

## **UU Congregation at Rock Tavern to Begin Design for New Building**

The Unitarian Universalist Congregation at Rock Tavern (NY) has contracted with Alfandre Architects of New Paltz to begin designs for our new building. We plan to rebuild on the site in Orange County where our old building burned down just a year ago. Rick Alfandre and his team were chosen after an extensive search because they demonstrated imaginative design combined with a sensitivity to the environment. We intend to build as green a building as we reasonably can congruent with fulfilling our mission to provide a centre for liberal religion to serve the people of our area. We are also seeking grants from appropriate foundations and other sources, gifts, donations of time, talent, funds, materials, a possible mortgage, and of course a capital campaign among the membership. If anyone in the wider UU Metro NY community can offer help in any of these areas, we would be most grateful. Our plan is to break ground(!) next year and be in our new home as soon as possible.

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Thank You!

The Congregation continues to meet in the loaned space of St. Anne's Episcopal Church in Washingtonville NY as members of the congregation work to recover from the devastating fire that destroyed their facilities last September. "We at the 'post-fire' UUCRT feel very blessed by the continuing generosity of these Episcopalians, as well as many others, as we slowly move forward with our re-building plans," says Linda Mangelsdorf, Building Committee Chair.