special Permit applications were filed. The neighbors reminded Mr. Chen that in responding to specific Commission questions at the 2012/2013 hearings, representatives of Grace had confirmed that if their uses were going to be for a broader philanthropic initiative or involve more than the original 48 acre parcel they would file a new special permit application for such activities.

At the end of the meeting, the Grace representatives noted that we would agree to disagree for now as to whether their operations are within the Special Permit and associated conditions, and that they were planning to “work the Planning and Zoning Commission.” The neighbors made a number of references to the testimony of Grace representatives at the 2012/2013 Special Permit

hearings and reminded them that the assurances and promises made at the time were made not only to the members of the Commission, but also to the New Canaan community at large and to us, as abutting neighbors. We were all there and we relied upon what they said at the time.

We are encouraged to see that this item remains on your agenda for the upcoming Commission meeting on June 28, 2016. We do not believe that the fact that Grace offered to meet with us, heard our concerns and suggested there might be items they could now accommodate, should have any impact on the status of the review of Grace Farms by the Commission or the investigative actions of the Zoning Enforcement Officer. The Grace representatives expressly stated that they would work the process with the Commission separately from anything discussed at our meeting. They have offered no evidence that contradicts the assertions made in our earlier letters. As a result, we plan to follow the Commission's actions with great interest.

To further assist the Commission in its review, there are a number of additional activities that we have noted – that we have not previously brought to your attention, that we believe are relevant to your review. Some of these activities have been highlighted on the Grace Farms website and have already occurred, others have already occurred but are only identified on Grace Farms' Facebook page and others are activities on the Grace Farms calendar on its website and have yet to occur. Some of the activities (like those that occurred on June 4th and are planned for July 16th and July 30th) highlight an intensity of use on those days – with several activities in a single day, some overlapping – in addition to being open to the general public. We ask that you compare and contrast this intensity of actual usage to the specific representations made to the Commission by Mr. Thomas Champion of Grace at the December 18, 2012 hearing. A copy of the sampling of activities at New Canaan churches and typical usages of Grace Church that Mr. Champion presented to the Commission at that hearing is enclosed.

- On April 15 and 16, 2016, Grace Farms held screenings of the film, *I Have Seen Last Born* regarding the Congo and Rwanda.
- On April 28, May 26 and June 16, 2016, the Spring Book Group met to discuss three separate books as part of their Spring Book Group series.
- On April 30, 2016, **Creative Connections**, a local charitable organization, held their 2016 Gala and Benefit Performance at Grace Farms. Their website, CreativeConnections.org, claims that the event had more than 200 attendees at the Grace Farms Gala.
- On June 4, 2016, Grace Farms and the Glass House conducted a joint property tour and lecture, with lunch provided at the Grace Farms restaurant at a cost of \$200 per person. This was promoted only on the Glass House website. On the same day, following the Grace Community Church bible study groups, which are regularly

scheduled for Saturdays (per the Grace Community Church website, Grace Farms sponsored three additional events: Open Art Studio for Kids (10:30-2:30) a screening of the film Journey of the Universe, An Epic Story of Cosmic, Earth and Human Transformation (2:00-3:30) and Grace Farms Chess Open (4:00-6:30 at a cost of \$10 per participant). In addition, the grounds and the restaurant were open to the public all day.

