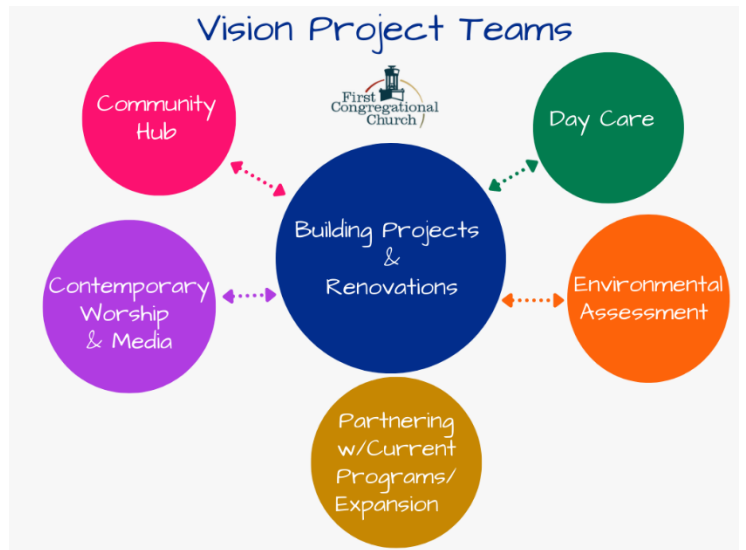


Update from the First Church Vision Team

Your votes have been tallied and there are six projects that will advance to the next level for study this summer. We hope that many of you will participate in a Vision Project Team to fully explore and refine a proposal.



- Please select the Vision Project Team that you would like to work with - by July 6 – earlier if possible.
- Use the online form, this paper form, or contact Caroline Catlin in the Church Office (802 862 5020, ext. 4; office@firstchurchburlington.org) to sign up.
- Choose a group you are interested in – you do not have to select the proposal area that you voted for.
- We will contact you by July 6 with a poll to determine the best time/day for your team to start meeting (on Zoom).
- We are asking groups to start meeting as soon as possible in July as ideas for building renovation concepts, related to the team’s proposal area, need to be shared with the Building Projects/Renovation Team ideally by August 1.
- Our consultant Claire Bamberg and a Vision Team representative(s) will help Project Teams get started providing needed background information and helping to build a timeline for goals, roles, tasks and meetings. On-going support and collaboration will be available from Claire and the Vision Team.

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Vision Project Team Sign Up Form

Due in the Church Office by July 6. For the online form use this LINK: <https://bit.ly/VisionProjectTeam>

Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Please select one Vision Project Team to serve with - descriptions continue on reverse side:

Educational/Conversation Hub - Focus: Facilitate community education/conversations with topics such as: justice, environment, spirituality, homelessness, local interests; support covenant/target groups (elderly, teens) w/meals, hospitality, conversation, speakers, community involvement. Upgrade security system; renovate building spaces for flexible use, streaming and projection capabilities, art/artwork. Connecting/creating conversation partners from wide swath of community, bridge building programs, refugees and immigrants supported; music education/performances; cancer support groups, pre-teen coffee house, Vacation Bible School, speakers of interest to college students, non-profit incubator, co-working space. Consider researching FCCB History for deeper look at social justice issues and FCCB involvement.

Daycare - Focus: Help for marginalized, financially challenged, refugees, immigrants, single moms, subsidized or free. Provided by FCCB funding. Convert land east of the Memorial Garden to a playground. Ground floor classrooms and kitchen space. Building space assessed for safety, adequate infrastructure, meeting all state guidelines. Will need trained staff and curriculum.

Building Projects & Renovation - Focus: Sanctuary renovations: accessible pulpit/choir areas; upgrade entrance for visual appeal/safety, replace front doors (consider glass). Renovate dining room, adjacent space to meet many needs, flexible use/seating, new wiring, streaming/projection capabilities, art/artwork. Upgrade security system. Music education space (storage: music, musical instruments; performance, educational/practice space, piano); homelessness needs, affordable housing (build structure over north parking lot/front of chapel); install parking kiosk/Park Mobile/EV(electric vehicle) charging station, renovate bathroom/showers under sanctuary. Establish daycare space, kitchen; ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) access to second floor, ADA access to Memorial Garden and front lawn. Reconfigure space to generate income; non-profit incubator/co-working space.

Contemporary Worship & Media - Focus: Attracting new, younger population, meeting wider worship needs. Renovating FCCB dining room and church space(s) - flexible seating, new wiring, streaming capabilities, modern projection, art/artwork on walls, variety of worship approaches, flexible use of space when not worshipping. **Focus:** Accessibility and expanded outreach. Flexible camera system (wide angle, tracking movement of speaker, etc.); streaming from different areas of the building; directional speaker system (high quality).

Environmental Assessment - Focus: Safety, climate justice, infrastructure needs, solar panels. Assessment and remediation (if needed) for mold, lead and general air quality. Solar panels and assessment for reduction of carbon footprint.

Partnering w/Current Programs/Expansion - Focus: Outreach. Year-round support VIA (membership in Vermont Interfaith Action), Vermont Conference UCC Hope Fund; a tithe for outreach (VT Racial Justice Alliance, OCWM (UCC – Our Church’s Wider Mission)); new support for current, creative outreach; non-profit incubator in FCCB building; Capital Funds Endowment; JUMP – the Joint Urban Ministry Project; financial support for current tenants to purchase homes; social services position on/affiliated with the Burlington Police Department; financial restitution to: Abnaki, African-Americans; fund a street pastor; fund small repair and improvements in low income housing; Sunday of Mourning (for all losses COVID+) Memorial Day 2023.

Questions &/or information you want to share with the Vision Team: