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# SEATTLE UNITY: New Building Timeline

**Sept 2013:** Board asks SUV to make recommendations by November on initial steps

**Oct. 2012:** Congregational meetings to vote on 4 options—stay/fix, stay/remodel; sell/move; stay/redevelop. Strong plurality [47.1%] votes to stay on current site and redevelop

**Spring 2012:** Board forms Seattle Unity Visioning group [SUV] to advise on what might be possible to do with our building

**2000-2012:** Increasing challenges of maintaining current building; sporadic attempts at visioning and planning for remodeling. South Lake Union [SLU] growth explodes, and developers show interest in purchasing our property.

**2003:** Seattle Unity sells property on corner of 8<sup>th</sup> and Thomas to LIHI for low income housing units; proceeds used to establish reserve fund

**Nov. 2013:** SUV recommends to Board that we divide the property into 2 parcels and sell northernmost parcel to a developer to finance a new Seattle Unity facility on southernmost parcel [along John, facing Denny Park]

**Nov. 2013:** Board approves proposal and will bring to vote at Annual meeting in Feb 2014.

**Dec. 8, 2013:** First of many congregational meetings to update congregation on initial planning

**Dec 2013-Jan 2014:** Hewitt Architects hired to conduct feasibility study and prepare initial concepts for review at Annual Meeting.

**Feb 9, 2014:** At Annual Meeting, members overwhelmingly approve proposal to divide the property, enabling Unity to sell or lease a portion of the property to fund rebuilding of the church and build cash reserves

**Winter-Spring 2016:** Small negotiating team solicits and evaluates proposals from potential co-developers; Rev. Karen establishes Change Team to engage the congregation in change process most effectively; “Dreaming 2050” input gathered from wide variety of congregational groups regarding long-term vision for the facility

**Nov. 2015:** Board approves decision-making process for determining who will be our co-developer on the site

**Sept 2015:** City eases zoning rules to allow our re-development plans to proceed

**February 2015:** At Annual Meeting, congregation authorizes Board to evaluate the sell/move option in case City does not act favorably on our proposal

**Summer 2014-Winter 2015:** We retain land use attorney and engage with City regarding new SLU zoning codes; Rev. Karen initiates on-going Q+A sessions to keep congregation informed; Design Team formed to provide input on building design

**Feb/March 2014:** With land use attorney and Hewitt, we meet with City planners; new zoning rules present obstacle to our plans

**June 12, 2016:** Board brings recommendation on co-developer deal to special membership meeting; recommendation overwhelmingly approved

**July 2016:** Church hires Olson Kundig as architects for new facility

**August-Sept 2016:** Church signs contract with project management firm; architects hold first of two meetings with congregants to gather input on building design

**NEXT STEPS:** Following timelines subject to change

**September 2016:** Sign formal contract with co-developer

**Fall 2016-Spring 2017:** Identify and secure temporary church facility

**Fall 2017- Winter 2020:** Construction of new facility

**Fall 2017- Winter 2018:** Tear down current building; construction begins

**October 2017:** Move out of current facility

**Winter 2020:** NEW SEATTLE UNITY OPENS!

