

Community Dialogue Meeting

Sunday, February 8th
12:30 p.m.

In person and on Zoom



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Vision

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Meeting Agenda

- Chaplain Holding Sacred Space: Linda Powell
- Zoom host: Teresa Accomando
- Welcome - Pray In: Rev. Sherrie Quander
- Appreciation and Gratitude: Rev. Sherrie Quander

- **Energy of Community: Rev. Russell**
- **Financial energy: Kalahn Taylor-Clark**
- **Solar energy: Solar Committee**

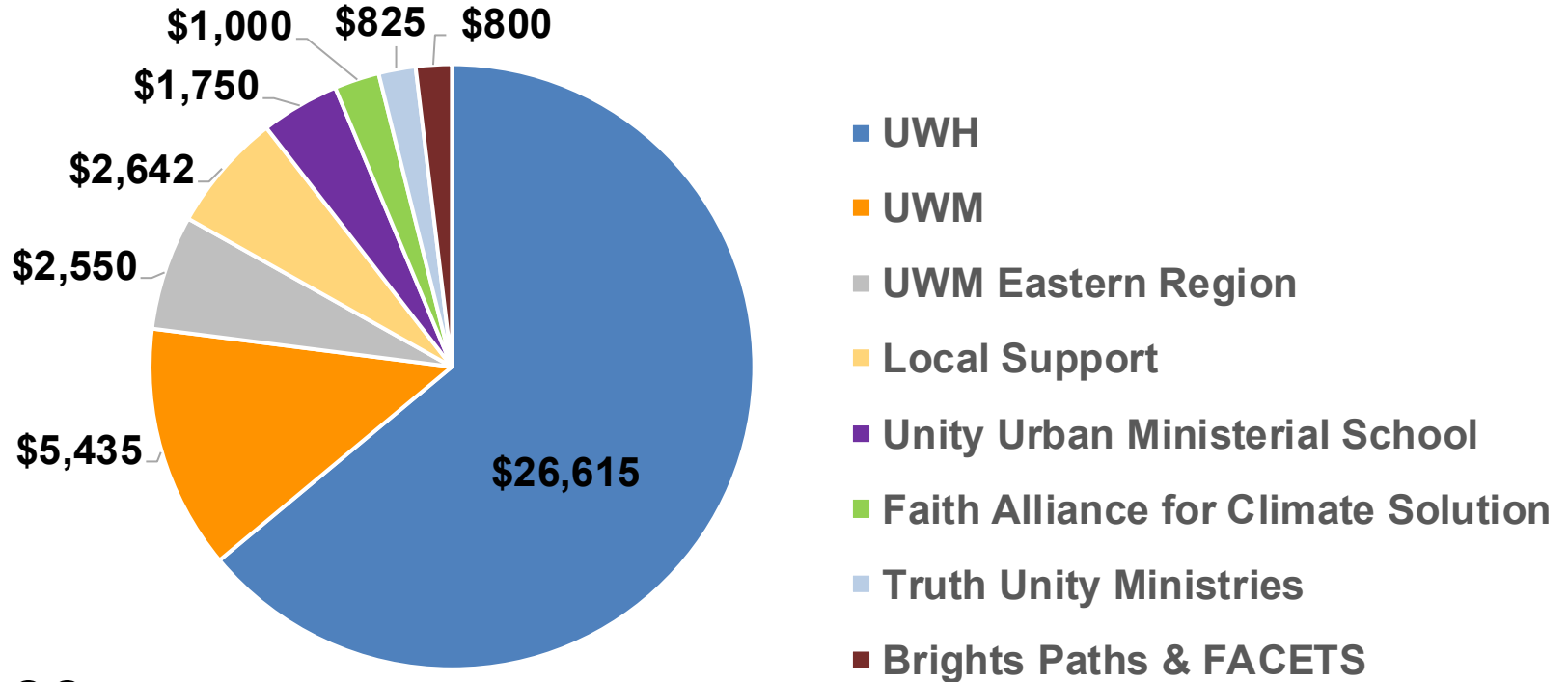
- Wrap up and Pray Out (1:45 pm)



