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LAKE COUNTRY UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH VOTES TO BUY BUILDING



The congregation of Lake Country Unitarian Universalist Church (LCUUC) voted on February 12th to approve the purchase of St. Ann's Church in the Town of Merton. The formal vote authorizes the board to borrow the money to purchase the 12,000 sq. ft. building on five acres of land located at the intersection of Hwys. E and K. On Dec. 20, 2005, LCUUC entered into a purchase agreement with the current owner of St. Ann's Church. Prior plans for the property were to tear down the church and build 16 condominium units.

Not only is LCUUC excited to have a permanent church home, it is happy to be able to preserve the open space in a rapidly developing area. Members are looking forward to being active stewards of the property. "Once we have moved into the building and are holding regular Sunday services, a task force will develop a plan for the property in keeping with our principle of 'respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part,'" said Kirsten Johnson, co-president.

A facilities task force had been looking for adequate meeting space throughout the Lake Country area for two years. With over 60 children in its Sunday school, LCUUC had outgrown its rented space in Jerusalem Presbyterian Church in Wales.