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STEP BY STEP

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Architects Introduced to WUU Congregation Sunday, February 16.

During Sunday's 11:15 service Les Solomon (BOF Chair) introduced the three architects who will work closely with our congregation in the coming weeks. **Tom Tingle, Andy Cronan and Kristin Baum of Guernsey Tingle Architects (GTA)**, in collaboration with the BOF Design/Build Team, will assist us (1) in quantifying and prioritizing the needs identified in our Visioning Circles and (2) will evaluate design options for resolving these needs within the physical and financial constraints of our congregation.

GTA Project Approach

Assist WUU in fine tuning its Needs Assessment, developing a Master Plan and preparing Conceptual Building Design options.

- Use work completed by BOF to develop a **Building Space Program** that will guide the project design.
- With engineering consultants - do an **Assessment of Current Facilities** to evaluate their condition, to understand the issues to address as part of any building/site solution.
- These two documents will form basis for development of **Master Plan** and **Building Design Options**, and provide a tool for WUU to use in evaluating any future project development.

GTA's Basic Process

- Carefully **listening** to the needs and members' vision for WUU.
- Effectively **communicating** the process and deliverables along each step of project.
- Thoroughly **exploring** solutions and multiple options to each challenge.
- **Exceeding** expectations by meeting schedules, developing realistic budgets and solving problems with a caring creative approach.

Data Gathering Sessions are Underway

Saturday, February 15 from 3-5 pm - GTA met with WUU Leadership. Thirty WUU leaders met with the three architects for open ended questions to help GTA get to the heart of the design.

Focus Groups Scheduled for Next Week

- Focus on the programmatic function of space. The intent is to understand the "life" within the structure today and what is desired in the future.
- Discussion of limits and constraints/shortcomings of existing space.

Congregational Work Session - March, 2014

GTA presentation will **present a draft building program & facility analysis**, describe the process, gather input (allow everyone to be heard) and build consensus for needs and solutions.

QUESTIONS ABOUT THE PROCESS? CONCERNS? SUGGESTIONS?

Members of the BOF Steering Committee and the Design/Build Team will be available each Sunday following the 11:15 service to note your concerns, explain the process and answer your questions. The BOF Team will be sporting large buttons with the logo below. We want to keep you informed and connected with the process.



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