

APPROVED – February 7, 2012

**Minutes - Board of Directors  
Minnesota South District  
Tuesday, December 6, 2011  
10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.**

From the December 6th Minnesota South Board of Directors meeting minutes. Only the portions of the meeting dealing with campus ministry are presented here. For complete minutes, please visit the MNS District's website: [www.mnsdistrict.org](http://www.mnsdistrict.org).

In order to be charitable we waited to comment on these proceedings until the minutes were approved by the Board and thus made official.

V. Informational and Decision Items

a. Mission Committee (Rev. Dr. James Heining, Chair) Minutes were included in the packet and Dr. Heining commented on portions of the minutes. Discussion followed.

b. Campus Property Task Force (Lane Nordquist, Chair)

1. Sale of our campus properties (U of M, Minneapolis and MSU, Mankato). The sale of the property on the University of Minnesota campus is proceeding. Presentations have been made to the zoning commission. There has been some interest in the Minnesota State University, Mankato property, but no purchase offers have been received.

Information was reviewed that Doran Development was willing to work with the ULC to provide chapel and office space in the new facility which will be constructed on the property. The University Lutheran Chapel had been informed of this offer, but has not responded.

Neither Doran Development nor the MNS District leadership has ever contacted ULC regarding this supposed willingness to work with us. On January 23rd we inquired of the District's lawyer about this offer but have yet to receive a response.

2. Letter from Mr. Kevin Dunlevy  
Mr. Michael Melchert, Attorney for the Minnesota South District, was present to address the issue raised in the communication from Mr. Kevin Dunlevy.

A motion was made, seconded, and carried to go into executive session at 10:50, with the District staff and legal counsel being asked to stay in the room.

A motion was made, seconded, and carried to come out of executive session at 12:01 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned for lunch at 12:02.

A motion was made, seconded, and carried to go into executive session at 1:18, with the District staff and legal counsel being asked to stay in the room.

A motion was made, seconded, and carried to come out of executive session at 2:27 p.m.

The Board of Directors has forgotten the first half of this verse, which reads in full: "Let him turn away from evil and do good; Let him seek peace and pursue it." We continue to pray that the District leadership will indeed repent of the evil they have done in this entire matter that we may seek, pursue, and have peace under Christ's grace. Only repentance will lead to peace.

In Minnesota, tenants with long-term leases are required to record their lease. ULC was, until October, unaware of this obligation, but has now recorded this lease in order to be in compliance.

The District is not even willing to give a "tithe" to University Lutheran Chapel to compensate for the loss of the chapel that has been our home since 1950!

ULC would have been happy to have had the sale of our chapel put on hold and to enter into discussions to resolve the dispute. We believe President Harrison would have been fair-minded and would have dealt with the situation impartially and faithfully.

The District BOD clearly does not trust President Harrison or want his involvement. I Corinthians 6 deals not only with lawsuits, but with defrauding one's brothers and sisters in Christ. We believe this is exactly what is being done to ULC in this matter.

Thank you Rev. Griffin for your vote against this.

The Board of Directors rejects the mediation of our own synodical president, but instead is interested in using this RSO. Reconciliation is actually quite simple. It involves repentance and forgiveness. ULC stands ready to forgive. But is the District's leadership ready to repent?

A motion was made and seconded that:

In I Peter 3:11 we are instructed to seek peace and pursue it. To that end, The Board of Directors reaffirms its intent to grant up to \$250,000 of the net sales proceeds from the sale of the University of Minnesota property to the University Lutheran Chapel to assist them in relocating their ministry, contingent on the following:

- a. The affidavit of Interest in Real Property filed by Rev. Kind dated and filed on October 6, 2011 with the Office of the Hennepin County Recorder (Document 9700328) wherein the ULC claims an interest is revoked and released in a manner satisfactory to the District Treasurer on or before January 15, 2012.
- b. ULC's attorney provides the District with a letter on or before January 15, 2012, confirming ULC's intent to vacate the property by the date set by the District.
- c. ULC peacefully vacates the property by the date set by the District.
- d. Consummation of the closing on the sale of the property with Doran Development LLC.

A motion was made and seconded to amend the motion by replacing "\$250,000" with "10 percent". The motion was defeated.

A motion was made and seconded to amend the motion to add: that in the spirit of 1 Corinthians 6 we ask President Harrison to assist the Minnesota South District and University Lutheran Chapel to resolve this dispute in a God-pleasing manner. The motion failed.

The original motion was adopted. Pastor Larry Griffin requested that his negative vote be recorded.

A motion was made and seconded to ask President Seitz to contact the Ambassadors of Reconciliation to explore assisting the District and ULC to reconcile with each other. The motion was carried.