

## Status of Real Estate Owned by the Southeastern Synod

Action Requested: NONE

### Doraville, Georgia

It is anticipated that this property will be sold to the Interfaith Outreach Home by the end of September 2019. A history of the synod's involvement with this property and the status of its sale is included in the background material section of **Exhibit D.6**.

### Jackson, Mississippi

The Southeastern Lutheran Holding Corporation (a separately incorporated, fully owned subsidiary of the Southeastern Synod) was given the church building and surrounding land used by the former Trinity Lutheran Church, Jackson, MS when that congregation ceased operations in 2011. The congregation hoped that the building would eventually be used to help develop a Lutheran congregation with a multicultural focus in that location. Consultation with the ELCA Domestic Mission unit has indicated that no such future development is anticipated.

Since 2011, the property has been rented to two different non-Lutheran congregations, with limited success in collecting rent specified in written leases. Major expenditures on this property have included the complete replacement of the HVAC equipment and the roof. In June 2018 the Holding Corporation listed the property for sale at a price of \$385,000. A current letter of intent to purchase the property for \$275,000, is being seriously considered by the Holding Corporation's board of directors.

### Nashville, Tennessee

St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Nashville officially dissolved in December 2017. At that time, a quitclaim deed was executed to convey ownership of its church building, a separate building used for social ministry programs, and a stand-alone storage shed to the Southeastern Synod. The social ministry programs continue to operate from this location and various groups still use the sanctuary for worship. At its meeting in May 2019, the Synod Council authorized Bishop Gordy to accept the letter of intent proffered by Inspiritus (formerly Lutheran Services of Georgia and Lutheran Services in Tennessee), in which the synod will work toward formalizing an agreement granting Inspiritus a 99-year ground lease of the Nashville property for \$1 per year in rent. Inspiritus plans to develop the property as a transformational campus with program and service components, as well as limited commercial and retail components.

### Other

The Synod may also own cemetery properties in Smith County, Mississippi and Andersonville, Georgia. These properties have been carried as land valued at a total of \$5,500 within the synod financial statements since before the formation of the ELCA. Attempts to discover additional information about these properties have been unsuccessful, but synod auditors have not been interested in removing the property from the synod's financial records.