

*Lutheran Church of Covenant*  
Feb 4, 1976

The Council of the Lutheran Church of the Covenant held a special meeting February 4, 1976, in the Penasquitos Center to meet with Mr. Bernstein and Mr. Wimberley regarding the future of our congregation. Bernstein

Pres. Forland asked M. Hetland to lead us in prayer.

Those present were Pres. Forland, Laubenthal, Haas, Utheman, Eno, Boxell, Hetland, Waters, Feebeck and Hueneke.

Mr. Wimberley reported on their recent meeting with Mr. Gabrielsen of Pensasquitos. They were impressed by the growth in this area. Mr. Bernstein said we could look for a new day because of the development. They were shown three building sites which would be suitable for a church site. One site, on Black Mt. Road, was especially favorable. Mr. Gabrielsen was to have that area mapped by engineers. Friday, Feb. 6, Mr. Bernstein and Mr. Wimberley will again meet with Mr. Gabrielsen to come to some final purchase agreement. Then these recommendations will be presented to Mr. Falde next week. If there is a purchase agreement it must also be sent to the National Office in Minneapolis for approval.

They then asked for comments from the council.

Pres. Forland said our congregation was falling apart. Spiritual growth has stagnated. We need a full time pastor, strong in mission development leadership.

Chairman of the Board of Deacons, Laubenthal said families are leaving the church because there seems to be no future. Deacons are leaving. People ask what plans are being made for the future and we have none for we have received no written response or correspondence to assure us of a future.

Dr. Haas said we want a schedule and some direction as to what we can expect while all the negotiations are taking place.

We were assured that if a purchase agreement was not made on favored site 1, other possibilities would be explored. Both Mr. Wimberley and Mr. Bernstein were very optimistic. They also gave us the following sequence of events:

1. Acquisition of property
2. Calling of a full time pastor
3. Development of a church home.

Mr. Wimberley promised to call Pres. Forland Friday night to inform him of the outcome of the meeting with Mr. Gabrielsen on Friday.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

*Vera Hueneke*