

Unitarian Universalist Church of Tampa ARCHITECTURAL PROGRAM STATEMENT

The purposes of the APS:

-To describe a potential building project in “laypersons” terms (not in architect’s terms).

-To describe a whole potential project without prioritizing (prioritizing will come later).

I. INTRODUCTION

As a result of our vision and stated priorities, we want a building that provides classroom and meeting space to meet the needs of our community. We plan to remain in our present location. We will work with our existing buildings, facilities, and grounds and as appropriate will:

- Add new religious education and meeting space
- As feasible, renovate existing spaces
- Improve the functionality of our property

II. GENERAL

- A. We will build an adequate and flexible building that complements our existing environment and sanctuary dome.
- B. We will upgrade or replace existing buildings and facilities to satisfy minimal health, safety, and welfare standards including fire protection.
- C. We will expand in ways that simplify or at least do not further complicate one’s orientation into and movement through the building(s).
- D. We will have landscaping that enhances the overall building(s) in its setting.
- E. We desire that the new classroom space be adaptable to either children or adults.
- F. We want this space to be flexible so it can be reconfigured to different uses.
- G. We will endeavor to make our buildings accessible to all persons.
- H. We will endeavor to make our buildings “green” to the extent this is financially possible.
- I. We will retain the “natural” wooded look of our property.

III. LIFESPAN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

A. Nursery

The nursery will be equipped for infants and toddlers.

B. Pre-K and Other Classrooms

Additional and larger classrooms for children and adults will be provided and will include appropriate furnishings. Rooms will have storage. Several of the rooms will have pre-wired audio-visual capabilities.

C. Teen Room

There will be a dedicated youth and teen room with dividers to create smaller rooms, storage and audio-visual equipment. A teen lounge will be incorporated into this area.

D. Resource Room

A resource room will provide space for such uses as the church library, a study area, materials for sale, and portable audio-visual equipment.

E. DRE's Office

The Director of Religious Education office will be relocated to the new building space.

F. Supply Room

A centralized storage/supply room will service the various education programs.

G. Kitchen/Snack Area

The building shall have space allocated for food preparation: at minimum a refrigerator, microwave/oven, and food storage.

H. Restrooms

Two accessible restrooms will be included in the new building.

IV. EXTERIOR

A. Landscaping

Landscaping around the building will incorporate Florida native, low-maintenance plants, and xeriscaping for water conservation.

B. Play Area

The playground will be relocated and improved.

V. INFRASTRUCTURE

A. Parking

The number of parking spaces will be reconfigured around the new building and play areas with the goal of adding parking spaces to the church property.

B. Utilities

Local water and sewage requirements will be met.