

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

For additional background details, please see "New Facility News" in the "What's New" section of Seattle Unity's website

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



NEXT: Congregational information/input meeting
Sunday, January 10, 2016 (info only, no vote here)

Decision-making process for sale of property

1. Small Team [1 Board, 1 SUV, 1 Staff] identifies up to 10 potential developers who meet basic requirements
2. Small team meets with potentials and winnows list to no more than 5
3. 5 potentials meet with Board and SUV and submit written offers
4. Board/SUV evaluate offers; identify top 3 and most-preferred candidate; bring to Membership for approval
5. Members vote on sale of north portion (date of vote not yet determined)