



## UUFCO NEW HOME STEERING COMMITTEE

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*Progress lies not in enhancing what is, but in advancing toward what will be. ~Khalil Gibran*

The following is a brief update on the progress of the New Home Project (NHP). To read news that is more current, check the weekly All Congregation Email (ACE) and the updates in the New Home section of the UUFCO website.

We have been quite fortunate that the unusual pattern of weather has not created delays that will materially impact the master schedule of the New Home Project (NHP). Being a local contractor, Kirby Nagelhout Construction Company (KNCC) is very experienced in working through what might seem like impossible days to make progress.

The bidding process by subcontractors for all the many aspects of the construction of the project has concluded. Kirby Nagelhout Construction Company (KNCC) is at the final stages of final review and subcontractor selection to arrive at a final construction budget for the Board to review and approve. Once we reach this approval stage, the activity level of construction will visibly increase.

The Land & Site Committee brought forward a well thought through change proposal for the paths from the north and south parking areas. Since it is required for the paths to be six foot wide paved paths, the approach is to have the fewest and most effectively placed paths. This will achieve direct access to the front entry from both parking areas and also will preserve as much of the natural look to our site as possible. Once we move in and begin to experience walking the land, which will be the time to consider where informal paths would be best placed.

There will be other decisions where it will be prudent to defer until we experience our pattern of use. Leaving behind our limited availability of the Old Stone, we will be walking into a new and exciting time for our congregation.

An Advanced Planning Task Force was formed this past fall in anticipation of moving into our new home in less than a year. The Task Force compiled a list of committees needed for the broader and more fully functioning facility we will be in. They also developed a proposed schedule of when each committee is best to be in formation and actively engaged. The report was delivered to the Board for their review and planning. There will be many opportunities for each of us to be involved. This is our new home, a place to put down roots and make many more things possible.

The Design Committee has reconvened after a short winter break. We now have a local interior designer who is helping with furniture selection, colors, and some finishes. The search has begun for talented local woodworkers to design and build some special custom pieces for our new home. With the help of our new interior designer we are expanding our search for chairs for the sanctuary, gathering space, and multipurpose room that meet the considerations developed last fall: comfort for a variety of body sizes and shapes, aesthetics and fit with our building design, functionality (ease of lifting, stacking, moving, storing), flexibility (mixing and coordinating in the various spaces), sustainability (materials, low VOC - volatile organic compounds, meeting Earth Advantage certification criteria), durability, and of course, cost. It's a challenge and encouraging that we have more options to consider.

Your New Home Capital Campaign pledge is appreciated and hard at work already. Thank you for your support of our future!

You can stay current with the NHP activities in one or all of these ways: 1) the New Home table at Sunday service where you'll see a printout of THA's presentation and the latest drawings, 2) on the public page of the UUFCO website (under the "About Us" tab), 3) in the members' area of the UUFCO website, 4) in All Congregation Emails (ACE) when we have date sensitive information to share and 5) by asking a member of the Steering Committee or subcommittees.

**New Home Project Steering Committee:** Dale Clark, Design Committee; John Coltman, Finance Committee; Don Hartsough, Capital Campaign Committee; Melissa Hochschild, Communications Advisor; Jerrie Jones, Secretary and Website Update Coordinator; Leslie Koc, Chair; Dave MacGurn, Land & Site Committee; Vernon Threlkeld,

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