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**Subject:** Plan for new development of the corner of University Ave & Brooks St.

I have previously written to you of our great concern for the plans for the St. Francis Episcopal property. I will reiterate what I said previously. this church has been the home church of my family through 3 generations. Our concern for the blockage of light into the church will seem to have seriously detrimental affects if the plan is continued. We have three points to make.

1. As life-long citizens of Madison, we are aware that this section of the city is an oasis of architecture & green space. We have traveled extensively around the country & noted how unique Madison is in maintaining a vibrant inner city rather than closed derelict buildings or high-rise apartment buildings. We feel our citizenry want to keep this image.

2. If Luther Memorial is dwarfed by a tower that cuts off all light to our sanctuary, and worse, the encouragement of heavy moped traffic in the court behind us, we will lose the precious membership we have. This may also include the loss of our preschool which we depend on for revenue. If these things happen, it may spell the end of this church that my family helped establish. Does the City of Madison then want to deal with a huge Gothic Cathedral standing empty in its center? This has happened in way too many cities in the country. We have an established Columbarium where my husband and I had planned to be inurned as many of our parishioners already are. Would you move a cemetery?

3. My father came to the University of Wisconsin from Pennsylvania as a student and found a home at Luther Memorial where he met my mother. One of the major reasons the church exists is to serve students and we have always been very welcoming to students. It is one of the basic foundations of Luther Memorial. We would continue to welcome these students as our neighbors, but not with the plan as presented.

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