

**St. Thomas More Parish
Weis Center Building Information
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St. Thomas More Parish

Weis Center General Rules & Guidelines

PURPOSE

The primary purpose of St. Thomas More's Weis Center is to provide a facility where St. Thomas More Parish ministries and organizations can carry out their mission. The ministries are comprised of both adults and youth.

The Weis Center may be scheduled for use by St. Thomas More organizations when available. Because we do not have 24/7 staffing in the building, we rely on the building users to keep our Weis Center safe, clean, and ready to use by other organizations and ministries. Please leave it in great shape, like you would want to find it if you were coming in to do a ministry! Also, please respect other ministries/organizations using the building at the same time as your ministry.

SCHEDULE A ROOM

All rooms are now scheduled through the Facilities Scheduler Program. Please see Exhibit 2 for the Facilities Scheduler Directions. If you are having problems, please contact Rosa Lopez at rlopez@stm-church.com or 219-836-8610 ext. 2316, for training and assistance. See Exhibit 1 for a description of and location of rooms at the Weis Center.

Arrangements for obtaining keys and fobs are made with the Parish Office staff. At this time, the hours of the parish office are Monday to Friday 8am to 4pm and Saturday 9am to Noon. Keys are to be **left at the Weis Center** in the box next to the reception counter.



Effective January 1, 2025, all Ministries **must complete the revised Weis Center Usage Agreement** dated after 12-10-24 before they can utilize the building.

ROOM SET UP

We encourage the use of rooms as they are set up. The hall and meeting rooms 101, 107 and 105 have all been set up with a specific number of tables and chairs. You are allowed to move the furniture around, but you must return the room to the way you found it before you leave. If you are looking for different tables, etc., please contact the custodial supervisor at (219-836-8610 ext. 2331 or ksmith@stm-church.com) to discuss.

We ask that organizations do their own set up in the hall, if possible. If your organization is unable to do their own set-up, please complete a Room Use Form (Exhibit 3), and staff will help set up your room.

Round and rectangular tables, podium and chairs are available to use. Please refer to the diagram in Exhibit 1 to see where all items are stored. Contact the custodial supervisor to see if you must tear down the Hall after your meeting.

Use of special equipment (moonwalks, climbing walls etc.) is prohibited.

SECURITY

We take security of the building very seriously. **At no time should any door be left unlocked or propped open!**

The chairperson of the ministry is responsible to make sure the building is secure at all times. The chairperson retrieves the key fob and keys from the Parish Office. After gaining entry into the building, we ask that one member of the ministry (not necessarily the chairperson) waits at the main door and greets the other members of their ministry/organization. Once the meeting starts, anyone late can ring one of the door bells. There is a sign on the entrance windows designating where the bells will ring. See picture inserted. The bells will alert the

DOOR	
BELL	RINGS IN
1	Room 101
2	Room 102 (Knights) Room 107
3	Main Hall Room 105

designated person from your ministry that someone is at the door waiting to be let into the building.

The Northeast exit door (to the right of the stage) is alarmed. **This door is to be used only in an emergency.**

The church will not be responsible for personal property in the building.

HEATING & AIR CONDITIONING

IN THE HALL

1. To adjust HEAT – The thermostat is on the Northeast wall (next to room 103) in the hall. You must turn the thermostat back to 68 degrees when the event is over.

To adjust AIR CONDITIONING – The thermostats are on the West wall in the big room. Always operate all three units and set to **same** temperature. You must turn back all three thermostats to 78 degrees when event is over.

Please make sure that the heat is NOT on at the same time the Air Conditioning is on. If you change the temperature, make sure to return the thermostat to the original temperature.

ROOMS 101 AND 102

The thermostat to control heat or air for rooms 101 and 102 is located in room 101. Set room to desired temperature by using the up and down arrows for your comfort level. Upon leaving you must set temperature (cooling) to 78 degrees, if in heat mode set temperature to 68 degrees.

ROOMS 107, AND 105

The thermostat to control heat or air for rooms 107 and 105 is located in room 107. Adjust temperature using up or down arrows to your desired comfort level. Upon leaving you must use up and down arrows to set temperature in (cooling) 78 degrees and (heating mode) 68 degrees.

Please come to an agreement with the other organizations using the building at the same time about the temperature in the rooms on the same thermostat.

Do not open the windows. Most do not open and close properly and they do not provide increased air flow.

