

All Saints

Anglican Episcopal Church
Proclaiming the Truth of Jesus Christ

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Re: All Saints Anglican Episcopal Church, Rosedale

Dear Mr. Roman

Thank you for your response to our offer to acquire the real property used by the congregation of All Saints Anglican Episcopal Church, Rosedale. We are especially grateful for your quick response.

We understand that in rejecting our offer you have proposed three alternatives. These include the purchase of the property for “fair” compensation with additional conditions; maintaining status quo for an agreed upon period of time for further discernment with additional conditions; and leaving the property.

In making our initial offer we spent considerable time in discernment and conversation. Our first and highest priority is to honor God in this matter and our second is to move forward in the mission we believe God is calling us to as His Body. We believe strongly that reaching final resolution with respect to the property is essential to fulfilling both of these priorities.

Therefore, while we appreciate your counter offer, I trust it is clear that we are not in a position to submit a new financial offer. In fact, in making our initial offer it can be fairly said that we went beyond what we can reasonably do. While we cannot know what may be considered “fair” compensation for the property, please know that our effort was indeed the most gracious offer we could make.

Also, while we appreciate your offer to maintain status quo for a season of further discernment, we are certain that we have thoroughly sought God’s will for us. Upon considering your offer, we believe strongly that additional discernment would not only be purposeless but demonstrate a lack of trust in God for our future and would risk harm to our congregation and our mission. We must therefore decline this offer as well.

Having reached this point we realize that our path requires us to leave the property. While we may disagree with the decisions of the courts, we fully respect those decisions.

In the not so distant past we made choices that we always understood may cause us to lose something valuable. We count it as a blessing and a privilege to have been given this choice. Despite our long history with the property, our first obligation is obedience to God. To the best of our ability we have tried to honor our Lord who has sustained us all these years.

We will plan to vacate the property. I pray you will allow us the necessary time to do so in an orderly fashion. One of our desires is to leave this place that has served us for so many years in truly immaculate condition.

We will leave with great sadness, but also with a great anticipation for the future. We are willing to go where God may call us, and to trust completely in His provisions. This is His church; may He do with it as He pleases. May we be faithful to Him in the little things, that He might grant us the privilege of continuing to serve Him for generations to come.

In His Service
David B. Rucker
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