Appreciation and Gratitude

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Faith and Stewardship

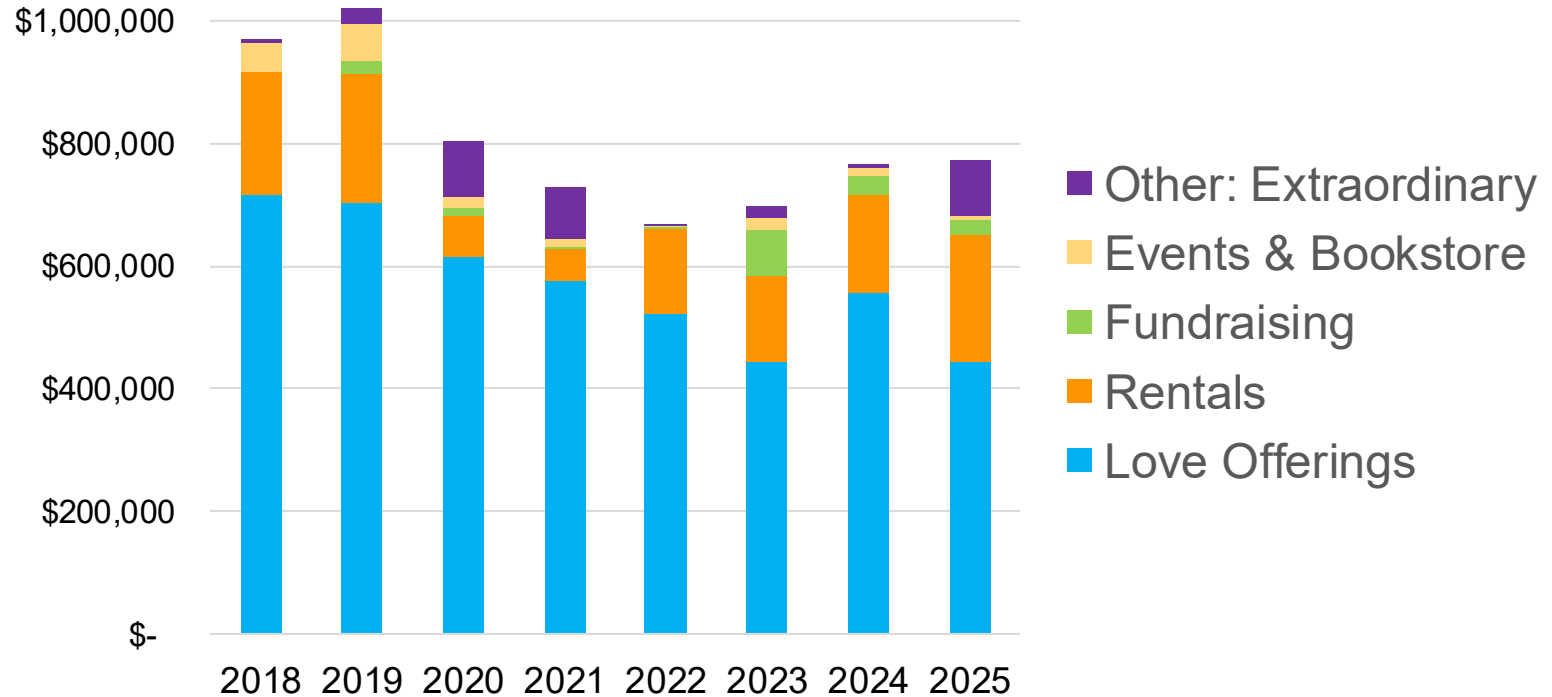


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