TECHNOLOGY, INTERNET AND PHONES

There are two phones located in the building. One at the reception desk and one in the kitchen. They have been programmed with a button to the Parish Office, Custodial Supervisor (2331) and Maintenance Supervisor (2313). Please note that those extensions will not be answered when the main building is closed.

For projectors or other equipment, please contact Noreen Bickel at nbickel@stm-church.com or 219-836-0021 for specific directions and access.

You can have WIFI access by choosing the STMS Public network.

KITCHEN & FOOD IN THE BUILDING

All organizations may use the kitchen. You must reserve the kitchen if you are planning to use it. Any kitchen equipment may be utilized (i.e., coffee pot, serving platters, bowls).

The stove/oven may be used by adults. All spills must be cleaned up and the unit should be turned off when finished. Food may be placed in the refrigerator/freezer, but must be removed at the end of the event. If you need to leave food or beverages for your next meeting, you must label your items with your ministry name. All unmarked items will be available to be taken or used by anyone or disposed of. The kitchen must be cleaned and left in the condition you found it.

All garbage must be bagged and placed in the dumpsters located outside the building. Every garbage can in the facility must be lined with a new plastic liner which can be found in the bottom of all trash cans. The key to the dumpster is on a big wooden stick at the side reception counter.

ABSOLUTELY NO:

- Smoking
- Propping doors open
- Opening windows
- Colored drinks in carpeted rooms. *Any spills should be reported to staff immediately!*
- Taking church equipment from the premises for personal use (includes all tables and chairs)
- Kicking/throwing of balls in any room
- DUCT TAPE on hall floor (Painter's tape is a usable alternative)
- Crafting material smaller than ¼" on carpeted areas (i.e., glitter)
- Alcoholic beverages (unless special permission has been granted)

MEETING STORAGE

There is limited storage for regular meeting materials for ministries. Please contact Noreen Bickel nbickel@stm-church.com or 219-836-0021 to inquire about storage availability. The storage room doors must remain locked at all times. Do not use items in the storage room unless you have been given permission by the ministry.

SOUND/PA SYSTEM

The Knights of Columbus generously donated a sound system for the hall. Please see Exhibit 5 for detailed instructions on how to operate the system. Please make sure to take care of the equipment and turn the system off after you use it.

END OF NIGHT & LOCK –UP PROCEDURES

All garbage must be bagged and placed in the dumpsters located outside the building. Every garbage can in the facility must be lined with a new plastic liner (these are provided). The dumpster key is on a big wooden stick on the side reception counter.

All decorations (streamers, balloons, etc.) and leftover food must be taken down and disposed of.

The last person in the building should be the ministry leader or the person who requested the use of the building for the event. This person needs to review the "Weis Center Exit Checklist" (Exhibit 4). Each item on the checklist needs to be completed. At this time, we are not requiring a form to be turned in.

To lock and secure the building, please follow this procedure:

1. Review the checklist and check each area as specified (kitchen, bathrooms, doors and lights). Paying attention to make sure the area is clean/disinfected, lights turned off and your meeting room door is locked.
2. As you exit, make sure that all 4 doors are locked by pulling on the door from the outside.
3. Keys are to be **left at the Weis Center** in the box next to the reception counter. See picture for location on page 2.

CHAIRPERSON'S RESPONSIBILITY

The chairperson is responsible for the conduct of all persons in attendance. They are also responsible to make sure that no one is in any room not previously reserved. Doors of rooms not requested (and approved for use) must remain locked. **No one is allowed upstairs.**

If set policies and procedures are not followed, organizations may lose the privilege of using the Weis Center. Several warnings for failure to follow procedures will be given before usage privileges are revoked.

