

# University Presbyterian Church Property Assessment for the Future



## PURPOSE

**Who/What** – In October 2022, the Property Vision Team began an educational year with the congregation to study how our church property might be better utilized to meet the evolving needs of our congregation, our neighborhood, and our community.

**Why/Where** – Since 1889, generations of families have devoted their time, talent and treasure to ensure that our church was able to grow, build and locate our ministries in the West Campus community. We are grateful for this vision, love and dedication through the years and are excited to carry this into our future!

Currently, we have unprecedented opportunities for our property's future. As a congregation, we are being called to explore what options might be before us as we consider the entirety of our property from 22<sup>nd</sup> St. to 23<sup>rd</sup> St. along San Antonio St. There are important considerations we must look at as our current facility ages, the security of our parking is questioned, and we look to remain good stewards of our wealth for future generations. We have an opportunity to consider and engage in aspirational dreams on our property that support the evolving dynamics of faith and community. Through responsible planning and sustainable practices, we aim to examine how we might enhance our ability to serve both our congregation and the broader community, reflecting our dedication to our mission – **ROOTED** in Worship, **GROWING** through Education and Service, **CONNECTING** to Campus and Community.

**When** – Our congregation has been on a journey of discernment over the last year where we shared ideas and challenges, explored our changing neighborhood, dreamed with architecture students and prayed for guidance in this exploration. Our next step will be to have a real estate professional complete a land and market assessment providing us valuable insights on neighborhood trends, economic conditions, and other relevant factors that might influence how we may envision our property.

## GUIDING PRINCIPLES

As an expression of our core values, these guiding principles will be used throughout our property exploration work.

- | Secure UPC's financial viability for generations to come.
- | Create (or preserve) a beautiful and inviting worship space to grow a thriving diverse and intergenerational congregation.
- | Create spaces that are mindful of our mission, the changing dynamics of the Church and allow us long-term connection with members, community and campus.
- | Ensure long-term parking and ease of access for all who gather here.

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