

Dear Bishop Burkat:

Sunday, September 12, 2010

Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church has now voted twice to leave the ELCA. We have also voted to join the North American Lutheran Church. On June 6, 2010 we voted to join the NALC as soon as it was constituted, so Holy Trinity has been dual-rostered since August 27, 2010.

We look forward to our meeting with Synod Council, pursuant to Section C6.05 of the constitution of this congregation. We also hope that Synod Council will vote that Holy Trinity might be granted "peaceful release" from the ELCA.

During your meeting with the congregation on July 18, you answered a question regarding ownership of our building by saying that the Synod Council will be voting on that very issue at its upcoming meeting. We wish to clarify that ownership of the building is not on the ballot at that meeting. If the Synod Council consents to the congregation's decision to withdraw from the ELCA and affiliate exclusively with the NALC, then the building remains with the congregation. If the Synod Council refuses to consent to the congregation's decision, the status quo continues and the building remains the property of the congregation. In short, the building stays with the congregation either way. Please let us know immediately if the Council will consider any other resolutions regarding our congregation besides the consent to withdrawal.

In any case, our Council and congregation would like no longer to be dual-rostered. Consequently, we do hope that Synod Council will grant us "peaceful release" from the ELCA. Just tell us when you would like us to meet with Synod Council.

Sincerely,

The Rev. Dr. Michael G. Tavella

The Rev. N. Amanda Grimmer

Mr. Tom Schied
Congregation President

Mrs. Linda Borkowski
Congregation Secretary