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## Seattle Unity celebrates topping out

By JOURNAL STAFF

The future home of Seattle Unity church recently topped out, completing the structural frame of the new building at 200 Eighth Ave. N. in South Lake Union.

Olson Kundig designed and SeaBay Building Group is constructing the three-story, 14,500-square-foot building, which is slated for completion in November.

In a press release, Olson Kundig said the building includes a dedicated sanctuary as well as spaces for classrooms and community gatherings, and underground parking. The second-floor sanctuary overlooks nearby Denny Park, establishing a connection to the natural world that creates opportunity for reflection, repose and meditation.

South Carolina-based Greystar is constructing a 28-story, 374-unit apartment tower, called The Waverly, on the north side of the lot while the Seattle Unity building will occupy the south end.

In 2019, Seattle Unity sold its site to Greystar for \$20 million. The sale came with a condominium agreement that allows Seattle Unity to build the new church; the old church building on the site was razed.

Weber Thompson designed The Waverly at 210 Eighth Ave. N. and is providing landscape architecture for the amenity roof decks for the podium and tower. Turner Construction is building the tower, which is expected to be complete by the end of 2021, according to the architect.

The church will share an underground parking garage with The Waverly, but the two buildings are considered independent.

Olson Kundig said Seattle Unity, a non-denominational church, has been at its South Lake Union site since 1960, and it was important to the congregation to remain in the neighborhood. It said the new building will allow the church to more directly engage with the surrounding neighborhood by providing space for community gathering and outreach, as well as being a more functional space and supporting future growth.

"We're thrilled to join our clients and collaborators to honor this big milestone and the ongoing progression of an incredible project," said Tom Kundig, design principal, of the topping out. "This new building aims to engage the surrounding neighborhood through openness and transparency while creating safe, nurturing spaces where congregants can gather for both celebration and healing."

Olson Kundig is the architect on the Seattle Unity project and the landscape architect for the full site at ground level, spanning Seattle Unity and The Waverly.

The Seattle Unity project team includes KPFF Consulting Engineers, structural and civil engineer; PSF Mechanical, mechanical and plumbing design/build contractor; OEG, electrical design/build contractor; and O-LLC Lighting Design. WSP performed MEP engineering design services through the design development phase of the project.



Photo by Gavin Argo/Olson Kundig [enlarge]

Olson Kundig designed and SeaBay Building Group is constructing the Seattle Unity building.



Rendering by Weber Thompson/Bogza [enlarge]

The Seattle Unity church building is being constructed next to The Waverly, an apartment tower by developer Greystar. The church is shown on the right and the tower on the left.



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