

## A Message from Rev. Pat Williamson

When I arrived at Unity Minneapolis fifteen years ago, I instantly fell in love with this community. I loved that we are an open, welcoming, inclusive community and that wherever you are on your spiritual journey, you are welcome here.

We have accomplished many things over the years and after 24 months of a world-wide pandemic, I am even more proud of our community: our leaders, our amazing staff, our volunteers, and our people. Together we have responded with creativity and faith to sustain and even grow our ministry in new and exciting ways. And all of it during the most challenging times I have experienced in my 28 years of ministry.

And yet, I know that we have not reached our full potential as a spiritual community and God, known by many names, is calling us to give our full potential as a community to the world. Our facility remains an important resource to our mission of transforming lives, pandemic or post-pandemic. I love our building and yet it has many challenges. You know them:

- Our building isn't fully accessible to all.
- We have limited community fellowship space.
- Our office space needs adjustments for a post-pandemic world.
- Technology is more important today than ever before.

We have reimagined our 2019 facility plan with a blend of new construction and extensive remodeling. Current estimated costs for this revised building design is 2.5-3 million dollars with full accessibility, beautiful flexible spaces, and thoroughly equipped to serve this ministry now and in the years to come.

Our spiritual community has wrestled with these issues for decades. I believe that God is now bringing to us a season of opportunity where we are being challenged to take a greater step of faith than we have ever taken before.

*I'm calling all courage to imagine with me: what we conceive (imagination) and believe (faith) we can achieve (manifestation).*



# A God Vision Still Lives



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**Review  
Current Plans**

## Fully Accessible Facilities

Lack of full accessibility creates barriers to participation and prevents some from feeling welcomed and valued at Unity Minneapolis.

- No elevator & steep stairways
- Not all bathrooms are accessible
- Steep slope of the floor in Sanctuary
- Multiple levels (20+ different levels) in our aging facility

**Imagine a truly welcoming facility for all who are here and those yet to come. Our building will be completely accessible for everyone throughout. No exceptions.**

## Versatile Flexible Spaces

We do not have a large enough space in our current facility to bring everyone together as a community of faith to celebrate and break bread together. It also limits our ability to fully honor and celebrate the milestones in our lives such as weddings, celebration of life services, christenings, and other spiritual gatherings.

**Imagine a beautiful space with ample room to accommodate everyone and celebrate Spirit with radical hospitality.**

## Connective Technology & Communication

Technology is a critical tool for communication within and outside our walls. Much of our building is wired for the 1950's and meeting current technology expectations requires significant effort by our staff and volunteers.

**Imagine upgraded technology throughout our facility that will enable us to easily reach more people with our life transforming message.**

Again, the cost for this facility transformation is estimated to be 2.5-3 million dollars. This is a reduction from our pre-pandemic plan with estimated 5-million-dollar cost.

## Next Steps

Horizons Stewardship was hired in 2019 to assist us with a capital campaign. Our 2020 feasibility study was interrupted by the pandemic. In 2022, Scott McKenzie and Tom Melzoni will return to survey our congregation and determine the feasibility of attaining our financial goals for this revised facility transformation plan. All congregants will be invited to complete an online survey.

For the next two years we are entering a season of our church where we are called to have the courage to imagine and to participate in being "all in." All in for our family; all in for community; all in for the thousands yet to come, and all in as we impact the entire world with our transformational teachings. This is a God vision, and I certainly don't have all the answers, or even all the know-how, but Spirit of Truth does. I do know that this vision in our hearts will define Unity Minneapolis for the next decade and beyond.

My challenge to you is to consider what it means to be "all in" and move beyond life as usual to make investments that will have lasting impact. The vision we believe God has for our spiritual community is a powerful one. I thank you for being a part of this God vision, and I pray that you will join me as we take the next step in courage and go "All In" for the future of Unity Minneapolis!

Love and Blessings,  
Rev. Pat

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