- On June 17, 2016 after the Grace Farms Community Dinner, there is a presentation (that requires separate registration) by wildlife expert Jim Fowler. As of June 17, 2016, the invitation on the Grace Farms website indicated that the Community Dinner is already at capacity, but it appears that registration for the wildlife presentation has a larger capacity than the Community Dinner.
- On June 25, 2016 (and on Saturdays from July 2, 2016 to September 2, 2016, except July 23) there will be a “Backyard Explorers” program featuring arts & crafts, a painting demonstration and a wilderness hike. The program has a \$5 fee
- On July 16, 2016, Grace Farms plans an outdoor concert from 7:00-8:30pm at a cost of \$25 per person. The performance will be by Julia Easterlin. The restaurant will be open to sell “light fare”. Families are encouraged to bring blankets to sit on the lawn. We are unaware of whether an application has been made with P&Z for a permit to hold this event. In the event that there is any plan for amplification equipment for these concerts, the concerts would appear to violate this Condition #39 (prohibiting noise amplification devices), in addition to others. Note that this event follows Preschool Poetry (10:30-11:15), Open Art Studio for Kids (10:30-2:30) Backyard Explorers (11:00-1:00) River Walk and Tea (11:30-1:00 and 2:00-3:30) – all events occurring on the site during the same day (in addition to the fact that the grounds and the restaurant are open to the public all day).
- On July 30, 2016, Grace Farms plans an Arts demonstration and symposium from 3:00 to 4:30pm in the Sanctuary. The event is free to attend. Performers include Galim Dance, Music of Cindertalk, Nola Richardson, and Daniel Moody of the Yale Voxtet. This is described as being part of a “Practicing Series” which features “[t]hree days of intense creation, conversation, workshop and rehearsal [which] culminate in a public showing and discussion. Note that this event follows Open Art Studio for Kids (10:30-2:30) Backyard Explorers (11:00-1:00) River Walk and Tea (11:30-1:00 and 2:00-3:30) – all events occurring on the site during the same day (in addition to the fact that the grounds and the restaurant are open to the public all day).
- On August 13, 2016, Grace Farms plans an outdoor concert from 6:30--8:00pm at a cost of \$25 per person. The performance will be by Kelley McRae. The restaurant will be open to sell “light fare”. Families are encouraged to bring blankets to sit on the lawn. We are unaware of whether an application has been made with P&Z for a

permit to hold this event. Note that this event follows Backyard Explorers (11:00-1:00) and River Walk and Tea (11:30-1:00 and 2:00-3:30) – other events occurring on the site during the same day (in addition to the fact that the grounds and the restaurant are open to the public all day).

As these activities highlight, the intensity of usage at Grace Farms is increasing and the scope of activities continues to broaden to events and programs unrelated to a religious mission and well beyond what might have been reasonably anticipated when the Special Permit was granted and well beyond representations that Grace representatives made at the time. As referenced in our May 13, 2016 letter, this intensity of usage does not comport with Mr. Robert Prince's statements at the December 18, 2012 hearing that (i) "we anticipate that our activities will be very normal in relation to what churches do and they have not changed since we originally filed our application [in 2007]", and (ii) "... most of the activities are kind of like 10 or 20 people getting together and having some sort of meeting. That's common just like any other church... sort of like Alcoholics Anonymous or whatever...you know like a small group of people that gets together on a regular basis." [Emphasis added.] In our view, there is no question that at Grace Farms the activities of Grace Church are now ancillary and incidental to the broader – and unpermitted -- philanthropic activities of Grace Farms Foundation.

We certainly hope that these events are regularly being brought to your attention in advance and that you and the other members of the Commission are in a position to evaluate their compliance with the Special Permit and associated conditions. In addition, we hope that Grace Farms is making available to you their attendance and event registration logs so that you can evaluate the level of activity relative to what was represented to the Commission during the 2012/2013 hearings.

As attendance at Grace Farms events continues to increase and the property is utilized for more varied purposes by more people, including by transient visitors from well outside the local community, we are becoming increasingly concerned for our privacy and security. During the summer months, we too like to enjoy our back yards and find the opportunity for visitors to Grace Farms to observe and monitor our activities to be unacceptable. Unfortunately, Grace has been at best tone deaf to the concerns of their neighbors to date, and we are not particularly encouraged by our recent meeting with them. While our expectation was to have a fulsome discussion of our concerns as set forth in our letters and Grace's plan to address those concerns, we were met with a neighbor who, in our view, continues to have no genuine interest in engaging or addressing those concerns.

