

As we begin the building process for our expanded space, there has been a lot of activity behind the scenes. What's been going on, you may ask? Answers to some your questions are provided below.

### Frequently Asked Questions

**Do we have enough money for our building expansion and renovation? I know the capital campaign is finished but I don't know whether we raised enough money to build what we want to build.**

In November, the BOF teams began to modify the Phase 1 plans to align the plans with the estimated money available. Essentially, we reduced the cost by about \$450,000, reduced the footprint by about 10-12 percent and eliminated some design features. The Design/Build Team coordinated this work with the various interest groups and worked with Guernsey Tingle Architects and ET Gresham Construction on the redesign. The result is a more compact Phase 1 that will function very much like the original Phase 1, while keeping in place virtually all of the components to meet our mission and vision.

*(Les, Building Our Future Steering Committee chair)*

**When do we get to see the latest floor plans for our building expansion and renovation?**

Floor plans, site plan, and renderings of interior and exterior will all be made available for viewing during the last half of April. We are meeting with Guernsey Tingle Architects and E. T. Gresham frequently leading up to these final design drawings as we reconcile design specifics, material selections, and a host of other factors, with what we have available to spend.

*(Roger, chair of Design Build Team)*

**I read that we're having a congregational meeting in May. Why? What are we voting on?**

The Board is calling the Congregational Meeting on May 3rd to ask the congregation's approval of three items:

The final design of the WUU expansion/renovation

The cost of the building, and

The mortgage

If these three things are approved, the construction process will proceed.

*(Lola, WUU Board Chair)*

**What does DBT have to do before the May congregational meeting?**

We have settled on the floor plan and form of the building but not the details or specification. We will be meeting among ourselves and with E.T. Gresham and Guernsey Tingle Architects to decide finishes, special features, heating and air conditioning systems, and site placement of some features. To hedge against unexpected higher costs we will identify features to become "bid alternates" (additions to the contract if we can afford them).

*(Roger, chair of Design Build Team)*

**How can I keep track of what's going on with our building expansion? I'm feeling a little left out...**

Starting with this BOF newsletter, we will provide you with lots of information! You can read about our progress and meet our new contractors in the bimonthly BOF newsletter. You can read monthly updates—what happens EACH month—in the WUU newsletter. When the new WUU web site is completed, we hope you will have an easy and direct link to all new pictures and other information about our building expansion. You can attend congregational information session (two in April, we hope)--no votes, just sharing information and answering questions--and we will work hard to schedule these sessions both after the first and after the second services.

Watch for information about site tours, perhaps some special events to celebrate the progress toward building, and, later and when possible, hard-hat tours of the expanding facilities. We'll post pictures and other articles on the web site and we will keep a historical record all in one place.

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As you can see from other FAQs, our Design Build Team has done enormous amounts of work with our architects and our contractors. Stay tuned to future BOF newsletters to meet the contractors and the WUU "mortgage team," and hear about the progress BEFORE our congregational meeting and vote May 9.  
*(Linda, BOF communications)*

### **When are we going to break ground and start building?**

Our target is September for Ground Breaking! Assuming the congregation votes "yes" on May 3, our contractor will begin the work of recommending sub-contractors for construction for Design/Build Team and Board approval. Already, a portion of the paperwork has been submitted for the JCC building permit.  
*(Les, Building Our Future Steering Committee chair)*

### **Should we be paying our capital campaign gifts now?**

The Capital Campaign was spread out over three calendar years so that members and friends could phase their gifts over that time. We have staged the construction loan to take into account the expected income over that period. Should some members decide that they are able to pay their gift earlier, that would reduce the amount we need to borrow during construction.  
*(Allen, co-chair of Capital Campaign)*

### **I know we'll need a mortgage. What's happening with trying to find a mortgage and deciding what the terms will be?**

After meeting with six banks and receiving proposals from four of them, a selection has been made and is being reviewed by the Board. The terms of our agreement have exceeded our expectations with regard to interest rates, loan amount and time period. More information is forthcoming.  
*(Allen, co-chair of Capital Campaign)*

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