

ALL SOULS VOTING MEMBER
Official Notice for voting your preference

There will be a congregational meeting on August 17, 2008 in Bragg Auditorium convening at 12:30 p.m. The purpose of the meeting is to ask any remaining questions and express your preference on the next steps that the congregation wants the leadership of the church to take to address the long range needs of the church. There will be several meetings on this subject prior to August 17. Please check the Flame or the website for a posting of upcoming meetings on this topic. You may vote on your preference in advance by Absentee ballot, see below.

Please select one of the following two options: (check one)

_____ **Path A:** I favor having appointed leaders hire an architect and develop a specific plan to repair and add-on to the existing church building. I understand that the Master Planning Committee concluded that the church's needs will require more funds than we can raise in one capital drive and therefore some of our needs will not be met until a second phase is conducted at a later date.

Note: If this path is chosen the congregation will be asked early next year to approve a specific phase I project, including the design and costs.

_____ **Path B:** (This is the option recommended by the Master Planning Committee).
I favor having appointed church leaders, in consultation with appropriate outside experts, explore opportunities to use the value in our land to build or purchase a new and larger church facility in a single phase.

One possibility that has been discussed would lease about half of our land along Warwick to a developer who would build luxury apartments. This project would include underground parking and the land-lease for the apartment development would be pre-paid in the form of a new church for us. We would expect to need approximately \$1.2 million to finish the interior of the new church, the same amount required to renovate the current building. Proposals from other developers would be sought as part of this process. Another option that would be considered is to sell part or all of the land and buy another church or build a new one at another location.

Note: If a plan emerges from the exploration that appears to be sound, the Board of Trustees will ask the congregation to vote on the financial and preliminary design details related to one or more specific projects. The time involved in this process is estimated to be as early as spring of next year and as a year from now.

Absentee voting option: Vote before August 17 by placing your ballot in the voting box in the lobby or by mailing it to:

Room to Grow
All Souls Unitarian Universalist Church
4501 Walnut St., Kansas City, MO 64111

Name (signature:*) _____

Name (please print*): _____

*Names will be used to verify that there is no more than one vote per voting member.
