

TO: UUCB Board of Trustees
FROM: Jane Lundin,
Chair, Buildings and Grounds Committee
RE: Change of Priorities for Endowment Projects Fund Expenditure:
Replacement for Sanctuary, Social Hall and Fireside Room Doors
DATE: 3/28/24

The Buildings and Grounds Committee think that replacing the currently functional music room furnace is premature because we are learning more about the possible use of batteries in combination with more solar panels to allow us to detach from the grid, and because PG&E has come up with a catch-22. They now say we must get a building permit before we can proceed with them, and we all know that no city or county will issue a permit for electrical work without detailed plans, which we cannot draw up without the cooperation of PG&E. Also, we had been hopeful about federal funding for energy saving work, but this is not yet available.

Meanwhile the local fire department is urging us to correct the deficiencies in the multifold doors that separate the sanctuary and the social hall from the atrium and close off the fireside room, and we agree that they are not adequate as fire exits. In fact they were listed as a fire/safety item in the previous capital campaign (in 2011 or so) but the repairs were never done. We have bids for repairing the hardware for the central doors into the sanctuary (\$15,000) and for one of the sets of folding doors (\$10,000) and we want permission to spend \$40,000 of the previously approved \$65,000 and will use Ladd Griffith funds for the balance (which we will know more precisely once we have done the first set of bifolds).

We are asking the Board of Trustees to approve this change in funding because the approval of such changes was delegated to the Board by a congregational resolution that was passed when it became clear that having to call congregational meetings was going to be cumbersome.