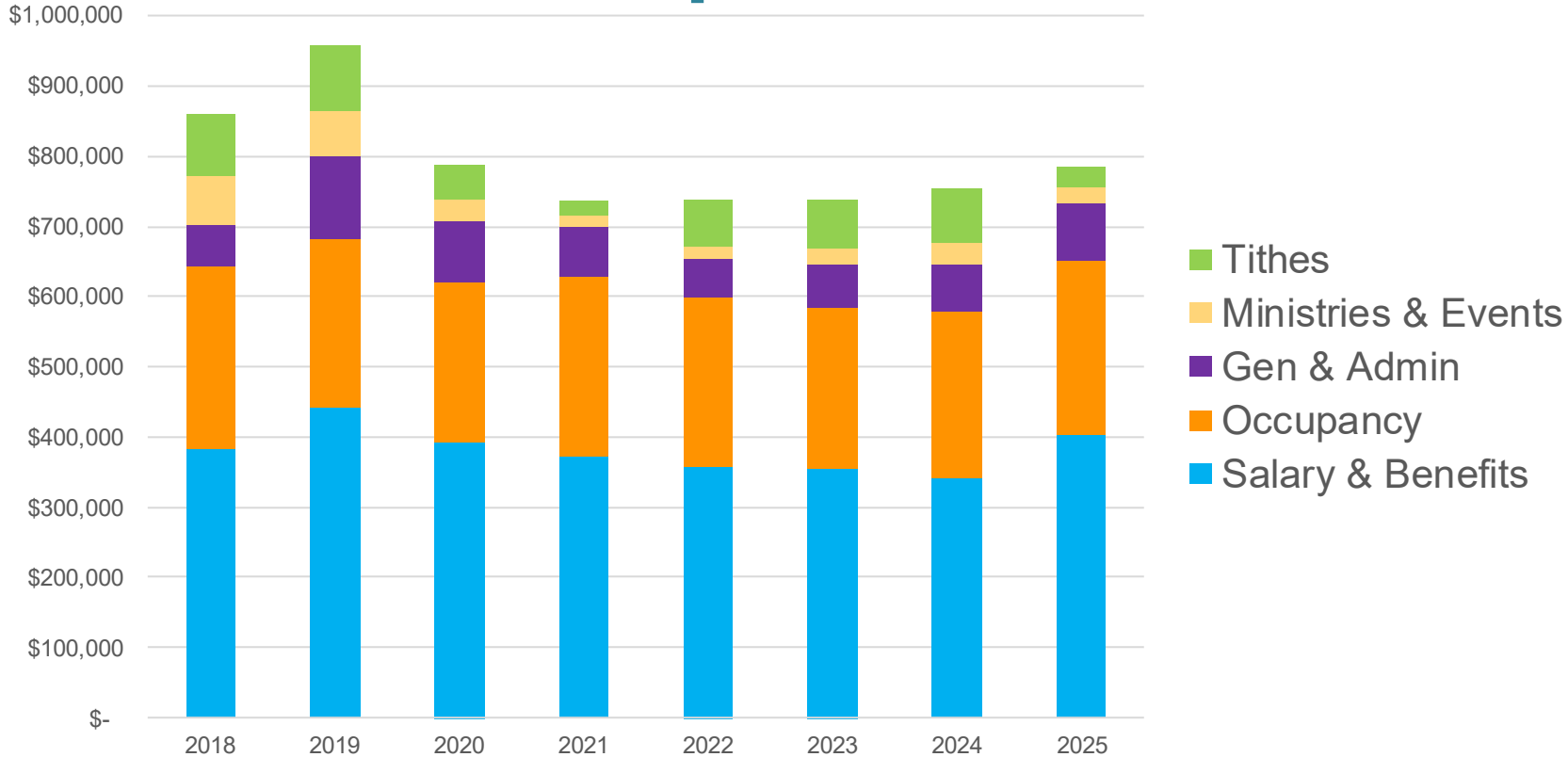
Financial Update - 2025

	Budget	Actuals
Income	\$ 790,700	\$ 778,400
Expense	\$ 864,500	\$ 785,100
Net Surplus (Shortfall)	(\$ 73,800)	(\$ 6,662)

