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Dear Aaron,

I am writing regarding The Crossing ministry located at 1127 University Avenue in regard to the University of Wisconsin-Madison Chemistry Instructional Expansion project (DFD#13F1G). This letter is to acknowledge support of the project as planned immediately to the east of our property on University Avenue. This letter shall also serve as consent to the university, on behalf of The Crossing and the Wisconsin Conference of The United Methodist Church to filing a 'joint' Conditional Use application and Demolition application on our behalf.

We acknowledge that the project will involve the demolition of the Abiel Brooks Residence, located on the eastern portion of our property at 1121 University Avenue. Currently, The Crossing owns the land which this structure resides and is working with the university on details related to acquisition and easements on the property. The building was constructed in 1851 and was acquired by The Crossing (formerly Wesley Foundation) in 1915. It was converted to use as a parsonage for the Rev. E.W. Blakeman. Although the structure shares a common wall with The Crossing, there are no interior connections between the two entities. After deconstruction of the Abiel Brooks Residence, a mitigation project will occur to veneer the exterior of the common wall with stone in a manner which is sympathetic to the existing 1928 building. Drawings of this project are included in the Plan Commission package for your review.

We are also working with the university to ensure the landscape restoration is compatible with our building and their project. This restoration includes the area east of The Crossing and also the terrace treatment along University Avenue.

As with any construction project, there will be periods of disruption, but we feel that the Chemistry Instructional Expansion project along with the improvements to The Crossing will improve this highly visible part of campus and University Avenue. To date we have been engaged and routinely informed of the project status and milestones. On behalf of The Crossing organization and the Wisconsin Conference I ask that the Plan Commission support the intentions of this project.

In Christian love,

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