

IGLESIA BAUTISTA EL CENTRO DE DISCIPULADO

El Centro de Discipulado, or “Center of Discipleship,” is a church plant for the Hispanic community of the suburban area of a city in the south-central United States. The goals of El Centro is for community outreach, discipleship, and growth. From providing counseling and English classes to hosting food pantry giveaways and community fellowship events, El Centro’s purpose is to be in the community and for the community. This worship facility enables them to do so in a space that incorporates the congregation’s values, reflects cultural heritage, and welcomes all who enter.



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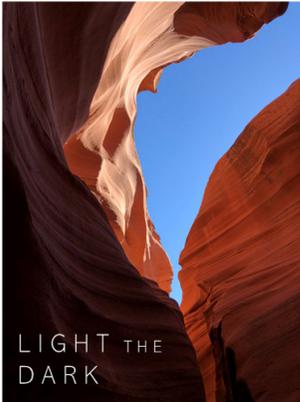


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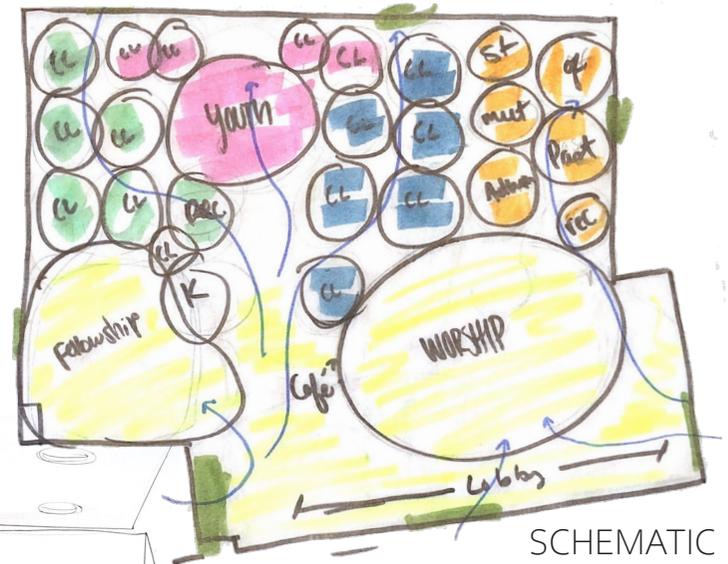
This project draws from the idea of the “plaza” originating in Spanish culture and carrying over to many Central American countries to create a central community space for the congregation within the church building. Colors in the project are reminiscent of adobe architecture and the rich colors of nature and central American art. The layout of the space also includes elements inspired by the concentric circles of a tree trunk, symbolizing the community growth that El Centro values.



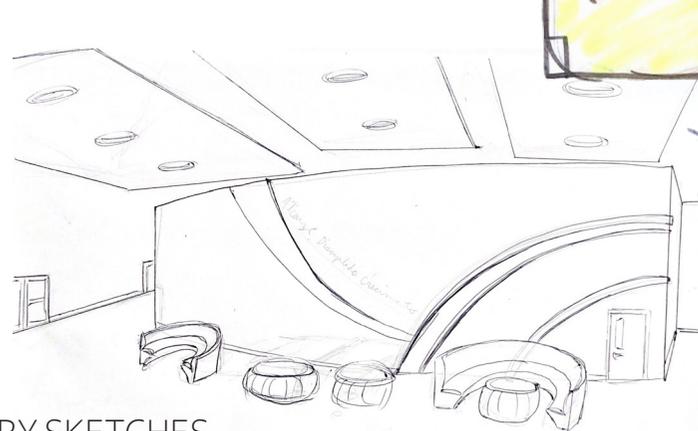
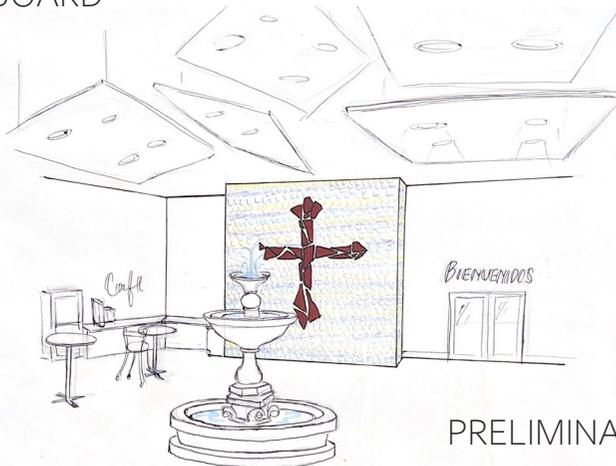
LIGHT THE DARK



