

Building Our Vision Team  
Unitarian Universalist Church of Nashua  
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It has been a very productive and successful year for the Building Our Vision Team. At the conclusion of the 2022 Church year, we formed five Task Forces to allow many more members of the congregation to participate in the design process. The task forces focused on the Main Entry, Sanctuary, White Wing Building, Parish House, and Greening. They worked with our architects through the summer and early fall to develop concepts and designs that were in line with our vision. We selected the construction management firm Hutter Construction Corporation to do a detailed review of the proposed plans and provide detailed estimates.

Several presentations and Q&A sessions were held for the congregation in September and October to share the concepts being considered and to gather feedback on three potential plans. The plans were called Core, Welcoming, and Visionary. Hutter priced the proposals ranging in cost from \$1 million to \$2.3 million dollars.

A formal congregational vote was held on Sunday Nov 20, 2022 to review the three plans and to pick one. The vote would also authorize the Board of Trustees to conduct a formal financial feasibility study. The congregation strongly favored the visionary plan with an 89% majority voting for it.

The financial feasibility study demonstrated that our congregation had the capacity to conduct a successful capital campaign for the visionary plan. On March 5, 2023, a special congregational meeting was held to vote on authorizing launching a capital campaign to raise the required funds for the visionary plan. The congregation voted by a 90% margin to launch the capital campaign and a new fundraising team was created to begin the process.

With the successful creation of a visionary plan and the launch of the capital campaign, The Building Our Vision team has completed its mission that began in 2019. Going forward it will now transition into a team addressing the detailed planning needed for the construction phase of the project.

For more information:

We have a web page on the UUNashua website. <https://uunashua.org/building-our-vision/>

We post updates here:

<https://uunashua.org/category/bovupdates/>

Respectfully Submitted,  
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