



UNIVERSITY DISTRICT

ECUMENICAL CAMPUS Coalition

Feasibility Study Report

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To the UDECC Congregations and Campus Ministries,

On behalf of the members of the UDECC Board of Trustees, we are pleased to present the attached Feasibility Study Report for the proposed Ecumenical Campus project.

Three years have passed since the first meeting of the UDECC Board on June 30, 2007. What we learned along the way frequently challenged our initial assumptions. A number of significant changes impacted this work, including a very deep worldwide recession, a change in the project site, and the addition of several new coalition members. Through it all, the Board remained steadfastly committed to fulfilling UDECC's mission:

The mission of the University District Ecumenical Campus Coalition (UDECC) is to enable the development in Seattle's University District of an ecumenical home for several Christian congregations - a capital facility that will:

- *House the ministries of multiple worshiping communities, as well as other compatible organizations and businesses*
- *Provide urban amenities such as public open space and community assembly facilities*
- *Accommodate well-coordinated services to disadvantaged populations*

While the attached report summarizes the findings of this initial study, it should by no means be regarded as a conclusion. The next step in this process is for the leadership and members of the UDECC congregations and campus ministries to examine the findings of this study, and then engage in an ecumenical discussion of next steps. The attached Executive Summary concludes with a "Priming the Pump" worksheet intended to facilitate that discussion.

The members of the UDECC Board of Trustees are grateful for your faithful support and encouragement, and remain committed to the ecumenical vision shared by the UDECC faith communities.

Sincerely,

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President, UDECC Board of Trustees

Clint Pehrson
UDECC Executive Director



In Search of a Round Table

Chuck Lathrop

*Concerning the why and how and what and
who of ministry
one image keeps surfacing;
A table that is round.*

*It will take some sawing
To be roundtabled,
some redefining
and redesigning*

*Such redoing and rebirthing
or narrowlong Churching
can painful be
for people and tables
but so was the cross,
a painful too table
of giving and yes*

*And from such death comes life,
from such dying comes rising,
in search of roundtabling
And what would roundtable Churching mean?
It would mean no daising and throning,
For but one King is there,
and He was a footwasher
at table no less...*

*For at the narrowing tables,
servant and mirror
become picture framed
and centers of attention
and crosses become but gilded ornaments
on bare stone walls
in buildings used but once a week only*

*But the time and the tables
are changing and rearranging
And what of narrowlong tableministers,
when they confront
a roundtabled people
after years of working up the table
(as in "up the ladder")*

*to finally sit at its head,
only to discover
that the table has turned around???*

*Continued rarified air
Will only isolate
for there are not people there,
only roles*

*They must be loved into roundness
where apart is spelled a part
and the call is to the gathering
For God has called a People,
not "them and us"
"Them and us"
are unable
to gather round,
for at a roundtable,
there are no sides*

*And ALL are invited
To wholeness and to food...
Roundtabling means
no preferred seating,
no first and last,
no better, and no corners
for "the least of these."
Roundtabling means being with,
a part of
together, and one
It means
room for the Spirit
and gifts
and disturbing profound peace for all...*

*And it is we in the present
who are mixing and kneading
the dough for the future.
We can no longer prepare for the past...*