# BUILDING OUR FUTURE

# STEP BY STEP

WILLIAMSBURG UNITARIAN UNIVERSALISTS

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#### Congregational Work Session - Sunday, May 18

Guernsey Tingle Architects, **Andy Cronan** and **Kristin Baum**, met with over 100 WUU's following the morning service. The visual presentation included a phased master plan for possible expansion of our facilities. Whether we expand our facilities will depend on the outcome of the congregational vote in September.



#### The Architects Reviewed and Shared:

- What they have heard from us
- What they've done since the last congregational meeting
- How they developed the Master Plan (a Road Map for possible construction)
- WUU Program Priorities
- General guiding principles for developing the Master Plan
- The Site Plan development
- Projected color-coded plans for phases of expansion & a 3D video flyover
- Time was given for Q & A and Additional Feedback
- Next Steps were reviewed

#### Looking Ahead:

- Congregational Meeting Followup (Design/Build Team will gather information to enable Guernsey Tingle to complete its role in exploratory process)
  - Team members meet with WUU special interest/affinity groups to answer questions and gather feedback within the next 2-3 weeks
  - Arrangements are being made for a Site visit--open to all--to New Town UMC to see a GTA design in a local church
  - BOF display of the architects' primary floor plans will be displayed on the windows between lobby and patio, starting this Sunday.
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  - Study conducted by UUA professional consultant, Bill Clontz, via direct interviews and online surveys of congregation members
  - Nearly 50 randomly selected interviewees will be notified in early June regarding interviews to be conducted in mid-July.

#### • Preparation for September Congregational Vote

- $\circ\,$  WUU members will decide how we respond to this opportunity which happens once every generation or two.
- Recommended preparation:
  - Listen
  - Dream
  - Communicate
  - Live our UU Principles

The Architects' plans and the 3D flyover, can be found online at the WUU Website. Click here.

# **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

- 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 reminder of Phase I
- 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
- Mar Congregational Work Session on Building Program
- Apr Design Studies
- May Presentation & Review of building options WE ARE HERE
- June-Sept Fundraising Feasibility Study
- Sept Determination of affordable building options to pursue -vote

#### PHASE 2 FUNDRAISING

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

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May	Awarding of construction contract

## PHASE 3 CONSTRUCTION

June Begin Construction

# 2016

April Building ready for occupancy

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