Exhibit 1

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Weis Center Floor Plan

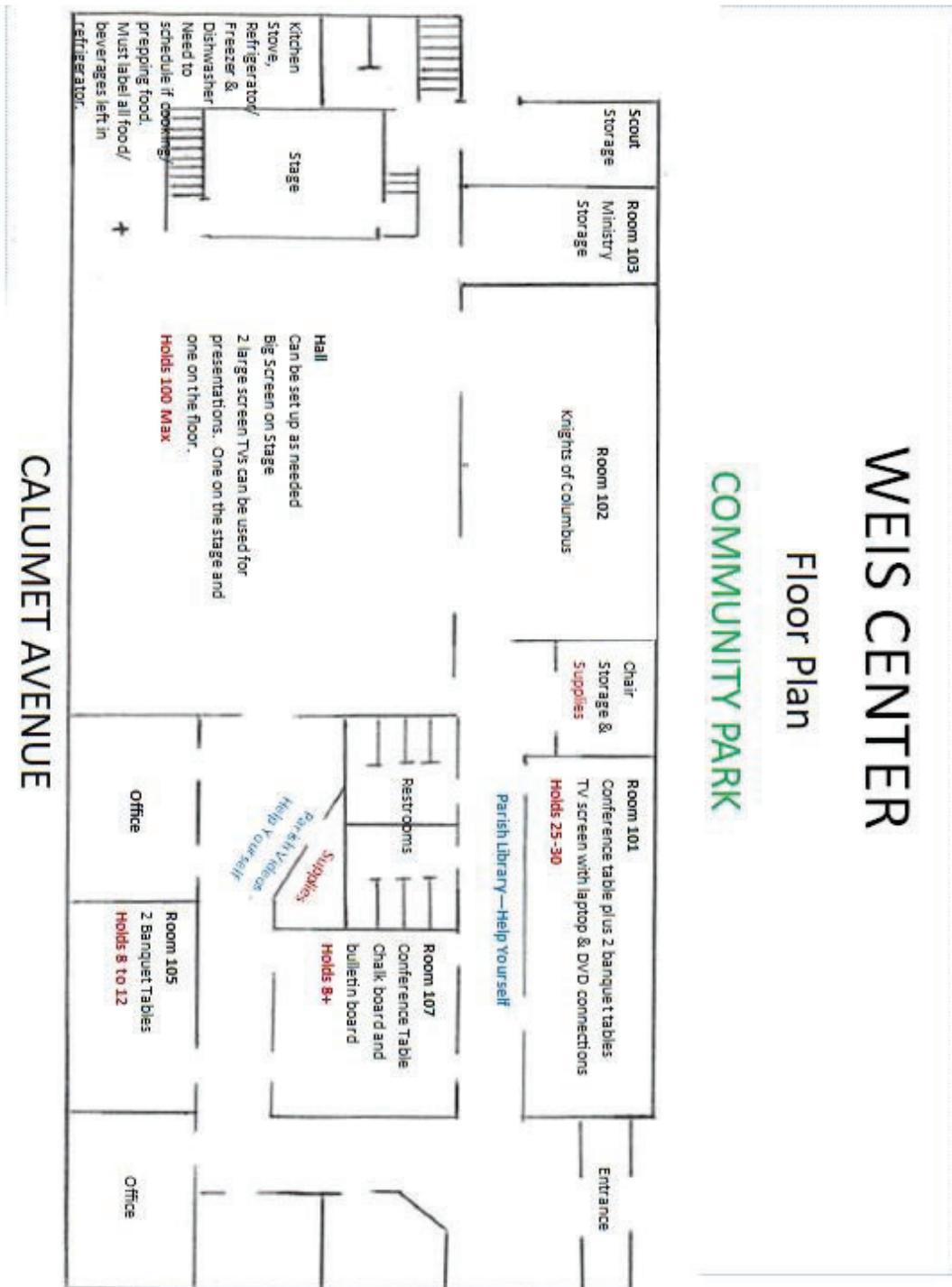


Exhibit 2

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Weis Center Facilities Scheduler Directions

1. Go to the St. Thomas More Church website at: <https://www.stm-church.com/>
2. On the left side of the page under “Facility/Event Scheduler” select the second option to “Click Here” to review the calendar to see which rooms are available for the date of your meeting/event.
3. Go back to the main menu and select the first option to “Click Here” to schedule an event.
4. This will bring you to the Event Registration Form page.
5. Enter the Event name (i.e. Monthly Meeting) if you would like.
6. Select the organization associated with the event. If your organization isn’t on the drop down list, please enter it below. Use your organization name only (i.e. Altar & Rosary not Altar & Rosary Chili Bingo).
7. Enter your contact information: First/Last name; phone number and email address. Please note that you must give us an email address that you currently use since this is how we will communicate with you.
8. Select the facility (room name) where this event will occur. Please enter a second choice in case there is a conflict. If your event can only occur in the first room selected, leave the 2nd option blank.
9. Enter/select a date range. Make sure you enter the same date for “From” and “To”.
10. Enter/select the times for the event. Remember to put AM or PM.
11. Enter the amount of time you think you will need to setup and cleanup. Give yourself enough time so as to not interfere with any other organizations.
12. Under “Scheduling Options”, click either “One Time Event” or “Recurring Event”. If it is recurring, make sure the same days and times are listed.
13. Under “Other Comments”, please list any other information that will help with the setup of the event. List any items you will need such as the number of chairs, tables, etc. that differs from the standard room set up listed on the Weis Center Floor Plan. Please try to use the standard set up or provide volunteers to help set up your event.
14. Review the form and click “Submit Form” when the form is complete/correct.
15. If there is a conflict or other issue with your event, you will receive an email stating such and you will have to pick another facility, time, or day, depending on the calendar.
16. If there is no conflict or other issue, you will receive an email stating that your event has been listed on the calendar.

