



UNIVERSITY DISTRICT

# ECUMENICAL CAMPUS Coalition

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Kathy Kripps, Moderator  
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Dear Kathy:

On behalf of the UDECC Board of Trustees, we are writing to acknowledge and thank you for your letter to us of October 30, 2009. In it, you provide the UCUCS Church Council's response to our request for permission to include UCUCS's "Lot C" and "Gold House" properties in the study site for the Ecumenical Campus feasibility study.

Your response to our request was: "Yes, with parameters." The parameters you enumerate in your letter are clearly articulated, and provide a valuable framework for our continuing discussion. Some of the issues you've raised call for near-term resolution, while others can best be addressed (in partnership with UCUCS) as we continue working toward completion of the feasibility study. The priorities you list are high priorities for all the congregations and ministries of UDECC, and will rank high in every member organization's criteria for evaluating the feasibility study report. The thoroughness and careful scrutiny exercised by UCUCS's leadership and members during your consideration of our request is a testament to your faithful stewardship, and serve to enhance the value of your response. For this we are very thankful.

Your thoughtful response creates an increased bond of unity with the congregations and campus ministries who are your UDECC partners. We look forward to working even more closely with UCUCS as together we take the next steps toward completing the Ecumenical Campus feasibility study, and discovering anew what it can mean for us to be "church" together in this time and place.

We understand this work to be our collective response to God's Spirit leading us to greater unity, and to expanded and shared mission and ministry in the name of Jesus our Lord.

Sincerely,

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