

Here's what the congregation is saying...

"We are on the precipice of blossoming into the best version of ourselves. Our capital campaign will allow us the means to provide the logistics to achieve our true leadership place in Houston's religious communities."

Connie Acosta

"This congregation is making a remarkable contribution to advance Unitarian Universalist values within our community, and the capital campaign will significantly support and impact these efforts."

- Ron Cookston, Board President

"At First UU, we're dedicated to making responsible choices, such as conserving electricity and incorporating plant-based food options in our events. Our vibrant community actively collaborates to combat the climate crisis..."

— Megan Pantuliano

"It's an exciting time for our congregation. Each week we welcome new people interested in deepening their spirituality and in building a more beautiful world. This capital campaign will empower us to live out our Unitarian Universalist values and thrive into the future. I hope you will join me in supporting it!"

Reverend Dr Colin Bossen

Capital Campaign Timeline

2022

Identify building enhancement projects and obtain preliminary cost estimates

1st Quarter 2023

Financial Feasibility Study

March 2023

Congregation adopts new Mission, Vision, and Covenant

Summer 2023

Align capital campaign with church mission and vision; Congregational Survey to prioritize projects

4th Quarter 2023

Request for Pledges for Capital Campaign

1st Quarter 2024

Continue Planning, Bidding, Contracting Work

Summer 2024

Commence Main Phase Construction





Renew · Rebuild · Rejoice

Capital Campaign 2023

Widening Love's Circle

Living our Mission

Delivering Great Programs

Mission of First UU Houston

Located in Houston's Museum District, the First Unitarian Universalist Church of Houston commits to being a growing multicultural, multigenerational, and multiracial congregation in the city's diverse urban center.

We widen love's circle by honoring the inherent worth and dignity of all, advancing justice and religious pluralism, and inspiring an ever-deepening spirituality.

In the coming years, we shall serve as a pillar congregation for Houstonians of many faiths and build the Beloved Community by:

- Providing religious leadership and collective action devoted to ecological, social, and racial justice;
- Increasing the opportunities for transformative spiritual growth for members and seekers;
- Serving as responsible stewards through a commitment of our time, talent, and treasure; and
- Expanding and deepening our intergenerational community.



Renew, Rebuild, Rejoice!

Our building renovation will help us better live out our mission.

Ecological Responsibility:

 Solar panels, energy-efficient kitchen upgrades, windows, lighting, HVAC, and bike racks

Racial Justice

 Seeking out minority-owned and local contractors whenever possible, involving Third Ward artists to provide artwork for our campus, and increasing opportunities for transformative spiritual growth

Social Responsibility

 Upgraded technology for greater in-reach and outreach, improving building accessibility, and installing water stations outside for passers-by



We will improve our ability to develop and deliver programs

Education and Transformation:

 Upgraded classrooms, new spaces for teaching and learning, technological improvements, enhanced outreach to wider community through both programs and curb appeal

Expanding and deepening intergenerational community

 Reconfiguring and adding more classrooms for the daycare center, improving our ADA accessibility, upgrading our sound and A/V system and technology for easier online accessibility of worship and programming

We are stewards of our spiritual home

 We inherited our building from our predecessors and it's our turn to step up for now and future generations. Improvements will help increase both our member and wider community enjoyment and use of our space, and increase rental income

