

Construction Funding Fact Sheet



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We extend a warm invitation to all to make donations that will enable us to replace our existing single-pane sliding glass doors with more efficient, environmentally-friendly and safe glass.

We are gratefully accepting cash or credit in hand between April 1– May 1, 2024.

Beth Cliff, Sharon Poole or Brian Lasher will gladly answer any questions you may have.

Accepting Gifts April 1 - May 1, 2024

Background. For the past 65 years, our Unitarian Universalist congregation has been privileged to worship in a stunning building that architecturally embodies our spiritual values of openness, transparency, and beauty – inspired by nature, science and reason.

In 1959, renowned mid-century architect Victor Lundy designed for our founders an award-winning building with open sliding glass sides and a swooping roofline to lift our eyes and our spirits. Newcomers are in awe of what we sometimes take for granted.*

After over half a century, our building needs maintenance and repairs so future generations can continue to enjoy the space. And while recent funds have enabled us to plan for updating the sanctuary chancel, floor, and smaller miscellaneous items, we still need \$350,000 to replace the wide glass sliding walls in our sanctuary. We want to preserve Lundy's vision, and with it the feelings, appearance and functionality we have come to enjoy and expect as part of our UU Westport experience.

The expansive 8-ft wide panels offer unobstructed views, and when they slide open, the space becomes at one with nature. Refreshing breezes flow through the room, with additional outside seating becoming available as needed. It is a special place for us and our friends and visitors.

The Challenge. We are embarking on a mission to raise **\$350,000** through generous donations and grant contributions from our congregants and friends. We are fortunate our Endowment will match every donation, dollar for dollar, up to **\$175,000**. With this powerful partnership and your help, we can achieve our goal.

***For more on Lundy and our building, including an excellent 2014 film on his life's work and thoughts on our sanctuary (starting at min 26'42") go to <https://www.world-architects.com/en/architecture-news/headlines/victor-lundy-turns-100>**

How It Works. From **April 1 – May 1**, we extend a heartfelt invitation to all who feel moved to contribute to our **Construction Fund**. Donations can be made through various channels:

- **Cash in person**
- **Mailed-in check** The Unitarian Universalist Congregation in Westport, 10 Lyons Plains Rd, Westport, CT 06880
- **Online via REALM** campaign name: Construction-2
- **Credit card** visit vop.tucw.org or scan QR code below
- **VENMO @UUWestport-10** (a Charity)
- **Stock donation** email Sue O'Meara at sue@uuwestport.com for instructions



For all methods, please put in the memo line **“Glass Walls.”**



As we rally together to enhance our community space, your contributions take center stage. From replacing our sliding glass doors to ensuring a sustainable and inviting environment overall, your generosity fuels our progress. Each gift, no matter its size, carries value and is deeply appreciated. Thank you.

“Looking out through clear glass at these beautiful woods, experiencing the seasons People who sit in this space; this is part of what they’re here together for.”

-Victor Lundy, 2014

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