



May 10, 2006

City of Madison
Plan Commission
215 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.
Madison, WI 53701

RE: First United Methodist Church, Land Use Application

Dear Plan Commissioners

Enclosed is an application for your review for a zoning map change and a demolition permit for the First United Methodist Church at 203 Wisconsin Avenue. The church is seeking to change a portion of their site from R-6 and R-6H zoning to C-2 Zoning. Because their property contains three different zoning districts, it complicates their ability to proceed with expansion plans. The parcels of R-6 and R-6H zoning do not currently have any buildings on them other than the church.

The church also seeks to demolish an education wing that occupies the southern portion of their property. This wing has a history of mold problems, HVAC problems, and general configuration issues. Remediation of these deficiencies exceed the church's abilities and they have determined that the best course of action is to remove that portion of the building and replace it with a new education and fellowship wing. The church is currently working with Madison Environmental group to reuse and recycle those things they will not be taking for themselves.

First United Methodist Church is one of the oldest churches in the city of Madison. They typically have between 350 and 450 people attend three worship services each Sunday. During the week, no more than ten employees and volunteers occupy the building. The church also has an active food pantry, which distributes food to about 100 families per week.

Sincerely,

STRANG, INC.

Matt Garrett, AIA

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