

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST SOCIETY OF GENEVA

FACILITY PLAN POLICY

Approved by the Board of Directors on November 9, 2010

This policy provides broad standards for the planning and execution of improvements or changes to our facility. Inherent in this policy is a concern and consideration for suitable quality.

1. The UUSG facility should be planned to house a thriving congregation in its current location.
2. The facility should be safe and accessible for all users, should be structurally stable, mechanically sound, and environmentally safe.
3. The design and use of the facility should provide the flexibility necessary to respond to changes in our church population (membership increase or decrease, distribution of children's ages, differing adult uses, etc.).
4. The plan should include preservation and restoration of the structures that have historic significance. New improvements should tie into the historic nature of the older structures.
5. The facility should have a coordinated aesthetic that provides a comfortable and friendly atmosphere for the congregation.
6. The UUSG facility should have a long-range plan for maintenance and improvement. The plan should address costs and benefits of short-term improvements versus long-term improvements.
7. Responsible choices for environmental impact and sustainability should be used for all projects.
8. All improvements should utilize durable materials and methods of construction aimed at low maintenance.
9. A combination of volunteer and paid labor should be used. The special capabilities of volunteers should be utilized.
10. An annual and extended maintenance schedule should be followed to provide for orderly and timely maintenance of facility.
11. The Building Improvement Fund should be adequately funded each year to provide for major maintenance and improvement projects.