



STEEPLE PEOPLE

theological books and church supplies

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Dear Friends in Christ,

I would like to inform you that Steeple People Bookstore will be closing on Saturday, May 20th. The decision to close the store is not a result of the merger between Trinity Lutheran Seminary and Capital University.

Having managed an Augsburg Fortress bookstore on Trinity's campus for 13 years, I knew opening Steeple People as an independent bookstore in 2009, during the "great recession" would be tough. Now eight years later, pressure from online booksellers, availability of used books and ebooks, declining seminary enrollment, and limited church budgets for church supplies, caused me to reevaluate the viability of the business. These assessments lead to the decision to close the store. My hope is that I have provided the goods and services that have enhanced and strengthened your ministry and faith life.

I thank God for this opportunity. My heart has been touched by so many; these relationships I will miss the most.

Paul A. Ritter