

## **Board of Trustees Resolution on *Unity Tomorrow* Design**

**This vote will happen by paper ballot.**

(Passed by the Board of Trustees by majority vote on October 19, 2011)

*Whereas,*

In 2010, the congregation fully engaged in conversation about the future of our beloved church; and

*Whereas,*

At the November 20, 2010, Annual Meeting of the Congregation, the results of that process were presented, which included a strong preference for remaining at our current location; addressing worn-out infrastructure; improving way-finding, the restrooms and kitchen; preserving the Ames Chapel; creating a more welcoming, identifiable and accessible entry; keeping the reredos and organ in the sanctuary; attempting to be better environmental stewards, and; to the extent possible, increasing the size of our sanctuary; and improving the religious education and music ministry space; and

*Whereas,*

The Board directed that a feasibility study be conducted to determine our capacity to fund our dreams; and

*Whereas,*

At a congregational meeting on March 20, 2011, the results of the feasibility study were presented, and the Board recommended and the congregation passed a motion that read:

*The Board of Trustees recommends that the congregation authorize a capital campaign with a minimum goal of \$4 million for infrastructure improvement, bringing our building up to code, and moving forward with the Unity Tomorrow vision. Following design development, a phase one plan will be presented to the congregation. We further recommend that the congregation limit debt in the project to the short term construction financing; and*

*Whereas,*

At a congregational forum on June 12, 2011, the Executive Team, Board representatives and others presented the key elements of the planning, which included: Essential infrastructure and code upgrades; improvements, including welcoming, accessibility and way finding, bathrooms and kitchen, with a unified central entrance, gallery and courtyard; expanded capacity to the extent possible; and moving forward with community conversations about Unity 2. Preliminary estimates were presented showing that the infrastructure and improvements were estimated to cost about \$6.5 million, with an additional \$2.5 to \$4.5 million needed to create a new sanctuary and renovate the current sanctuary; and

*Whereas,*

Teams of Unity members and staff have been meeting with the Executive Team throughout the spring, summer and fall to develop a more detailed Phase One to address priorities and to align the plans with the funds raised; and

*Whereas,*

The capital campaign is underway and has received pledges to date of \$4.5 million; and

*Whereas,*

The Board has confidence that the design and fundraising are being coordinated in a manner that complies with the congregational vote on March 20, 2011, and prior presentations and communication with the congregation,

### ***Now therefore the Board recommends:***

THAT the congregation authorize continued facility planning and capital campaign with the goal of attaining \$8 million in pledges, and constructing the key elements of Phase One of the project to the extent funds are available in the following order:

1. Essential infrastructure and code upgrades, including fire suppression, heating, cooling, ventilation and electrical upgrades, roof and window repair;
2. Improvements to the bathrooms and kitchen;
3. Improvements to accessibility, way-finding and welcoming, with a unified central entrance, gallery and courtyard; and

Any soil disturbed in the courtyard where cremains were placed be carefully removed and re-placed in a designated memorial garden; and

THAT the congregation limit debt in the project to the cost of short term construction financing and authorize such encumbrances as are necessary to secure such financing and such liens as are customary industry practice.