

**Building Expansion Exploratory Committee 2 (BEEC2)**  
**Presentation During the Congregational Meeting**  
**December 2, 2018**

In 2015, the Building Expansion Exploratory Committee (BEEC) was formed to identify space needs for the church. As a result of this work and feedback from the congregation, it was concluded at the time, that we would not pursue a new building or addition but would focus on renovating our existing building and creating enhanced spaces for meetings and church activities. In June 2015 the congregation approved a \$250,000 budget to accomplish this work. Accordingly, we renovated, re-painted and re-carpeted the lower level and made other enhancements to the office areas, added an elevator type lift and renovated a space to create an ADA compliant and gender neutral bathroom for anyone to use.

A new BEEC 2 has been formed to continue to analyze our space needs for meetings and Religious Exploration as well as to seek a solution for the replacement or renovation of the FAHS house which continues to impose high energy and maintenance costs and other financial and operational risks.

The committee is actively engaged with the following priorities:

1. Detailed analysis of current and projected space needs;
2. Development of a Solution for either renovating or replacing the FAHS house;
3. Identifying approaches to expanding the Narthex to make it more welcoming and spacious;
4. Identifying solutions to continue providing an Intern apartment/house;
5. Analyzing the growth potential of the current Sanctuary in the context of projected membership changes;

To accomplish this next phase, the committee requested authorization to use up to \$10,000 of the Capital Campaign Fund for professional architectural and engineering services to create conceptual designs, create 3-D renderings of proposed designs, and to identify the civil engineering issues and associated costs of further construction work. The Board has approved the following motion:

**The BOT recommends that the congregation approve the use of up to \$10,000 Capital Funds for engineering and architectural concept drawings by BEEC2 upon completion of space use data collection and analysis. The work will be built upon the prior BEEC research. BEEC2 will present their work to the congregation and the BOT before drawings are commissioned. Rev. Rolenz will approve the expenditure after consultation with the BOT.** The congregation cannot take this vote during our December meeting because action can be taken only on items named in the official announcement for the meeting. However, it is important that the congregation know about this examination of our facilities in preparation for a future vote.

During this phase, which is expected to continue through 2019, the committee will provide regular updates to the Board through the Senior Interim Minister and to the congregation through UUCA **Highlights** and informational sessions to be scheduled. The committee members currently include: Paul Jorgensen (chair), Charlie Gross, Thora Burkhardt, Jeanne Jehl, Joe Jehl, Craig Beyler and Janice Bird.