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## BUILDING OUR FUTURE

WILLIAMSBURG UNITARIAN UNIVERSALISTS

## STEP BY STEP

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### FOCUS GROUPS ARE UNDERWAY WITH GUERNSEY TINGLE ARCHITECTS



Inquiring Minds Want to Know...

Q: Why is the number of participants limited in the focus groups?

A: Participant numbers are limited because:

- Guernsey Tingle Architects requested groups of between 8 and 12 persons. This smaller number allows in-depth discussion about specific topics.
- This requirement is based on their wide experience working with a variety of other congregations.
- Because each group is focused on a specific topic, those with extensive experience with that topic are involved. (staff/support functions, worship/music/sanctuary, exterior space/outdoor functions, education, social/food service/outreach functions)
- Other opportunities for congregational input are listed below.

Q: What other methods are used by Guernsey Tingle and the BOF to gather information?

A: Information is gathered in several ways:

- Summer Visioning Circles captured a lot of data which Guernsey Tingle has reviewed.
- A week ago, 30 WUU leaders met with the architects for more than two hours.
- This week more than 50 people, mostly individuals who were not in the last week's leadership meeting,

are participating in focus groups.

- Each Sunday--The Building Our Future team will be available to discuss and gather information that was missed in the focus groups.
- There will be two congregational meetings to gather additional information--one on March 23 and one in May. Please plan to participate in to both of these events.

## BUILDING OUR FUTURE TIMELINE

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### Congregational Meetings: Shown in Blue

\*\*\*Steps beyond Phase 1 are contingent on results of Phase 1\*\*\*

#### 2013

##### PHASE 1 EXPLORATION

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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
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 <b>WE ARE HERE</b>
Mar	Congregational Work Session on Building Program
Apr	Design Studies
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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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

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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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