Exhibit 3
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Weis Center Room Use Form

Only complete if you need changes to regular set-up
Drop off or email to Parish Office
Office to Verify that Room Has Been Scheduled

Date of Form: _____

Date of Use: _____

Time of Use: _____

Which Facility: Weis Center

Which room/rooms will be used: _____

Users Name: _____

Organization Name: _____

Contact Information:

Home # _____

Cell # _____

Set up Information:

On the back, please include a diagram of how you would like the room to be set-up.

How many chairs and tables (specify type): _____

Anything else needed: _____

Any questions or comments on set up please call

Custodial Supervisor at 219-836-8610 Ext. 2331 or ksmith@stm-school.com

If this form is not filled out, we will not guarantee your room will be set up.

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Exhibit 4

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Weis Center Exit Checklist

Please check the following when completed:

- _____ Lock and secure windows and all doors. Please verify that the doors are locked as you exit.
- _____ Sweep and vacuum floors, mop floors (if necessary). Refer to Exhibit 1 to locate the cleaning and restroom supply closets
- _____ Disinfect all tables, chairs, counters and door handles used (all rooms including the kitchen)
- _____ Return tables, chairs and podium to original positions
- _____ Clean refrigerator and stove/oven (if used)
- _____ Take down and dispose of all decorations (streamers, balloons, etc.)
- _____ Take garbage to dumpster and replace liners (hall, kitchen and all restrooms)
- _____ Turn off all lights and the hall sound system if used.
- _____ Set thermostats according to directions.
- _____ Make sure that all doors are locked

- For set up's or custodial assistance contact the Custodial Supervisor at 219-836-8610 ext. 2331 or ksmith@stm-school.com.
- For any major maintenance or fire alarm issues, contact the Custodial Supervisor at 219-629-1182.

Exhibit 5-1

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Weis Center Sound System Instructions

A. Hand Held Wireless Microphones

1. **Turn On the Amplifier** – On/Off Switch in the rear of the unit (see below).



2. **Turn On the Wireless Microphone(s)**. There are 2- buttons next to each other on the front with the icons for “down” and “up” respectively → ▼ ▲

Push and Hold the “UP” button (RH button) until the amber LED is solidly lit (about 3 seconds)-then release- microphone is ON (see below).



“Up” and “Down” Gain Buttons



Push and Hold “UP” button to turn on

Exhibit 5-2

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Weis Center Sound System Instructions

NOTE: After the event → **Turn OFF the Microphones** by pushing and holding the “DOWN” Icon ▼ (to the LEFT of the UP button) for 3 seconds then release. The Amber Light will flash on/off for about 20 seconds then shut off. You can turn the microphone back on again by pushing the “UP” button as above.

3. Adjusting the Gain (volume) of the Microphones

Easiest way is to adjust the Gain control on the AMP itself as some people have difficulty is pushing the buttons on the microphones and shut them off by accident. Gain controls (labeled “Wireless 1” and “Wireless 2”) are separate for each microphone and will be set at mid-range as a default. (see Below).

