

Mars Hill Church Fetches \$9 Million on Open Market

Mark Driscoll's former pulpit will remain in the family of the Lord with the sale of the sanctuary to another church.

Quest Church bid on the former Mars Hill building for \$9 million, according to the *Puget Sound Business Journal*. Mars Hill purchased the property 12 years ago for \$4.8 million.

When the church dissolved earlier this year, they listed several properties for for \$25 million, as one of four points of the dissolution, which *Charisma News* previously reported:

- All of Mars Hill's existing church properties either will be sold, or the loans on the individual properties will be assumed by the independent churches, subject to approval by the lender;
- All central staff will be compensated for their work and then released from their employment.
- If any funds remain after the winding down and satisfaction of Mars Hill business affairs, they will be gifted as seed money to the newly independent churches, then ...
- The existing Mars Hill Church organization will be dissolved.

Head pastor Driscoll stepped down amid controversy, and the larger Mars Hill Church split into different congregations, none of which hold the Mars Hill label.

"This means that each of our locations has an opportunity to become a new church, rooted in the best of what Mars Hill has been in the past, and independently led and run by its own local elder teams," wrote Pastor Dave Bruskas in an open letter. "Ultimately, the success of this plan, and the future viability of each of these new local churches rest solely on

all of us continuing to be faithful in supporting Jesus' mission through our attendance and continued giving."