

OUR JOURNEY TO A NEW HOME

Where We've Come From ♦ Where We Are ♦ What's Next

2012

- Spring: Offer from third party on our parking lot spurs Board to think about developing a plan to modernize facility and strengthen our financial health
- Board appoints Seattle Unity Visioning group [SUV] to manage the planning process
- Fall: Two Congregational meetings held to evaluate 4 options: do nothing; stay and renovate; sell and move; stay and redevelop. Stay and redevelop wins large plurality of votes
- SUV group begins to look at how we might best redevelop on our site

2013 - 2014

- After study, SUV recommends to the Board that we divide our site into 2 parcels: sell the north parcel to fully finance a new Seattle Unity facility on the south portion facing Denny Park, as well as add to the church's financial reserves
- Board approves bringing the recommendation to members at 2014 Annual Meeting and hires Hewitt architectural firm to develop a feasibility study
- Membership overwhelmingly approves proposal at Annual Meeting
- Rev. Karen initiates ongoing congregational meetings and Q+A sessions to keep people informed and to solicit input
- Design team formed to provide input to architect on facility design
- SUV members meet with City Planning Dept. to determine best method for processing a development plan, but new zoning rules present obstacle
- Church retains a land-use attorney to represent our interests with the City

2015

- Waiting for the City: At 2015 Annual Meeting, Membership gives Board authority to evaluate the sell/move option in case City does not act favorably on our proposal
- SUV looks at sell/move alternative but potential sites are very tight; nothing available that meets our criteria for suitable site
- **September:** City decides in our favor; we can proceed to redevelop on our current site
- **November 21:** Board and SUV approve process for determining who will purchase the north parcel [see next box]

Decision-making process:

1. Small Team [1 Board, 1 SUV, 1 Staff] identifies up to 10 potential developers who meet basic requirements. Members are Faith Ireland, Tom Curran, Jim Carroll.
2. Small team meets with potential co-developers and winnows list to no more than 5.
3. These potential co-developers meet with Board and SUV and submit written offers.
4. Board and SUV evaluate offers and identify 2-3 candidates, including most-preferred; bring to Membership for approval vote.
5. Members vote on selection of co-developer and price of north portion of our property

What we are looking for in a co-developer:

- Collaborative approach
- Experience
- Financial strength and stability
- Flexibility

* As with any development project, stuff happens, and timelines can fluctuate. What follows is a best guess.

2016

- Change and Transition Team established by Rev. Karen to engage the congregation in the change process most effectively
- May-June: Membership vote on selection of co-developer and price of north portion
- Development agreement with the co-developer negotiated
- October: Development agreement finalized
- October: Master Use Permitting [MUP] process begins with the City; will last up to 18 months

2017

- Identify site for temporary facility during construction
- Fall: Move to temporary site
- Late fall: MUP process completed

2018

- January: Honor and close current building
- January: Old building comes down; construction on new facility begins
- Construction will last 2+ years

2020

Fall: Inaugurate and celebrate our new home!!