Once again, this letter is respectfully submitted on behalf of the residents of all five homes on Smith Ridge Road who have previously written to you on May 13 and May 21, 2016. We all look forward to understanding the position of the Commission on these matters.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David Markatos". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

David Markatos

Enclosures

Copies to:

Rob Mallozzi, First Selectman w/enclosures

Steve Kleppin, Zoning Enforcement Officer w/enclosures

Ira Bloom, Town Attorney w/enclosures

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Sample of Activities at New Canaan Churches

NEW CANAAN CHURCH	CHURCH ACTIVITIES & EVENTS	OUTSIDE GROUP AND COMMUNITY USAGE
<p>St. Mark's Episcopal Church</p> <p>[700 sanctuary capacity/400 fellowship hall/2,000 members]</p> <p>stmarksnewcanaan.org</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Religious Sunday School - Joyful Noyze rehearsals - Eucharist and healing - Meditation - Boys choir rehearsal - Adult choir - Christmas marketplace (sales of seasonal- devotional gifts) - Annual retreat - Weekly book club - Pancake supper - All night vigil - Holy Eucharist and healing - Weddings - Funerals - Grants to outside non-profits via request of funds 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - New Canaan Food Pantry (outpost of New Canaan Health Department) - Senior Men's Club (weekly meetings) - New Canaan CaTS, career transition support group - Camp Hand-in-Hand (independent summer camp for which St. Mark's provides the venue and has been the largest donor) - Music Leonis: Courtyard Concert Series (summer concert series open to the public featuring carillonists from around the world) - May Fair and Strawberry Festival (annual event drawing from around the area, proceeds of which are donated to charity) - Al-Anon meetings - Alcoholics Anonymous meetings - Pysanky egg workshop (proceeds go to Ukrainian National Women's League of America) - Sixth annual Chanticleer concert (Chanticleer is a non-profit organization which donates proceeds to its National Education Program) - Starry, Starry Night (a fundraiser to benefit the nursery school featuring auction, cocktails, dinner and entertainment) - New Canaan Cub Scout meetings - New Canaan Sewing Group boutique - Lion's Den Book & Gift Store - Winter Author Series at the Lion's Den Book & Gift Store - St. Mark's Nursery School - separate entity that is owned and operated by St. Mark's Episcopal Church, separate Board of Trustees
<p>St. Aloysius Roman Catholic Church</p> <p>[982 sanctuary capacity/est 4,000 members]</p> <p>starcc.com</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sacrament and reconciliation - Vigil - Confession - Catholic daughters weekly meetings - Employment opportunities group - Our Lady's Guild (meetings and brunches) - Prayer Cenacle - Men's fellowship and Bible study - Adult choir - Youth choir - Cherub choir - StAY Teen Choir and Praise Band - Mom and tots playgroup - Parish nurses monthly health education and blood pressure monitoring - Weddings - Funerals - Religious Education - StAY Strong Youth Group Events - Book discussion group - Fall Oktoberfest: Dinner and dancing event - Special needs workshop <p>- Gives 10% of their budget to local and international organizations, including ABC, Norwalk Emergency Shelter, NC Volunteer Ambulance, etc. 50% to Third World Causes</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Pura Vida Club (high school charitable group provided babysitting services at church during town wide Pura Vida event) - Knights of Columbus (fraternal benefit society: meetings and social events hosted in church's Stapleton Social Hall) - Catholic Daughters - Collection for New Canaan Food Pantry - Living nativity - open to public - Zumba class fundraiser held in gym to benefit Japan in the wake of the 2011 tsunami - Zumba class fundraiser held in gym to benefit Susan G. Komen for the Cure (over 155 attendees) - Domestic Violence Coalition of New Canaan Meetings - Collects food for New Canaan Food Pantry - EMT Training Classes - St. Aloysius Elementary School (215 enrolled) - "TOPS" community program for which the church opened their gym for middle and high school kids to work with special needs children in a sports oriented setting.
<p>First Presbyterian Church</p> <p>[450 to 500 sanctuary capacity]</p> <p>fpcnc.org</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Chimes Choir - Cherub Choir - Church School - Bereavement group - High School Youth Group - Middle School Youth Group - Leadership Team meeting - Gentleman Songsters - Adult Education - Healthy Parenting class - Youth Committee - High School Bible class - Weddings - Memorial services 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - "Social entrepreneurs & Philanthropic Engagement: The Church as a Catalyst for Social Change." Speaker Series - Tracy Palandjian, co-founder of Social Finance, Inc. - Adult education classes held weekly. - New Canaan CaTS, career transition support group - ProArte Concerts - Gentleman Songsters rehearsals - Food drive for Service League of Boys - Musical programming open to public - First Presbyterian Nursery School

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<p>Congregational Church</p> <p>[400 sanctuary capacity/2,500 members/1,000 children, youth programs/17 staff]</p> <p>godsacre.org</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mission and Social Action Committee - Weddings, Memorial Services, Baptisms - Adult and Children's Choirs and rehearsals - Adult religious education - Children's religious education - Children's Ministries - Music Ministries and Recitals - Speaker series- end of life care - Men's Fellowship Dinners - Bible Studies, in Library - Daily Advent Services - twice a day - Family socials - Board, Committee and Ministry leader meetings - Pastoral Care programs - Managing Stress, Depression, <p>- Gives 25% of budget to non-profit organizations. Open Door Shelter in Norwalk, Shelter for the homeless in Stamford, Pilgrim Towers, Pivot Ministries and Re-Entry Ministry in Bridgeport</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Yale Center for Faith & Culture - Miroslav Volf speaker - Alcoholics Anonymous - daily - Toddlertime Nursery School owned by Toddler Time to Five, Inc. with 22 on staff. - Summer Camps - New Canaan Food Pantry collection - Open Door Shelter collection - Rev. Skip Maschack "has begun the important work of expanding our youth ministries outreach as founding director of the Adolescent Faith and Flourishing Program at the Yale Center for Faith and Culture. Here at home, Skip has founded and launched the Youth Ministry Initiative ("YMI") which will be supporting Youth Ministry Initiative Fellow positions"
<p>Grace Community Church</p> <p>[716 sanctuary permanent capacity/1,000 active congregants]</p> <p>gracecommunity.info</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Support group for parents with children with special needs - Planning team and elders meetings - Religious Sunday School - Bible studies - Small group bible studies/socials - Christmas at Grace Farms (football game, cookie decorating, Christmas carols and tree lighting) - Christmas pageant - Newcomers Brunch - Ladies/Men's/Couples/Outdoor Socials - Fall Picnic - Speakers - Give Me An Answer debates - Youth Group activities - Grace singles ministries - Kids Fall Kickoff - Religion through the arts: The Plate Spinner (dramatic performance regarding managing life without spinning out of control); Illustration on Display; - Library: recommended reading-books that explore Christianity, faith and social justice - Grace Cares - volunteers serve needs in surrounding communities, improvement projects in our area. Red Cross Building in New Canaan - landscaped building and renovations. Renovation of Norwalk Emergency Shelter to start Dec 19th. - Grace Community Church gives 10-15% of annual budget to non-profit ministries including, Bridgeport Rescue Mission, Young Life, Young Lives, World Vision, Love 146, Pivot Ministries, Norwalk Emergency Shelter, Samaritan's Fund to help those in need 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Hosting New Canaan Fire Department overnight during Hurricane Sandy - 12 firefighters, 2 firetrucks/1 SUV. Rescued stranded motorist who also stayed at Grace Farms. - Collection of food/supplies for Bridgeport Rescue Mission, Norwalk Emergency Shelter, Boy Scouts (storage at barn for tag sale items), Pivot Ministry, Hope for Haiti (200 tents collected and then distributed in Haiti) and Canaan Institutional Baptist in Norwalk, Stamford Emergency Shelter, New Canaan Food Pantry - Alcoholics Anonymous meetings - Monthly Give Me An Answer Series at Saxe: Pastor Cliffe Knechtle - Debates at US Universities (Give Me An Answer, Inc.) - Pura Vida for Children fundraiser at Grace Farms - Grace Farms Foundation, Inc. - board meeting to review sanctuary plans - Speakers: Allan Houston - Allan Houston Legacy Foundation, Conor Grennan - Next Generation Nepal - Since we do not have a building, but use Saxe Middle School, Grace Community Church sponsored with Give Me An Answer a Debate at NC High School in 2002, for greater community: Michael Newdow and Pastor Cliffe Knechtle debated taking "under God" out of the Constitution. Film: <i>Passion for Christ</i> movie and discussion at Saxe MS in 2004. Other churches around the country did the same.
<p>Temple Sinai Stamford - serving Stamford, New Canaan, Darien and Pound Ridge Communities</p>	<p>SOCIAL JUSTICE INITIATIVE: We are committed to the sacred task of promoting social justice and helping those in need, purposefully translating the principles of Judaism into action. Recognizing that all Jews are responsible for one another, we foster a personal connection with the Jewish people in our greater community, Israel and throughout the world.</p>	

GRACE COMMUNITY CHURCH TYPICAL USAGE	CHURCH	COMMUNITY/NON PROFIT GROUPS
WEEK DAY MORNING	BIBLE STUDIES - 6 TO 15, up to 75 ON OCCASION COFFEE/BREAKFASTS SOCIAL JUSTICE/MINISTRY SERVICE MEETING - 3 TO 20 OPEN ART - 1 TO 10 PARENT/CHILD PROGRAMS HOLIDAY SCHOOL CHILDREN ACTIVITIES LIBRARY VISITS/RESEARCH - INDIVIDUALS PASTORS MEETINGS MINISTRY LEADERSHIP MEETINGS COUNSELING - INDIVIDUALS PANTRY COLLECTION - INDIVIDUALS SPEAKER SERIES - ON OCCASION, 10 TO 75 PEOPLE SPRING/SUMMER GARDENING - INDIVIDUALS SEASONAL RECREATIONAL PROGRAMS AND CHURCH SPORTS SUMMER CHILDREN'S BIBLE SCHOOL/CHURCH CAMPS	COMMUNITY BIBLE STUDIES AND INTERFAITH ORGANIZATION MEETINGS - 20 TO 150 PEOPLE NON PROFIT EXECUTIVE/BOARD MEETINGS ARTS/SERVICE/SOCIAL JUSTICE - EX. ARTS FOR HEALING, PURA VIDA, NEW CANAAN CARES, NEXT GENERATION NEPAL OPEN LIBRARY/BOOKS ON FAITH AND SOCIAL JUSTICE - INDIVIDUALS
WEEK DAY AFTERNOON	BIBLE STUDIES - 6 TO 15, up to 75 ON OCCASION COFFEE/LUNCHEONS/SOCIALS BOOK DISCUSSION GROUPS - 5 TO 12 SOCIAL JUSTICE/MINISTRY SERVICE MEETING - 3 TO 20 OPEN ART - 1 TO 10 PARENT/CHILD PROGRAMS HOLIDAY SCHOOL CHILDREN ACTIVITIES LIBRARY VISITS/RESEARCH - INDIVIDUALS PASTORS MEETINGS MINISTRY LEADERSHIP MEETINGS MINISTRY MEETINGS COUNSELING - INDIVIDUALS PANTRY COLLECTION - INDIVIDUALS WORSHIP/DRAMA REHEARSALS SPEAKER SERIES - ON OCCASION, 10 TO 75 PEOPLE SEASONAL RECREATIONAL PROGRAMS AND CHURCH SPORTS AFTER SCHOOL YOUTH PROGRAMS SPRING/SUMMER GARDENING - INDIVIDUALS	ARTS/SERVICE/SOCIAL JUSTICE - EX. ARTS FOR HEALING, PURA VIDA, NEW CANAAN CARES, NEXT GENERATION NEPAL SERVICE/NON PROFIT LUNCHEON MEETINGS/SPEAKER SERIES OPEN LIBRARY/BOOKS ON FAITH AND SOCIAL JUSTICE - INDIVIDUALS YOUTH PROGRAMS - EX. SCOUTS
WEEK DAY EVENING	BIBLE STUDIES - 6 TO 15, up to 75 ON OCCASION FELLOWSHIP DINNERS/SOCIALS BOOK DISCUSSION GROUPS - 5 TO 12 SOCIAL JUSTICE/MINISTRY SERVICE MEETING - 3 TO 20 OPEN ART - 1 TO 10 LIBRARY VISITS/RESEARCH - INDIVIDUALS PASTORS/ELDERS/PLANNING TEAM MEETINGS MINISTRY LEADERSHIP MEETINGS COUNSELING - INDIVIDUALS PANTRY COLLECTION - INDIVIDUALS WORSHIP/DRAMA REHEARSALS SPEAKER SERIES - ON OCCASION, 10 TO 100 PEOPLE DEBATES - EX. GIVE ME AN ANSWER (PASTOR KNECHTLE) SEASONAL RECREATIONAL PROGRAMS AND CHURCH SPORTS YOUTH PROGRAMS	INTERFAITH ORGANIZATION MEETING/GATHERINGS NON PROFIT EXECUTIVE/BOARD MEETINGS ARTS/SERVICE/SOCIAL JUSTICE - EX. ARTS FOR HEALING, PURA VIDA, NEW CANAAN CARES, NEXT GENERATION NEPAL SERVICE/NON PROFIT FUNDRAISER

