

Timeline of Events

Relating to the Proposed Sale of University Lutheran Chapel

- April 2008 Leaders of University Lutheran Chapel and of the Minnesota South District, including President Seitz and his assistant Rev. Peter Meier meet to hammer out a new “Ministry Understandings and Agreements” document to govern the relationship between ULC and the District.
- July 2008 (approximate date) Rev. Peter Meier informs Pastor Kind that the Missions Committee is considering sale of the Chapel. He asks that the information be kept confidential temporarily. It is.
- Aug 12, 2008 The MNS District’s Mission Committee recommends sale of campus properties to the Board of Directors.
- Sept 9, 2008 The MNS Board of Directors votes to postpone action until the Missions Committee has studied the issue further, and to have the Missions Committee report back to the BOD in December.
- Dec 2, 2008 The BOD receives a 5 page report from Rev. Peter Meier on behalf of the Missions Committee. The report is deemed inadequate by the BOD. The BOD votes to set up its own Task Force to examine the issues surrounding the possible sale of the campus properties at the U of M (ULC) and Mankato State University (CLC).
- Dec 14, 2008 Rev. Peter Meier meets with the members of University Lutheran Chapel to discuss the sale of the building. At this meeting he confesses that, though this is supposedly a financial issue, he has not “done the numbers”.
- Feb 5, 2009. President Seitz announces the membership of the Task Force, which includes representatives from ULC and CLC.
- May 5, 2009 The Task Force presents its recommendations to the Board of Directors, recommending both that the District not sell the properties, and that the District develop a comprehensive plan for campus ministry for the next decade. The Report is received. No action is taken to sell the properties.
- Sept 21, 2010 The Board of Directors votes to begin work developing a comprehensive plan for campus ministry. President Seitz is directed to form a new Task Force to do so. University Lutheran Chapel is neither invited to participate nor informed of the existence of the Task Force.
- Mar 29, 2011 Having discovered the existence of the Task Force through the minutes of the Board of Directors, ULC writes a letter to the District asking to participate in the planning for campus ministry and offering its help.
- Apr 7, 2011 Rev. Peter Meier invites Pastor Kind and Pastor Meyer to attend a meeting at which the Task Force will present its initial plan to the Missions and Finance Committees of the District. Pastor Kind asks Rev. Meier for information concerning the content of the plan.

- Apr 11&12, 2011 Pastor Kind again attempts to contact Rev. Meier for information.
- Apr 12, 2011 After three attempts to reach Rev. Meier for information, he replies that information will be forthcoming, but has not yet been prepared.
- Apr 15, 2011 Rev. Peter Meier sends preliminary documents to Pastor Kind, Pastor Meyer and members of the Missions and Finance Committees. He asks that the information be kept confidential. Again.
- Apr 19, 2011 The Task Force unveils its plan for campus ministry in the district, the keystone of which is sale of the two campus properties. The Missions and Finance Committee vote to recommend sale of the properties to the Board of Directors.
- April 20, 2011 The MNS District issues a memorandum attempting to defend their actions, claiming that ULC violated trust and that the District acted with openness and transparency, in spite of their efforts to proceed in secret.
- May 7, 2011 Pastor Kind and President Seitz discuss the situation over the phone.
- May 11, 2011 The Joint MN North/MN South Pastor's Conference passes a resolution urging the MNS Board of Directors to refer the entire matter to a district convention.
- May 12-13, 2011 Pastor Kind, researching the MNS District archives, finds evidence that the MNS District does not have the right to sell the property according to a resolution that was adopted at the final MN District Convention.
- May 17, 2011 The MNS District Board of Directors Meets. Pastors Kind and Meyer each give presentations calling on the District to either turn over or sell the U of M property to ULC. ULC asks to be allowed to remain for the discussion of the Board. The Board at once goes into executive session.
- May 18, 2011 President Seitz sends the resolution from the BOD to the campus pastors. (See documents.)
- Sept 9, 2011 The CCM issues a non-opinion regarding the matter of the relationship between the MNN and MNS District with regard to the chapel properties at the U of M.
- Sept 12-13, 2011 The MNS District Board of Directors Meets. Pastor Kind is invited to attend to hear the Treasurer's Report on the 12th. He is informed that if he shows up on the 13th for the discussion and vote, the BOD will likely move into executive session. ULC President Glen Meints attempts to attend on the 13th. The BOD goes into executive session and then votes to sell ULC.
- Sept 14, 2011 President Seitz informs Pastor Kind via email that the property is to be sold.