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## BUILDING OUR FUTURE

WILLIAMSBURG UNITARIAN UNIVERSALISTS

## STEP BY STEP

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*Happy Thanksgiving from the Building Our Future Committee!*



*"Twenty years from now, you'll be more disappointed by the things you didn't do, than by the things you did do. So throw off the bowlines! Sail away from the safe harbor. Catch the trade winds in your sails. Explore, dream, and discover."*

*-Mark Twain*

### **What's next?**

- On November 17, 2013, WUU's overwhelmingly approved moving ahead with plans to complete Phase One (Exploratory) of the Building Our Future Timeline. The next step will be to raise the necessary funding to hire an architect to do the preliminary work which involves providing design options and estimated costs. It's estimated that \$30,000 will be needed to hire the architect, and later, to hire the UUA consultant to do the financial feasibility study.
- At the same time, the BOF committee is planning the architect selection process. This involves creating a list of potential architects, drafting the Request for Proposals (RFP), and reporting to the WUU Board.

### **How can I help?**

- You and your family can be a part of this exciting process! Contributions to the "Next Steps Fund" are a way of showing your support and involvement in this exciting next step.
- Contributions may be sent to the church office or given to Les Solomon. *Checks should be made out to Williamsburg Unitarian Universalists, with "Next Steps Fund" in the memo line.*

Cash contributions should be designated, "Next Steps Fund."

- Over \$21,000 has been pledged/received to date.
- Get involved. We will need the assistance and involvement of everyone at WUU to ensure that our enhanced facilities support our congregation's mission.
- Stay informed. Read the weekly *BOF Newsletter* (email and online at [www.wuu.org](http://www.wuu.org)), check the weekly *Spiral* and the monthly *WUU Newsletter*. Talk to a member of the BOF committee: *Les Solomon, chair, Roger Guernsey, Linda Lane-Hamilton, Dave Neiman, Donna Stanford, Kurt Williamson.*

## 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

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|           |  |
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| 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 - <b>WE ARE HERE</b>             |
| 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                          |
|           | Begin Preliminary architectural design options preparation            |
| May       | Presentation & Review of building options                             |
| June-Sept | Fundraising Feasibility Study   |
| Sept      | Determination of affordable building options to pursue -vote          |

##### PHASE 2 FUNDRAISING

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

#### 2015

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

##### PHASE 3 CONSTRUCTION

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| June | Begin Construction |
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#### 2016

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| 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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