Income



Expenses



2026 Capital Improvement needs updated

Roof Drainage issues COMPLETE	\$4,800
Digital Sign repair COMPLETE	\$1,400
Front Steps repair	\$ 3,000 – 24,000
Accessibility Doors	\$ 11,000 – 28,000
Roof resurface (yr 24 of 20 yr lifespan)	\$220,000 – 290,000
HVAC replacement (within 3-5 yrs)	\$ 50,000 – 100,000
Pavement cleanup & window cleaning	\$ 2,000 – 4,500
Classroom 1 & Sanctuary refresh	\$ 2,000 – 10,000
Stage lighting refresh	\$ 30,000 – 37,000
Solar Panels for Roof options	\$ 15,900 - \$200,000
TOTAL	\$ 332,100 – 693,500



Budget 2026

	2025 Budget	2026 - A What?	2026 - B Aspirational
Income	\$ 790,700	\$ 680,000	\$ 830,000
Expense	\$ 864,500	\$ 830,000	\$ 830,000
Net Surplus (Shortfall)	(\$ 73,800)	(\$ 150,000)	\$ 0

Aspirational assumptions:

- Love Offerings grow
- Fundraising exceedingly grows
- Grants are remarkably discovered
- Extraordinary income is astonishing
- Expenses remain stable

Solar Energy at Unity



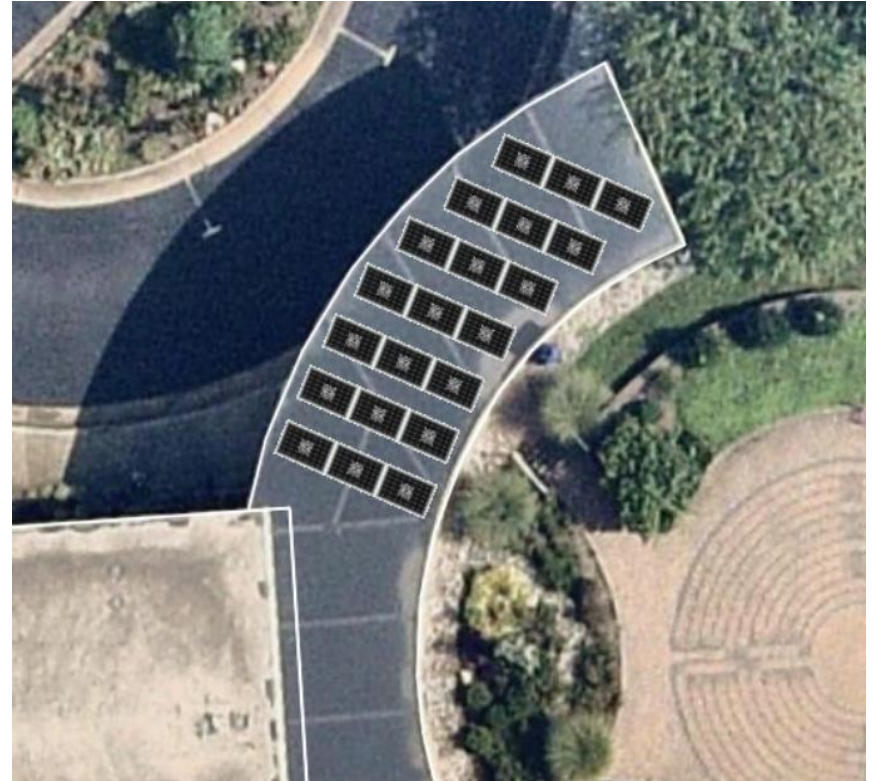
This Proposal Is
Presented by the
Solar Committee

Richard Hartley (Chair)

Ed Merritt

Pete Clifford

Jeff Johnson



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Why Now?

