



If you are proud of this church, become its advocate.
If you are concerned for its future, share its message.
If its values resonate deep within you, give it a measure of your devotion.
This church cannot survive without your faith, your confidence, your enthusiasm.
Its destiny, the larger hope, rests in your hands.

"If you are proud of this church" by Michael A. Schuler

WUU REQUESTS CHALICE LIGHTER GRANT

The UUA Chalice Lighter program encourages and supports growth of Unitarian Universalism by awarding grants to member congregations and clusters. Grants are awarded for both traditional and innovative growth projects.

No more than three times each year a Chalice Lighter call, describing the approved grant request, is sent out to those who have pledged support for the program. By pooling contributions of \$15 or more from the Chalice Lighters, substantial grants can be provided to congregations which are expanding their ministries. **WUU now has over 60 Chalice Lighter supporters!**

WUU has made an application to the Southeast District Chalice Lighter program for a grant to finish the exploratory work and prepare to build if the congregation votes to proceed with phase 1 of the Master Plan. That vote will be taken on September 21.

NEXT STEPS

Now that the Financial Feasibility Study has been completed, the congregation will be reviewing and discussing the results and voting to move forward with a capital campaign. In anticipation of a positive vote September 21, BOF and the Financial Feasibility team must prepare for next steps, which include recruiting a capital campaign team and committees, recruiting WUUs to serve as visiting stewards for the campaign, and training those stewards.

Assuming that it is approved, the capital campaign will begin in October and conclude in December/January. The FFS team is looking for about 40 WUUs willing to volunteer as visiting stewards. Each steward will be trained by our UUA consultant and make no more than two home visits late fall/early winter to solicit pledges for the capital campaign.

UUA consultant Bill Clontz will lead the training Sunday, September 28, the only time he has free because of his busy fall schedule. He has been an invaluable resource for WUU, and some of you met him during the financial feasibility interviews.

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All planning is contingent on a favorable vote to move ahead with the capital campaign. If the vote is otherwise, this capital campaign will not occur.

A STORY OF GENEROSITY AND FAITH...

WUU member Lee Hougen takes a look back at the steps taken in the building of our present sanctuary. The journey to build and the process leading to construction is a success story which had no guarantee of success when it began. Read Lee's account and the implications for today's congregation. [Click here.](#)

IMPORTANT SEPTEMBER DATES!

September 14 - Q&A with BOF Teams

September 21 - Congregational Meeting (vote to proceed with phase 1 of master plan)

BUILDING OUR FUTURE TIMELINE

Williamsburg Unitarian Universalists

Congregational Meetings: Shown in Blue

Steps beyond Stage 1 are contingent on results of Stage 1

2013

STAGE 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 Stage 1**
- Nov Preparation of architect selection process
- Dec Issuance of Request for Architectural Service Proposals

2014

- Jan Receiving of proposals, interview architects, recommend architect to board
- Feb Announcement of Architect Selection
- Feb Initiation of architect/congregant focus meetings
- Mar Congregational Work Session on Building Program**
- Apr Master Plan Design Studies
- May Presentation & Review of Master Plan**
- June-July Program Opportunity Sessions with congregants
- July Fundraising Feasibility Study & Report
- Jul-Aug Adjustment of Phase 1 scope as needed per above Report **WE ARE HERE**
- Aug Board development of proposal for adjusted scope for congregational vote
- Sept 14 Informational session on final Phase 1 of Master Plan**
- Sept 21 Congregational Vote on proceeding with Phase 1 of Master Plan**

STAGE 2 FUNDRAISING

Sept 21 **Congregational Vote on proceeding with Phase 1 of Master Plan**

STAGE 2 FUNDRAISING

Oct Capital Campaign commencement
Nov Negotiation of Agreement with architect for remainder of design work
Dec Final Design Phase commencement: Details of design are decided & dra

2015

January Capital Campaign conclusion
Feb Adjustment of Phase I scope as needed by Capital Campaign results
Feb Final Design Documents to Board, then [Presentation to Congregation](#)
March Selection of Building Contractors to bid for construction
April Bidding for construction
May Negotiation of construction contract with selected bidder

STAGE 3 CONSTRUCTION

June Commencement of Construction

2016

April Building ready for occupancy!

IT HAPPENS ONCE A GENERATION OR TWO: AFFIRMING & ENABLING OUR VISION, BUILDING OU.

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