



First Universalist Church of Minneapolis

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Dear First Universalist Members and Friends,

On behalf of your Board of Trustees, I am excited to announce that we have decided to move forward with the Capital Campaign to address the current and future needs of our church home. This will be a bold undertaking!

More than 250 congregants attended focus groups where we presented plans to make our church more welcoming and easier to navigate, by providing more space for education for all ages, by enhancing our worship space and renovating the social hall, by addressing our deferred maintenance needs, and by endowing programming that will further our social justice commitments. Our goal is to meet with everyone in the church to invite their involvement and participation. Our estimated needs for this campaign are \$6.4 million.

This work has never been more essential and urgent. In just the short time since the election, we have seen how our church can be a beacon of light in troubled times. Improving our aging facilities will allow us to better serve our mission and our community.

Over the next several months, teams of volunteers will lay the groundwork for the campaign, which will roll out in early 2017. You can visit the dedicated campaign webpage at firstuniversalistchurch.org/capital-campaign to review highlights from the focus group presentations, take a look at the executive summary from the focus groups, and review the answers to Frequently Asked Questions.

With this campaign we will take on the mantle of responsibility borne by generations before us and build a church home for today and for the next generation. We are going to work, stretch, imagine, celebrate, and create! I look forward to working with you on this daring and exhilarating project.

In faith,

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Enclosure: Frequently Asked Questions