

BUILDING OUR FUTURE

STEP BY STEP

WILLIAMSBURG UNITARIAN UNIVERSALISTS

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A WORD ABOUT BOF ACTIVITIES

Many have asked, What are the Building Our Future (BOF) teams doing these days? The answer is lots!! However, it is difficult to know how much information to share. So here are some accomplishments for the last few weeks.

Our three core teams are in place and working to keep their activities on schedule.

The **Steering Committee** continues to monitor the activities of the other two teams and reports to the Board. Members include: Roger Guernsey, Donna Stanford, Linda Lane-Hamilton, Dave Neiman, Kurt Williamson, (Lola Warren and Jennifer Ryu, ex-officio) and Les Solomon, Chair. **Steering Committee Teams** include[\[1\]](#)

- **Design/Build** has been working with Guernsey Tingle Architects to interpret our work from the Visioning Circles, Focus Groups, and Congregation meeting into a plan that we believe is within our financial means and in fulfillment of our mission/vision. Mark your calendar for May 18 to see GTA's first conceptual designs for a campus and possible facility expansion. Design/Build meets sometimes 2-3 times per week. It is hard, intense work but they are up to the task! **Members include:** Franz Gross, Sally Fisk, Nan Piland, Dave Neiman, (Les Solomon, ex-officio) and Roger Guernsey, Chair.
- **Financial Feasibility Study/Capital Campaign** has been working with our UUA consultant, Bill Clontz, to determine what expansion is within our financial means. **The team includes:** Dave Banks, Linda Lane-Hamilton, Helen Henson, Michael Luchs, (Les Solomon, ex-officio) and Allen Cooke, Chair. Most of the remainder of this newsletter provides information about their work.

I am delighted that we have so much dedicated talent on our teams. We have assembled these teams to represent to diversity of our congregation. It is difficult to count the hours spent in meetings, discussions, etc. to keep this work on schedule.

Finally, a word about one of our key members—Linda Lane-Hamilton. Though she has not been able to attend all of our meetings due to her health, she has been with us in spirit and is staying very much involved with our work via email, etc. Linda, you are our inspiration!

There is so much going on right now that we are expanding our communications, by email, Spiral, personal contact, etc. Look for our **ASK ME ABOUT BOF** badge at each WUU event. We do want you to be informed about this exciting work!!

Les Solomon
Chair, Building our Future



Financial Feasibility Team: Allen Cooke, Helen Hansen, Les Solomon, Dave Banks, Michael Luchs

BOF Financial Feasibility Phase

Our architects are now preparing design options for WUU to consider in May, working with the **Design/Build Team**. A second team, the **Financial Feasibility Team**, is preparing for a financial feasibility study of our congregation, working with **UUA consultant Bill Clontz**.

Our consultant will conduct private interviews with a cross section of our congregation to determine depth of support for an expanded facility. From these interviews he will project what we can afford to build. We expect these interviews to be held in July after we have seen preliminary proposals from our architects.

The Financial Feasibility team will select a significant sample that involves 20 percent of the congregation. Our intent is to provide a balanced picture of WUU members that reflect what the total congregation would be able to fund. These interviews will not seek a financial commitment. If the congregation moves forward with a WUU expansion, we will then conduct a capital campaign in the fall.

We will be providing more information as we progress further in developing detailed plans for the study. In the meantime, if you have questions, please contact a member of the Financial Feasibility Team (David Banks, Helen Hansen, Linda Lane-Hamilton, Michael Luchs, Les Solomon).

Allen Cooke, Chair

[\[1\]](#) Our exploratory work continues until our Congregational Meeting in September. If we should decide to build, our Design Team will grow and morph into a Build Team and our Financial Feasibility Study Team will grow and morph into a Capital Campaign Team.

BUILDING OUR FUTURE TIMELINE

Williamsburg Unitarian Universalists

Congregational Meetings: Shown in Blue

Steps beyond Phase 1 are contingent on results of Phase 1

2013

PHASE 1 EXPLORATION

June	Board charges Building our Future
July 7	Kickoff Sunday
July-Sept	Visioning Circles
Oct. 20	Congregational Informational Meeting
Oct. 21	Evening Information Session
Nov 17	Congregational Meeting & Vote on proceeding through remainder of Phase 1
Nov	Prepare for architect selection process
Dec	Issue Request for Architectural Service Proposals

2014

Jan	Receive proposals, interview architects, recommend architect to board
Feb	Announce Architect Selection
Feb	Initiate architect/congregant focus meetings
Mar	Congregational Work Session on Building Program
Apr	Design Studies WE ARE HERE
May	Presentation & Review of building options
June-Sept	Fundraising Feasibility Study
Sept	Determination of affordable building options to pursue -vote

PHASE 2 FUNDRAISING

Oct-Dec	Capital Campaign commences
Nov	Architect proceeds with drawing of chosen options

2015

January	Capital Campaign concludes
March	Final Determination of options to build - vote
April	Bidding for construction
May	Awarding of construction contract

PHASE 3 CONSTRUCTION

June	Begin Construction
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2016

April	Building ready for occupancy
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IT HAPPENS ONCE A GENERATION OR TWO: AFFIRMING & ENABLING OUR VISION, BUILDING OUR FUTURE

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