

BUILDING GOOD TOGETHER



*Building Faith
Building the Future
Building for Good*

**The Meetinghouse Campaign
2013-2015**

First Gathered 1732



First Parish Unitarian Universalist of Arlington

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Arlington MA 02476

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Suggested Gifts for a \$2.1 Million Capital Campaign (Gifts Payable Over 3 Years)

Gift Range	# of Gifts	Total
200,000+	1	210,000
50,000 - 100,000	3	212,500
20,000 - 49,999	15	480,000
10,000 - 19,999	24	350,000
5,000 - 9,999	65	481,250
1,500 - 4,999	90	272,500
1,000 - 1,499	60	75,000
Less than 1,000	many	30,000
Grand Total	258	2,111,250



Who Can I Talk To?

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Building Good Together Three decades ago, in 1981, our meetinghouse was completely rebuilt on its historic location, after a devastating fire. That generation of our congregation showed outstanding stewardship and boldly met the financial challenge of reconstruction. We would not be here today without their belief in the future of our First Parish community and their commitment to Unitarian Universalism in Arlington. We thank them for providing us our fifth meetinghouse. It is now our turn to care for our congregation's home. We have voted to accept the challenge of **Building Together** – restoring and improving this meetinghouse. Our belief in the good of religious education, social justice, music, and spirituality has led us to this capital campaign, the most important effort for our generation at First Parish.



Building Good Together Meetinghouse Campaign Financial Commitment

First Parish Unitarian Universalist of Arlington 630 Massachusetts Ave., Arlington, MA 02476

Name(s): _____ Address: _____
Phone: _____ Email(s): _____

PLEDGE: I/we pledge a total of \$ _____ to the First Parish Unitarian Universalist of Arlington Building Good Together Meetinghouse Campaign to be paid in: ___36 monthly installments; ___12 quarterly installments; ___three annual installments (by December 31st of 2013, 2014 and 2015); or ___ one installment by December 31, 2013.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT: ___ You may list me/us as a Meetinghouse Campaign donor. ___ I/we wish to remain anonymous.
PAYMENT METHOD: ___ I/we will make our payments by check made to First Parish Meetinghouse Campaign. ___ I/we would like to make our payments by gifts of securities or property. ___ I/we would like to make our payments by automatic deductions or by credit card (please contact me/us).

I/we understand that this pledge may be paid over three years and will be paid in full by December 31, 2015, unless my/our circumstances change and I/we notify First Parish.

signature(s) _____ date _____

Building Faith

Our identity today is strong and clear: "We choose to be a liberal religious community, welcoming to all. We encourage each other on our spiritual journeys, support one another through the changes in our lives, and challenge the excesses and injustices of our time. Called to love and upheld by joy, we live our faith." In the thirty-one years since our building was reconstructed, we have solidified our values, rethought our role, grown in number, and expanded our calling. We have invested in all the things that make us the vibrant congregation we are, but we have not invested in our meetinghouse. We are now so replete with activities, meetings, music, worship, community events, and fellowship, we do not have the means to accommodate all that we do.

Building for Good

The role of First Parish has grown – not just in our own lives, but also in the causes of equal opportunity, social justice, liberal values, and greater love - we are a true beacon in our community. With all that pulls us forward, the obsolescence of our meetinghouse constrains us. With expert advice, we have spent two years developing options for building improvements that align with our core mission and values and would enable us to:

- Embody our commitments to accessibility and environmental sustainability.
- Enhance our support for Religious Education, including Youth Group programs, and foster lifelong Religious Education.
- Affirm our dedication to social action and vibrant worship.
- Reach out to the greater community in a welcoming way.

The Building Project

The project would include some of the following elements, which reflect the congregation's priorities identified over these past two years. The final project will depend on how much money is raised:

- Accessibility – addition of an elevator to make all levels of the building accessible for all and to facilitate transporting items for activities like musical rehearsals, and a wheelchair accessible restroom.
- Religious Education wing - renovation of current rooms to make them more usable for multipurpose meetings and classes for all ages, possibly including reconfigurations, ventilation improvements, leaky window replacements, and needed upgrades to surfaces and finishes.
- Parlor & Vestry - addition of dividers/folding doors so groups can meet with less distraction.
- Sanctuary - more efficient seating to expand capacity, sound system upgrades
- Signage - improved signage inside and outside the building.

Building the Future

First Parish Unitarian Universalist holds a significant place in our lives and in the world. Each of us will need to consider how we can generously support this building that holds our congregation, our religious education, our worship, our beliefs, our mission. We will need to give, examining our values, to continue our role because we must responsibly house what we do if we believe in the value of what we are doing.

The future of our First Parish community depends on how much we value this meetinghouse home for our Unitarian Universalist lives, our housing of liberal spiritual and religious values and our role in Arlington and in the world beyond.

Our predecessors in 1981 had little idea about what the future of First Parish would hold, yet they believed in it and built for it. Consider your own belief in First Parish, and consider how we are Building Good Together. Join The Meetinghouse Campaign, and let us build the future of First Parish, starting with your gift today.

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Donating Securities to First Parish

Fulfill your pledge and save on taxes! Donating stock (also known as securities) to First Parish is a great way to optimize your investment while helping the church. If you have securities that have increased in value while you owned them, you may donate them to the church, as your pledge or part of your pledge, for the Meetinghouse Campaign or for your operating pledge, and receive full credit as a tax donation. Donating stock in this way is most beneficial because it can eliminate or significantly reduce short-term gains taxes, and it also can reduce long-term gains taxes.

The two-step procedure is easy on the First Parish website at:

<http://firstparish.info/index.php/congregation/working/stewardship/securities-donation>

Step 1: You will be asked to provide the following information:

- Name of Donor
- Donor E-mail Address
- Name of Broker or Agent
- Stock Symbol or Company Name
- Number of Shares



Step 2: Provide your broker with the following wire instructions: Chase Manhattan, One Chase Plaza, New York, NY 10081; ABA 021000021. For credit to National Financial Services LLC, Account 066196-221. For further credit to First Parish UU Church - Account HDS732567 DTC: 0226

Recognition First Parish will gratefully and publicly acknowledge all gifts to the Building Good Together Capital Campaign. To that end, continuously updated alphabetical lists of donors and volunteers will be published. This may include the First Parish website, The Spire, or in an order of service.

In addition, we plan to give special recognition to donors who commit either five times or more the amount of their annual operating pledge, or at least \$10,000. This separate donor list will also be published in alphabetical order.

If you wish, you can note on the pledge card that your gift be anonymous.

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