CONCEPT BOARD



SCHEMATIC DIAGRAM

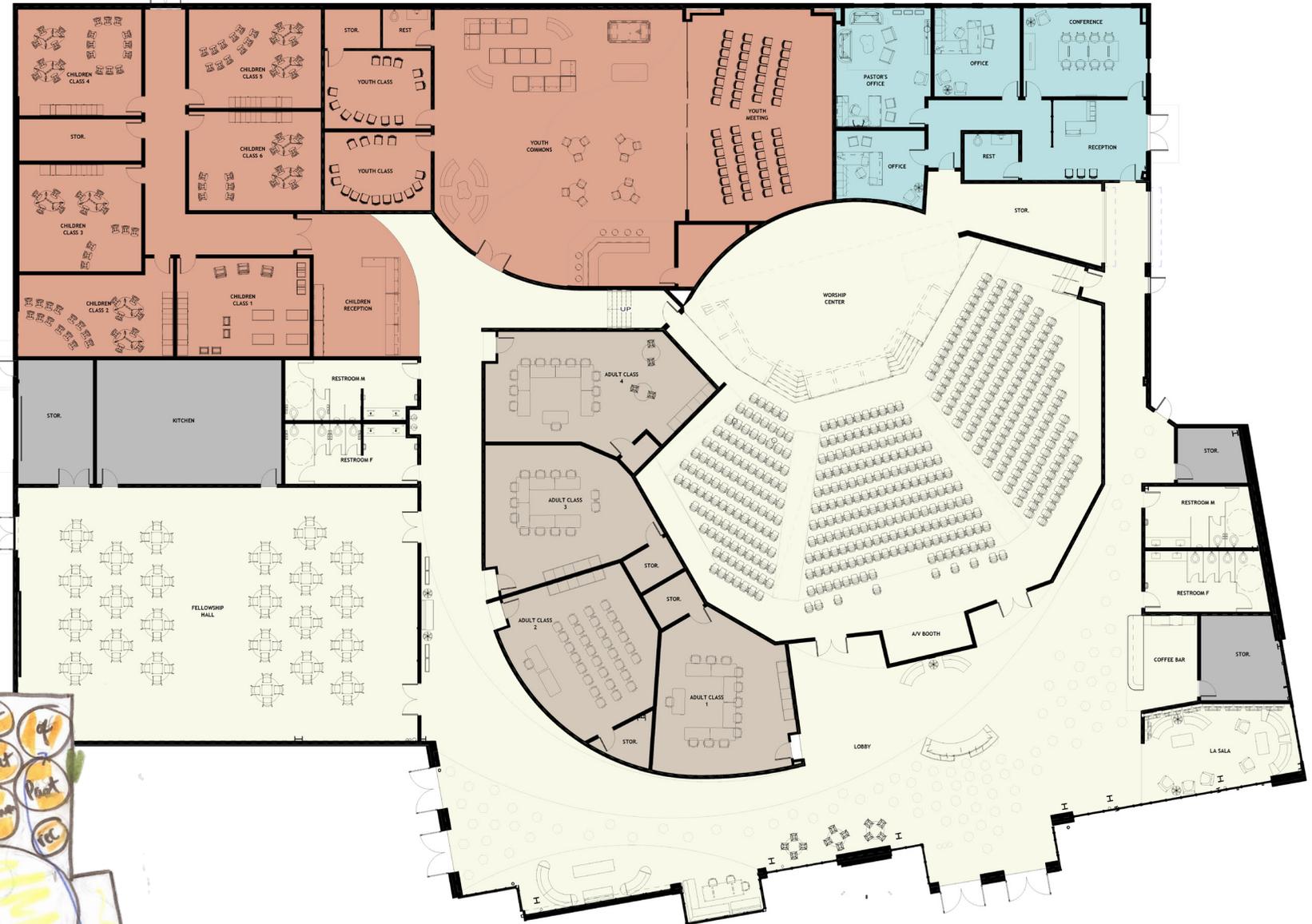
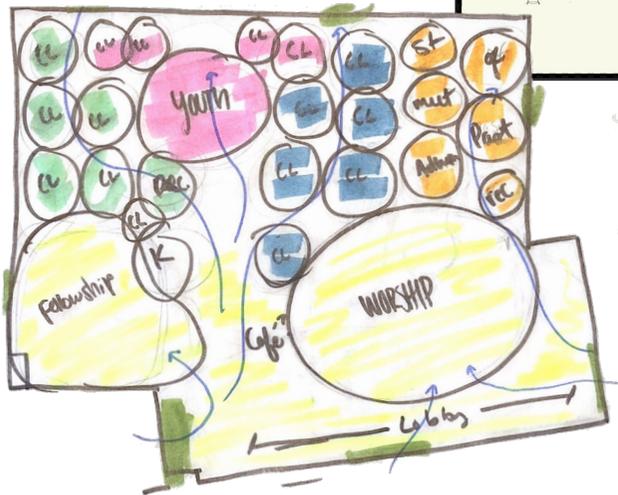


PRELIMINARY SKETCHES

E L C E N T R O D E D I S C I P U L A D O

The floor plan of the building is designed to provide ample open community space while still retaining a division of spaces for different functions. Wayfinding elements are incorporated into wall shapes, flooring, and ceiling elements to ensure user functionality across language and cultural barriers.

SCHEMATIC DIAGRAM



- COMMON AREAS
- STAFF OFFICES
- STORAGE / UTILITY
- CHILDREN & YOUTH
- ADULT CLASSROOMS



L O B B Y

The lobby functions as a welcome center and community space for members before and after events, and contains areas for small group gatherings. La Sala is an extension of the Lobby, meant to be a more intimate, acoustically controlled gathering space while being connected to the main lobby.





YOUTH CENTER



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The youth center utilizes lively colors to create a dynamic yet still functional space for the El Centro's teen ministry. It contains a central open area with room for lounge seating, game tables, and bistro seating. This area also contains snack bar, as well as adjoining classrooms and a large meeting room. This meeting room is equipped with a glass wall system to improve acoustical control while maintaining visibility of the entire youth area.



YOUTH CENTER



LOBBY RESTROOM



YOUTH LARGE MEETING ROOM