

## Seattle Unity New Building FAQ

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### *New Building Prayer*

*We are engaged in a creative process that blesses future generations. Seattle Unity's building project is unfolding with grace and ease in a timely manner. It is on schedule, under budget and is Divinely guided.*

*The perfect people are in the right leadership positions to shepherd this process. The board of trustees and the congregation are helpful, loving, generous, supportive and centered in Spirit.*

*We use this process as a path to awakening.*

*We affirm this in the name and through the power of the Living Spirit of Truth.*

#### **1. When will we have to move out of the building?**

*Although Greystar used their 3<sup>rd</sup> extension, they do anticipate closing in July. We must be out of the building by the end of May in order to allow sufficient time for final clearing out of the building and salvage work in June; and abatement work in July.*

#### **2. Will there be a final celebration before we move out?**

*Yes! Saturday, May 25, 2019 at 6:00 pm (doors open at 5:30 pm). A sacred ceremony from 6:00 to 7:00 will be an opportunity to honor Seattle Unity's rich history and prepare to release this physical structure. Followed by time to share stories and be in community. Drinks and appetizers provided. Please RSVP here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/a-sacred-celebration-farewell-to-seattle-unitys-building-tickets-59984035866>*

#### **3. Where are our Sunday services?**

Our Sunday services will be at Metropolist, an event space in SODO. The address is:  
2931 1<sup>st</sup> Ave S, Suite A  
Seattle, WA 98134

#### **4. Have we found a temporary office and meeting space yet?**

*We have secured temporary office space at WeWork in the Cascade neighborhood (remaining close to South Lake Union and our Seattle Unity new building project). The full mailing address:*

WeWork c/o Seattle Unity  
500 Yale Ave N  
Seattle, WA 98109

#### **5. Where will small groups and classes meet while we are in temporary space?**

*There will be space available for some groups to meet following the service on Sundays at Metropolist. We have use of Metropolist on some Wednesday evenings for classes and*

*workshops. Some small groups could look at public library spaces for their meetings. The home groups have been an excellent way for our community members to stay connected and we are encouraging these groups to continue to meet in people's homes.*

**6. What if there is something in the building that I am interested in?**

*Please contact Terry Loving ([volunteer@seattleunity.org](mailto:volunteer@seattleunity.org)). Terry is doing a fantastic job of organizing teams to sort, recycle, and release what is currently in our building.*

**7. When will construction begin?**

*Once we move-out, final salvage work and abatement will take place, which is scheduled to take two months. Our co-developer, Greystar will begin demolition August 2019 and take approximately one year to excavate, construct the parking garage and foundation. Seattle Unity will begin construction of our new building approximately one year later, in the fall of 2020.*

**8. When will the new building be completed?**

*Construction will take approximately two years. We anticipate moving into the new building in late 2021.*

**9. Will we have parking in the new building?**

*Yes, Seattle Unity has 50 dedicated spaces in the underground parking garage.*

**10. What will happen to the books in the library?**

*Didi and Herlinda have done a fantastic job of sorting through Seattle Unity's book collection in the library and identifying books that can be sold or donated. We currently have a book sale of half of our library collection and remaining bookstore inventory – all now available by financial donation. Most of our unique Unity and new thought books are being kept as part of our collection.*

*There will be a location in the conference room in the new building for the collection of books we are keeping. We will also be digitizing the inventory of our collection to more easily look up books by title and author, and to check-in and check-out.*

**11. How many people can fit in the new Sanctuary?**

*The new Sanctuary has a capacity of approximately 240.*

**12. Is there a sacred space on the ground floor level?**

*In response to congregational feedback at our April 2017 community meeting, Olson Kundig incorporated a small chapel at the ground floor level.*

**13. Is there enough storage space for our decorations and ritual items?**

*We will have significantly less storage space in the new building. This is an opportunity to simplify*

*what we have and reduce our impact on the earth by lightening our load. In the new building we will have storage space for the ritual items and historical documents that are core to who Seattle Unity is, our mission, and services.*

**14. Have we considered LEED certification with the new building?**

*The cost of LEED certification is beyond our budget however, Olson Kundig has incorporated green building design elements and efficiencies. Also, the certification itself is not what is most important, rather if we have a building that has minimized negative environmental impacts to the greatest extent possible.*

**15. Have you considered the need to regularly update technology (AV) within the building?**

*Yes, it is a priority of the Design Team to make ongoing maintenance and periodic upgrades easier and less expensive by having accessible panels within the building design.*