

BUILDING OUR FUTURE 2016

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Over the last three months, your Design/Build Team has worked to advance the Phase 1 building design and ensure it aligns with the project budget. Here are the highlights:

- With the Board and Finance, working on behalf of the congregation, the team coordinated their work to make certain that we have what we need for Phase 1 at the price we can afford. In addition to the phase 1 construction and remodeling, the plan includes site planning, coming into compliance with JCC code requirements (e.g., retention pond repair), and parking improvements.
- The team reduced the total square footage of the building addition by more than 10%, to contain costs, while at the same time preserving the key elements of the original design that we all valued. The Team solicited input from several WUU ministry/program teams to ensure that our needs could be met with the reduced space. The results are a more efficient and pleasing use of space.
- With the Steering Committee, the team interviewed five contractors and recommended that the Board select E.T. Gresham Construction to manage the preconstruction and construction work.
- Working with Guernsey Tingle Architects and E.T. Gresham, the team is working to make certain that Phase 1 *continues* to stay within the budgetary guidelines as more firm construction estimates are applied to the plan. Our current pre-construction work is designed to help us make these final modifications before actual bidding occurs on construction.
- Between now and April 19, the team will finalize the plans, cost estimates, and timelines.

Mark your calendars for April 19 at 4:00! The Board is hosting a rollout of the design and costing to leadership and congregants. If weather permits, we will take a site tour of the Phase 1 plan.

For those who cannot attend the April 19th meeting, mark your calendar to attend the meeting on April 26 (at 10:15 between the two services). This will provide another opportunity to review the plans in preparation for the congregational meeting. We may schedule a third meeting, if needed. Additionally, there will be plenty of resources available at WUU.org.

Then, on May 3, at the Board's Special Congregational Meeting, we will approval of the final design of our expansion/renovation, the projected cost, and mortgage details. With this is the green light, E.T. Gresham can proceed with final construction planning. Unless there are surprises between May and September that require congregational action, the vote in May will be the final vote to Build Our Future-phase 1 construction in September and occupy in 2016!

Les Solomon

Chair, Building our Future

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