

Next Steps Visit from the UUA

We have requested a Next Steps visit from the UUA Congregational Stewardship Network and are pleased to announce that UUA Congregational Stewardship Services Consultant Bill Clontz will be with us during the period September 20-22.

The purpose of the visit is to provide our congregation and our leaders with an objective eye in gathering information and identifying strengths, opportunities, and areas needing improvement. This visit will examine all areas of the church; Bill will meet with the church professional staff, lay leaders, and volunteers throughout the visit. We have been in correspondence with Bill for some time and are providing him a great deal of background information on our church and our operations. Following the visit, Bill will develop a sequence of priorities and recommended actions. These will be designed to help us attain our long-term goals and to address our near term requirements and opportunities, including our thinking about capital projects and facilities issues.

Summary Observations and Recommendations will be given at the end of the visit, to be followed by a detailed written report within two weeks of the visit.

There will be a full day of meetings on Saturday, September 21. The detailed agenda will be distributed in the next few weeks. There will be open session at the end of the day, during which Bill is available to talk with anyone about any issue that may be of interest. In addition, all meetings on Saturday will be open to members of the congregation who wish to participate along with those who have primary responsibilities in the areas noted on the agenda.

On Sunday, September 22 Bill will speak briefly to the congregation during the services and he will stay for the coffee hour between services and afterwards to meet and talk with members of the congregation. We hope you will take this opportunity to meet our consultant and to share your views and hopes about our future.

Questions? Please contact Mary Jo O'Neal at 713-301-8259 or maryjooneal@gmail.com.

Thank you for helping our congregation get the most out of this visit; it's a great opportunity for us to see where we are and where we are going, and to learn what is working for others that may be relevant to us.