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First and foremost, I support option 3 or 4.

If we Christians really believe what Christ and our faith teaches us, we would not shine our light under a bushel but would be out there conspicuously making a statement, showing Christ's presence in His church and community by ministering to the needs of our community.

The down town city centre is being revitalized with the explosion of building, inner city apartments and the university. The need for the Church to be seen as the visible hands of Christ has never been more urgently needed as Christian influence declines in the modern world. We need not just a large church but a thriving ministering community reaching out in the name of Christ.

The present church site is central to the city area and is of easy access via Takitimu Drive for many of the outlying areas of Tauranga.

Let us not repeat the same mistake that was made when valuable land at Greerton and Maugatapu was sold to pay for our present devalued church.

Let us find the best architects and advisors, to find solutions to guide us in making the best decision for the long term future of our church. Visiting other churches you see good ideas such as at the Taupo Catholic Church where there is a generous inner area around the church entrance that encourages community outreach and social activity before and after Mass.

If we really believe in our faith we will not be timid.

Our forebears sacrificed much to give us what we have today.

We must not let the light go out on our watch.

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