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Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2005 9:30 AM
To: office@christkirk.com
Subject: letter from Roy Atwood re: NSA zoning hearing/prayer request

Please read the following letter from Dr. Atwood. A meeting is scheduled tomorrow morning at 9:00 to determine whether NSA can stay in the building until the appeals are finished. Please pray for this situation.

17 May 2005

Letter to Christ Church and Trinity Reformed Church Heads of Households

You have probably heard by now that Moscow's Zoning Board of Adjustment reversed its own zoning administrator's decision last Thursday night concerning a hostile zoning complaint against New Saint Andrews College brought by a third party with no financial stakes or property holdings in the downtown business district.

Moscow City Zoning Administrator Joel Plaskon twice ruled in favor of the College's suitability for the Central Business District, but this 2-1 decision by the three-member Board has raised more questions than answers. It's a turnabout in policy interpretation that will require more study and analysis.

New Saint Andrews has operated downtown for more than four years with the city's permission and we have enjoyed strong community support, especially from our downtown neighbors. I want the Moscow community and the College's constituents to know that we will work diligently with city officials in the coming weeks and months to resolve these new issues. We will pursue all available legal means to reverse this decision, to preserve our rightful place downtown, and to stop this continuing harassment of our Christian college.

The Board of Adjustment may have ruled against us, but we thank the board members for how they handled this hostile challenge to the College's right to be downtown. I'm confident that the College will be permitted to continue serving our extraordinary students and the Moscow community from our historic downtown location.

In the meantime, it will be business as usual. We've just graduated a wonderful group of 27 students on Wednesday, May 11, and we look forward to a full incoming class of about 50 new students to our limited enrollment College next fall. This summer we will keep our restrooms open to the public again for Farmers Market, display historic photos of downtown Moscow as part of this year's Art Walk, and keep Friendship Square the vibrant and friendly center to our community that it is.

We are very thankful for God's mercy and kindness to us through this hostile challenge and for your encouragement and support.

To help us stop this ongoing harassment of the College, I ask you to send letters expressing your support of the College being in the Central Business District to

New Saint Andrews College, P.O. Box 9025, Moscow, ID 83843

or send an email to info@nsa.edu.

Thank you for your prayers and support.

God bless,

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