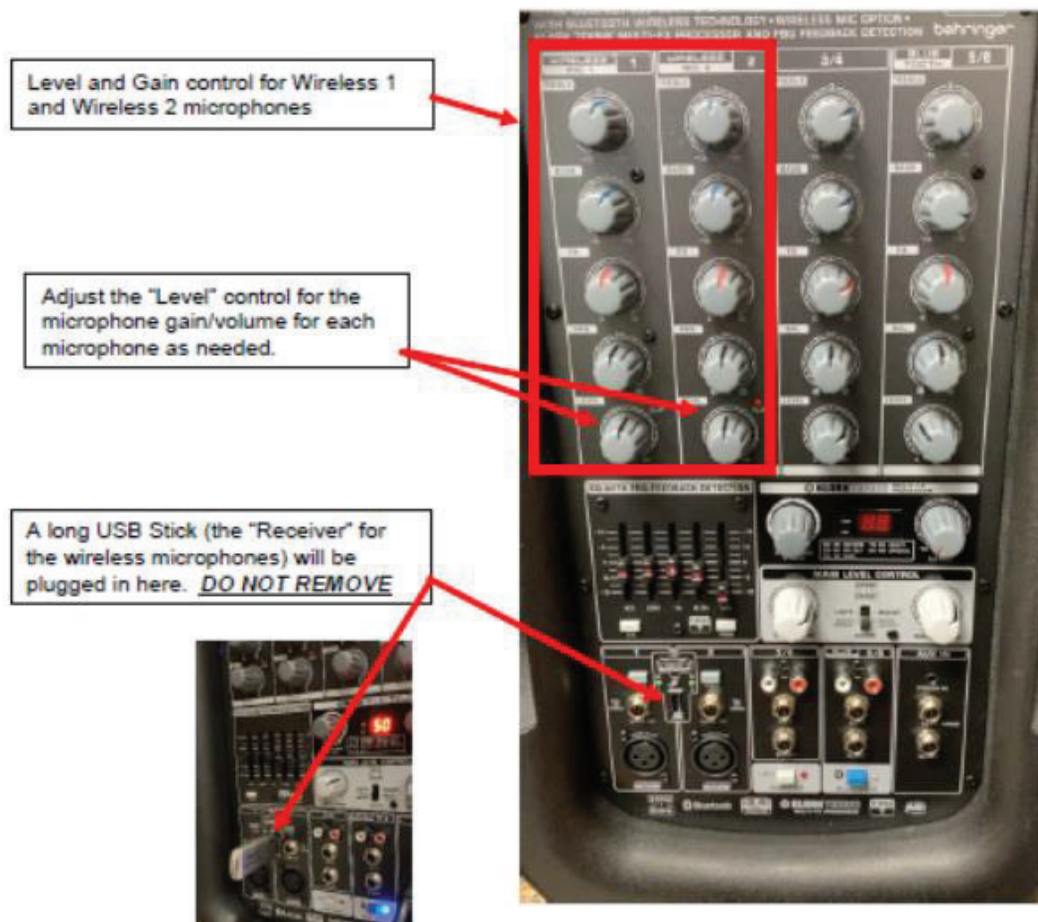


Exhibit 5-3

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Weis Center Sound System Instructions

B. Bluetooth

Only 1-Bluetooth device can be connected at a time—typically a Smart Phone. If you change or “switch” smart phones after the first Smart Phone is connected, you must “turn off” your Bluetooth mode on the first Smart Phone connected- otherwise the AMP will still look for that first connection.

To connect, push and hold the Blue Button until it flashes (a few seconds). It's now discoverable. Open your Bluetooth settings on your Smart Phone and select “Behringer PPA500BT” when it appears.



To connect, Push and hold the Blue Button. It will light up blue and “flash”



When connected, light will stop flashing and become “solid”

Gain/Volume control for Bluetooth is the farthest RH control on the AMP—labeled “Bluetooth” inputs 5/6. Your Smart Phone also has a “volume control” – so be careful how you set the volumes on the AMP and Smart Phone – you can control volume from either. And yes, the mics would still be “live” when playing music via Bluetooth—so enjoy Karaoke!