* As customary with other New Canaan churches and as has been the practice of Grace Community Church over the past 11 years, the frequency of the above activities/events varies. They are scheduled on a daily, weekly, monthly or seasonal basis. The various activities/events do not all occur at the same time.

** Most daily activities are for individuals and groups of less than 12.

* As customary with other New Canaan churches and as has been the practice of Grace Community Church over the last 11 years and as intended with the new facility, the frequency of activities/events varies. They are scheduled on a daily, weekly, monthly or seasonal basis. The various activities/events do not all occur at the same time.

** Community/non profit events to be scheduled such that they do not conflict with church events/programs.

GRACE COMMUNITY CHURCH TYPICAL USAGE		CHURCH	COMMUNITY/NON PROFIT GROUPS
SATURDAY		FELLOWSHIP BREAKFASTS/LUNCH/DINNERS	INTERFAITH ORGANIZATION MEETINGS
		RECREATIONAL/ARTS ACTIVITIES	NON PROFIT/COMMUNITY FUNDRAISER OR GATHERING
		BIBLE STUDIES/SPEAKER SERIES	ARTS/SERVICE/SOCIAL JUSTICE MEETINGS - EX. ARTS FOR HEALING, PURA VIDA, NEXT GENERATION NEPAL, NEW CANAAN CARES
		MUSICAL/ARTS PROGRAMS, PERFORMANCES	
		WEDDINGS AND RECEPTION < 200, ON AVG 50 TO 100	OPEN LIBRARY/BOOKS ON FAITH AND SOCIAL JUSTICE - INDIVIDUALS
		SPRING/SUMMER GARDENING - INDIVIDUALS	COLLECTION OF FOOD PANTRY ITEMS - INDIVIDUALS
		SEASONAL RECREATIONAL PROGRAMS AND CHURCH SPORTS	BLOOD DRIVES/COMMUNITY SERVICES AS APPROPRIATE
SUNDAY		CHURCH SERVICES	
		SUNDAY SCHOOL	
		AFTER CHURCH ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAMS	
		AFTER CHURCH FELLOWSHIP/RECREATION	
		CHURCH MINISTRY MEETINGS/COUNSELING	PRIMARILY CHURCH USAGE
		BIBLE STUDIES	
		BAPTISMS	
OTHER		FUNERALS AND MEMORIALS	
		HOLIDAY AND SPECIAL SERVICES AND EVENTS	
		SPECIAL NEEDS PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN	
		NURSERY SCHOOL, FUTURE OPTION AS OTHER CHURCHES OFFER	