

UPDATE: July 1, 2014

In the May update [see Links below], we noted that there were three activities that were in process. Here are those three activities and the progress we have made since the beginning of May:

1. Identifying an architectural firm.

The Seattle Unity Visioning team [SUV] interviewed three architectural firms who emerged as finalists in our review process. All three were excellent, and all had strong professional reputations. The SUV team recommended that the Board contract with Hewitt and Associates—the same firm that had helped us in the Feasibility Study phase of the project and whose leader—David Hewitt—had presented at the Annual Meeting in February. At its June meeting, the Board of Trustees chose to go with the SUV recommendation and will begin developing a contract with Hewitt.

In this next phase of the project—the Concept Design Phase—Hewitt will:

- Prepare new facility design options and graphic images for the Board and the voting membership to consider;
- Provide assistance in helping us move through the City permitting process; and
- Provide assistance we may request in our future negotiations with potential development partners on the north portion of our site.



2. Identifying potential buyers for the north parcel.

We are still in the process of identifying potential entities that might be interested in buying and developing the north portion of our current site. Our next step in this process is to finalize a list of conditions and requirements that we will be negotiating with potential buyers.

3. Gathering congregational input.



Rev. Karen has convened a series of congregational visioning sessions where the congregation has provided ideas, dreams and opinions about the look and function of the new facility.

Rev. Karen is also working with Gerry Schley, Board President, to identify members of the Design Team that will make sure the architects have an ongoing connection to the “voice of the congregation” as they develop their initial designs.

Need to catch up on what’s been happening with our New Facility Project?

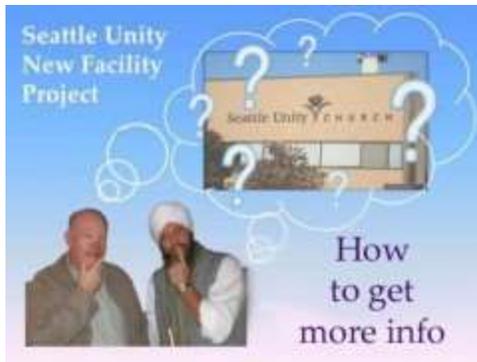
Please take a look at the Frequently Asked Questions [\[here's the link\]](#) to understand more about what has been happening with the New Facility Project to date.



The Seattle Unity Visioning Team currently includes:

Tom Curran	Scott Caldwell	Deborah Lee
Rev. Karen Lindvig	Greg Rupert	Faith Ireland
Jim Roberts	Jan Campbell	Desi Bailey
Mariella Adams-Roberts	Gerald Schley	Rymii Kaio
	Melissa Mager	

Four ways to get updates and answers to your questions



1. Look at the updated [visual timeline](#).
2. Check out the [Frequently Asked Questions](#).
3. If you have a question about the new facility project, you can email your question to suvision@seattleunity.org and you will receive a response within a few days.
3. We hold face-to-face time to ask questions directly with Board members and SUV members on the 3rd Sunday of the month at 11:30 am.