

On May 18, we will participate in one of those events that happens once a generation or two: Affirming & enabling our vision, building our future with a master plan!

This past Monday evening the BOF Steering Committee had its first look at the Guernsey Tingle architects' drawings of a master plan for expansion at WUU. The following comments reflect each committee member's first impression of the drawings.

Les Solomon:

It isn't easy to take our dreams and fold them into a compact design that is beautiful, functional, right-sized, and flexible. But our Design Team, with Guernsey Tingle Architect's help, did it! Not only is it a plan that addresses our priorities, it enable us to grow the WUU campus well into our future.

Roger Guernsey:

It is just thrilling to be at the center of this design process with our exceptionally able design-build team members interacting with our exceptional architects. The exciting, versatile, and efficient building alterations and new construction design just scream WUU mission!

Donna Stanford:

I am elated! Such thought and effort have gone into incorporating the priorities established in our visioning circles and congregational meetings into a cohesive master plan for WUU. Our congregational mission is at the heart of this plan.

Kurt Williamson:

I was so excited to see the first plans for the next phase of WUU. The new spaces and facilities are going to allow us to live our values more fully and serve our congregation - and community - better than ever!

Allen Cooke:

Having seen for the first time the evolving plans for our facilities expansion, I am struck by the thoughtfulness that has gone into the effort so far. We are fortunate to have such a talented team working with our architects. Looking forward, we know that changes will be made and much discussion will be held on how best to stage the project.

That is part of a good process. From a financial standpoint, we will soon be assessing our ability to fund this project and the associated ongoing expenses. It is too soon to judge the outcome, but one has to feel that we are at a critical and exciting time in the life of our congregation. We have an opportunity to make a difference in the future of WUU. And I am confident that we can exceed our own expectations.

Linda Lane-Hamilton:

I have looked forward to bringing together worship, religious education, ministerial, office, and social spaces into one beautiful, re-imagined, revitalized, and expanded building. Now we have the plans that complete what we started in the 1990s, thanks to the innovative thinking of GTA and our own design team. A new entry guides us to all areas of this building, and our children and families "come home" to be in community with all of us. And where do you think the kitchen will be? I was surprised!





Sunday, May 18, immediately following the service, the architects from Guernsey Tingle will present a master plan for the potential expansion of our WUU facilities. Come take a virtual tour of the possible. Learn what could be done with our facilities and campus to help us better fulfill our mission and build our future!

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 I
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
May	Presentation & Review of building options WE ARE HERE
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

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PHASE 3 CONSTRUCTION

June Begin Construction

2016

April Building ready for occupancy

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