

Unexpected Opportunities Proposal to the Fellowship

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 9/23/21

The Unexpected Opportunities Committee presents the following proposal to the Fellowship for consideration at the annual meeting on June 6, 2021.

Description:

This proposal recognizes the four most prominent suggestions received from fellowship members in response to the question: How do we use Susan's gift to live more fully into our mission statement? The threads which appeared most often were:

- a building purchase
- increased service to the community
- hiring a full-time minister
- investing at least a portion of the funds

This proposal earmarks funding to address and weave together the dominant threads identified by the fellowship. It provides a readiness framework that enables the Board to move forward with shared expectations. The framework does not address specifics – that work will come later. Funds are earmarked for one year only and not locked permanently into any category.

Proposal:

\$150,000 (plus \$30,504 already in the building fund) be designated as funds set aside for the purchase and remodeling of a building.

A suitable building would not only provide sanctuary space for Sunday mornings but would also provide a setting for the fellowship to expand community outreach and increase services to the community.

\$50,000 be designated as building maintenance funds. Funds currently being used to rent BHK (\$7994) and our current office space (\$4200)- totaling \$12,194 annually will also be available for maintenance costs.

\$100,000 be invested in an accessible account. Available to augment the expense of a full-time minister if necessary.