Gain/Volume Control

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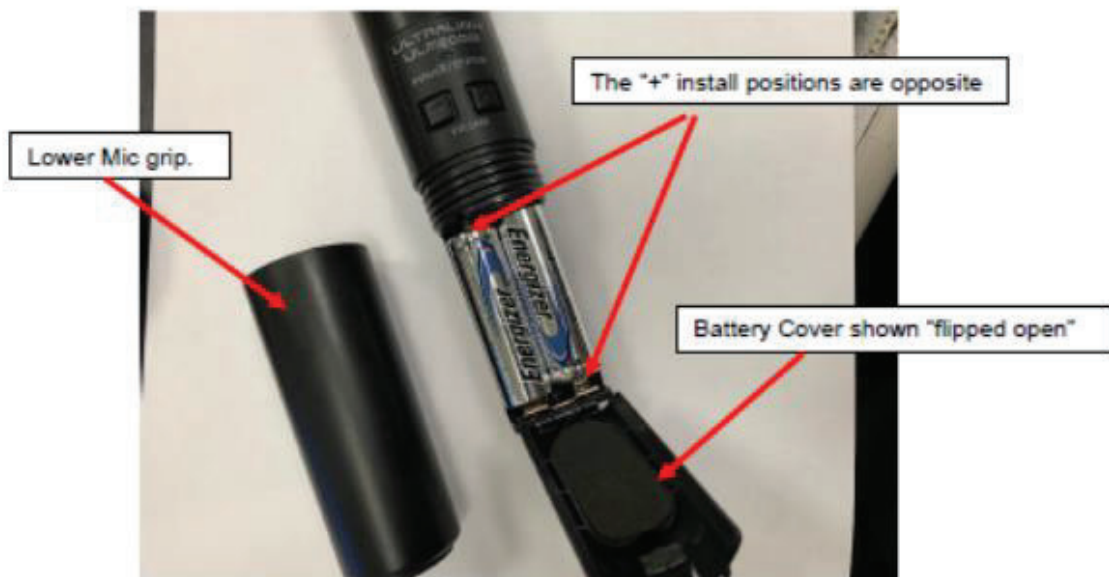
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C. Changing Batteries -- Handheld Microphones

Always check batteries before the event. Spares "should be" in room 103 on the RH Shelf—103 is first room to the right of the stage.

How to change the batteries (2-size "AA"):

1. Unscrew and remove the lower part of the microphone called the "mic grip" (below the Up/Down buttons)
2. Push the lock tap and "flip open" the battery door (hinged on 1-side)
3. Insert new batteries. The location of the "+" end is shown in the battery case—note the picture for position.
4. Close the battery door.
5. Screw the "mic grip" of the microphone back on.



C. Changing Batteries – Lapel Microphone

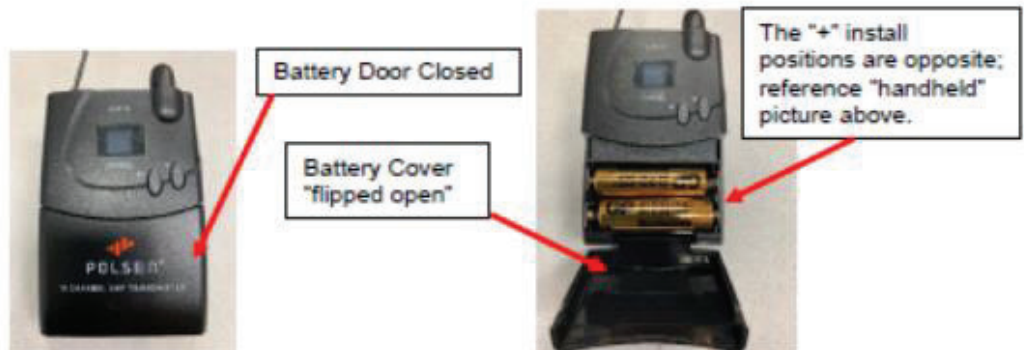


Exhibit 5-5

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D. Using the Wireless Lapel Microphone

The lapel mic requires a separate receiver. That receiver is already plugged into the AMP mic input "3/4". You simply need to: **(a)** turn on the receiver and **(b)** turn on the lapel mic transmitter (which can be clipped on a belt or other clothing location). The Lapel mic transmitter has its own "on/gain" control knob and needs to be turned on for use. **It is also operated by 2- "AA" batteries.** Both the mic control knob on the clip-on transmitter and the "3/4" level knob controls volume of the mic—recommend set level control on "3/4" at "11:00" and adjust the transmitter knob as needed.

