## BUILDING OUR FUTURE WILLIAMSBURG UNITARIAN UNIVERSALISTS

# STEP BY STEP JUNE 25, 2013

#### Meet our UUA consultant

Most congregations hoping to expand or alter their facilities seek help from consultants with expertise in the entire process-from early stages through successful fund-raising campaigns.

Our UUA consultant, Bill Clontz, has already provided valuable assistance to the new Building Our Future (BOF) committee in several ways. He has "met" with BOF by speaker-phone for an hour-long consultation. At this year's GA in Louisville, he met in person with BOF chair Les Solomon and WUU president Lola Warren to answer questions generated by the BOF committee. He and the committee share information and extensive resource material via Dropbox-and he has read documents WUU has prepared related to strategic planning, stewardship, and expansion.

In the future, we will have Bill on-site through the wonders of modern technology and, later, in person. There will be opportunities for all WUUs to meet and talk with Bill as we experience this process.

Here is the official description, from the UUA website, of Bill's experience.

**Bill Clontz** is a UUA Stewardship Consultant who draws on his experience as a businessman, retired US Army officer, member of the **International Mentoring Association**, and Fellow at Harvard's Kennedy School and the Brookings Institution, focusing on leadership development, strategic planning, and organizational dynamics.

Bill is a member of the Mount Vernon Unitarian Church, where he has served on the Board of Trustees, Program Council, Endowment Committee, Strategic Planning and Capital Task Forces, and Ministerial Search Committee. Bill formed the MVUC Leadership Development Team and Communication Council; he has been active in every budget and capital campaign at MVUC for the past 15 years.

**Bill** helps congregations build an environment in which individuals, leaders, and the community can encourage and challenge each other to find the joy in contributing to something larger than themselves, raising their levels of competence and community, and giving life to UU ideals. **Bill** and his wife Meg live in Alexandria.



Les Solomon and Lola Warren meet with UUA Consultant Bill Clontz (right) last week at GA

### Visioning Circles to begin mid-July

Who are we? What will we become? How can our facilities change to accommodate those dreams?

Each member of WUU will be encouraged to sign up and attend one of the 25 - 30 Visioning Circles to be held in July, August and September.

Our first visioning circles will start Wednesday, July 18, and run on Wednesday and Friday evenings and Saturday and Sunday mornings in July, with the weekend circles held in the new Parker House conference room. Each circle will be limited to 10 participants.

You will be able to sign up for the circle of your choice starting Sunday, July 7, after the service, or by writing to <a href="mailto:office@wuu.org">office@wuu.org</a> starting July 7. Put "Visioning Circle request" on the subject line.

In these small groups, we will dream, envision, and share thoughts about the future of WUU. Two questions will be asked at each meeting:

- 1. What is special or meaningful to you about the current WUU campus and facilities that you might want to see either preserved or enhanced?
- 2. In the next five years, what changes would you like to see that would help WUU function better? What will WUU look like-inside and out? How will this changed space enhance our congregational values and mission?

The Building Our Future Committee will report results of these Visioning Circles to the congregation in October. The BOF Committee can be contacted at: office@wuu.org.

Les Solomon, chair

Roger Guernsey, Linda Lane-Hamilton, Dave Neiman, Donna Stanford, Kurt Williamson

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