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We are a welcoming and affirming congregation. We celebrate our diversity in religious background, sexual orientation, race, age and abilities.



Press Release

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UBC IS SEEKING THE HOUSE THAT GOD HAS FOR US

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After a process that began a year ago, the University Baptist Church (UBC) congregation unanimously approved the following motion at their November 18th quarterly business meeting: *University Baptist Church will offer our property (building and land) for sale as soon as feasible.* Martha Bean, 2007 UBC Moderator, states "We've prayed and debated, we've researched and brought ideas to one another. We are full of hope." The congregation recognizes that the building is aging and in need of major repairs and renovations. The congregation does not have the financial resources necessary to address these building needs.

The UBC facility has a long history of serving both the congregation and a number of missions. The building is currently home to the University Baptist Children's Center, two transitional housing apartments for women and children, and the long standing Saturday Kitchen. In addition, many organizations use the facility. Church members and users of the facility have deep feelings of attachment to the building as a result of their experiences within its walls.

The University Baptist Church building was completed over a period of 13 years. The three story educational wing was completed in 1925. The sanctuary was finished in 1938. This building has served many generations and has been well used. Within its walls the whole spectrum of congregational life has played out. The community has experienced worship, education, mission, weddings, funerals, and offered sanctuary. The congregation has celebrated, cried, rejoiced, questioned, pondered, and lived out faith understandings.

This process began in the summer 2006. Several congregational conversations were conducted on the state of the building. Late in 2006, a motion was approved by the congregation to actively seek housing alternatives to our current facility.

University Baptist Church is a member of the Evergreen Association of the American Baptist Churches. The Rev. Timothy Phillips has been the pastor of University Baptist Church since 1996. Currently, we are a congregation of 110 members. UBC is also involved in the Association of Welcoming & Affirming Baptists, Center for Progressive Christianity, and the Baptist Peace Fellowship of North America.