- To meet deadlines to receive 60% of project cost in credits and grants
- Major donors are ready to support this project
- A minimum of \$35,000 will be saved over 25 years with a relatively small upfront cost of \$4k in fundraising
- A chance for YOU to go solar in your church "home," which is both a GIFT to you and to the Earth for years to come
- A GREAT START toward reducing our carbon footprint
- Monthly electric bills will be reduced by \$144/month in 2026 with savings expected to grow every year.
- Unity of Fairfax is a model for Fairfax County's sustainability and Best Practices in water management. Solar renewable energy is an extension of those practices and one that more than pays for itself.
- Extensive research has been completed that provides solutions for our church that are currently workable. Delaying implementation would involve time-consuming additional research and will risk the loss of government funding.

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A LONGSTANDING COMMITMENT TO THE ENVIRONMENT

2005 Meditation Garden certified as a National Wildlife Habitat. No chemical fertilizers, pesticides, or herbicides are used on the Five Sacred Acres

2006 Three Boy Scouts earn Eagle badges for separate Ecology Projects on Grounds (2009)

Front Circle Garden is landscaped with native and other perennials

2007 Constructed freestanding 81 ft stone wall for erosion control behind the sanctuary

2008 A green (vegetative) roof on the Mildred Park Center becomes the core of Best Practices in Water Management

2009 The detention pond is seeded and planted with natives

The Riparian Buffer is planted with native perennials, shrubs and trees to filter and slow street water runoff using the funds awarded by a Chesapeake Bay Restoration Grant.

The EarthCare Greensheet newsletter begins with the aim to provide educational topics on sustainability

2010 Congregational Beautification Days begin and continue

Eco-tours of the grounds begin, and Informative signs are placed at locations to identify and explain Best Practices in water management; Our Eco-Tour becomes a requirement in a local college course

Fairfax County recognizes Unity of Fairfax as a demonstration site for managing water filtering and reducing erosion

Unity of Fairfax becomes the fourth church of all Worldwide Unity churches to be certified at the highest level as an EarthCare Congregation

2011 The Adopt-A-Spot Program begins (garden care by the congregation)

2012 Composting begins; Create a habitat for bluebirds

2013 Unity of Fairfax becomes a Founding Member of Faith Alliance for Climate Solutions (FACS)

2014 Annual Winter Solstice celebrations begin to demonstrate the ancient history of man worshipping spirit in nature

2016 Energy audit resulted in all state-of-the-art LED lighting, additional upgraded insulation and lower energy bills

2017 Unity of Fairfax received the Green Star Award for Environmental Excellence from Unity Worldwide Ministries EarthCare Core Ministry

2018 We received the first Sacred Grounds Wildlife Habitat designation awarded by the National Wildlife Federation

2020 Installed high-tech watering systems at front landscaping and later in the Meditation Garden (2024)

2024 A small meadow garden is planted to increase biodiversity

2025 A study of green energy solutions to avoid energy bills and reduce our carbon footprint was completed

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Summary of Finances

Upfront Project Cost	Total Government Funding	Net Project Cost	Pledged Donations	Donations Needed
\$36,316	– \$20,325*	= \$15,991	– \$10,000	= \$5,991

***Fairfax County Grant \$10,000 | Federal 30% Rebate \$10,325**

If this project is approved by the 2026 Board of Trustees, you will be instructed on how and when to make contributions.

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Timeline, February - May 2026		
Month	Date	Item
Feb	Sun 2/8	Community Dialogue meeting
	Tue 2/10	Board votes on approval of project
	Wed 2/11 - Fri 2/27	Installer's contract and congregant lending agreement reviewed by church attorney over next 2 weeks and then submitted to Board for final approval. Fairfax County grant and federal rebate applications submitted.
Mar - May	Mon 3/2 - Thur 4/30	Construction process ongoing through the next two months. Donation period open.
	Sun 4/19	Earth Day - Opportunity to celebrate this environmental step forward
	1st week of May	Estimated completion date for project.

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Q & A

Community Dialogue Questions and Dialogue

**Thank you for joining us today
and for your engagement at Unity of Fairfax!
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