

VUUPoint
Board Highlights
April 25, 2018

Dear friends of VUU,

This week the VUU board of trustees and staff met with *Wendell Burnette Architects* to review initial proposals for campus upgrades. As we reviewed initial sketches, the architects did a wonderful job of showing how the upgrades could address many of the concerns from the feedback from our visioning sessions this past month. Thank you all that participated in the visioning sessions and provided input to this process. I personally was moved by what I saw and how it provided opportunities for us to really grow into the vision that we together have put together over the past few years.

For our next steps in the visioning process, we will have another review of the initial sketches with the VUU leadership team with a goal of identifying an option that best represents all the feedback from the congregation. The architects will then spend the next 6 weeks to build a digital 3-D rendering of how the campus could look and the interactions of members and guests. We will review this presentation with the congregation at our annual meeting on June 3rd. We can then decide as a congregation to move forward with a feasibility study and capital campaign. This is a very exciting time and I hope that you will join us at the annual meeting for this as well as our normal agenda items including final budget approval for next year, financial status review, special funds, and elections. We will also have a congregational conversation May 20th to preview much of this information and hope that you can also attend this meeting.

Our financial status continues to be very positive as we have seen higher than expected revenues from contributions over the past couple months. Our year-end projection now shows a significant surplus if we continue with expected income and expenses through May and June. This is great news and gives us an opportunity to fund even further budget line items for next year and also provides some financial comfort as we decide to take that next step in improving our campus.

Again—I hope you can make it to the congregational conversation and annual meetings mentioned above to do the important business we need to move into our next fiscal year.

Warm regards,
Paul Schneider
President
VUU Board of Trustees