

January 17, 2021

Dear Board of Directors of the First Unitarian Universalist Church of Rochester,

We've followed with interest, the Building and Visioning team's extensive 'stay vs. build' analysis. We concluded that remodeling solves too few significant issues and will ultimately be a poor fiscal choice. We also concluded that a new building and location are needed to ensure future congregational relevance, growth, and generational continuity.

The analysis also included the building experiences of the Duluth, Iowa City, and Wayzata / Minnetonka UU congregations. We noted the difficulties and delays they experienced trying to find and fund desirable property. If our congregation approves building, we felt early identification of suitable land would greatly reduce difficulties, delays and possibly expense.

To that end, the purpose of this letter is to offer the 1st Unitarian Universalist Church of Rochester, a gift of approximately 10-acres of scenic undeveloped land north of East Circle Drive NE as a possible building site for a new church. The viability of the site is yet to be determined based on site-use planning/approvals, architectural site feasibility and civil engineering/construction assessments, etc.

Our gift is **contingent on** the congregation approving and adequately responding to the capital campaign to fund building a new church in a new location. It is also important to us that the people and process guiding the building and landscape will design it to ensure it is a strong reflection of Unitarian Universalist beliefs and principles. It is our intent and hope that the church would retain ownership of the entirety of this property indefinitely, to allow for the greatest flexibility and benefit to future needs and possibilities.

A new church should be built on the best available property, wherever that may be. If a better property is available, we are committed to providing similar level of financial support.

We care about the health and vibrancy of our congregation and the unlimited and exciting possibilities for our future mission and ministry!

With sincere wishes,

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