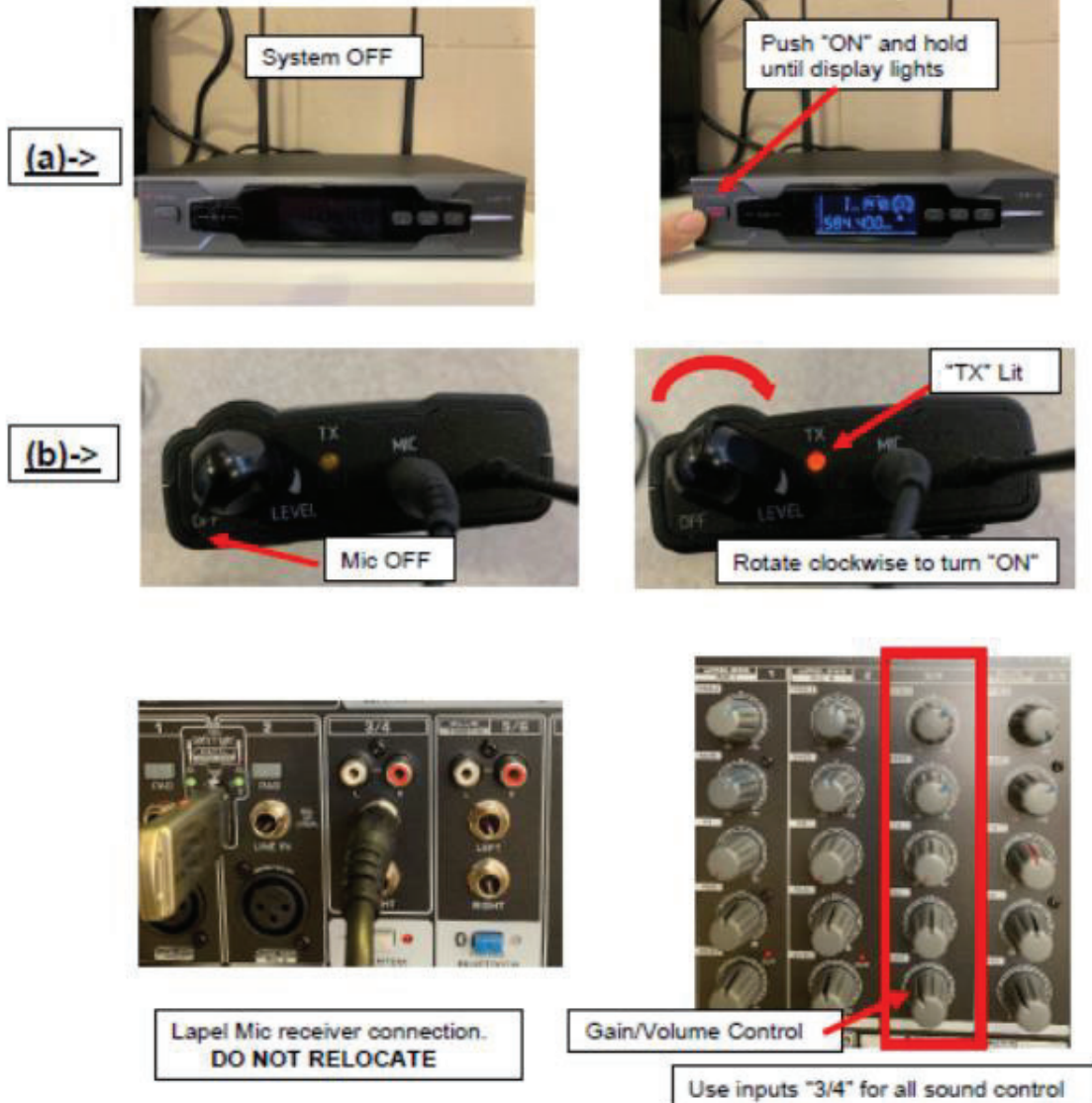


Exhibit 7

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Weis Center Usage Agreement

Ministry/Organization: _____

CHAIRPERSON'S RESPONSIBILITY

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All participants must act and use the facilities appropriately.

If set policies and procedures are not followed, organizations may lose the privilege of using the Weis Center. Several warnings for failure to follow procedures will be given before usage privileges are revoked.

- **In order to utilize the Weis Center, I agree to the Weis Center Rules and Guidelines stated in the Weis Center Building Information Handout.**
- **I will make sure that the items on the Weis Center Exit Checklist are completed before I leave the Weis Center.**
- **If the rules are not followed, I understand that my organization may not be able to utilize the Weis Center in the future.**

Name of Ministry Chairperson: _____

Email: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

All Ministries must complete a Weis Center Usage Agreement dated 12-10-24 or after, before they can utilize the building. Only one agreement per year needs to be completed.

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