## NOTES from the Special Vestry Meeting, May 25, 2014:

The following motion was passed (47 in favour, 2 opposed, and 1 abstention):

Given the estimated high cost of repairs necessary to the exterior structural walls and brickwork of the sanctuary, and the lack of feasibility of less expensive alternative or phased approaches to these repairs,

be it resolved that:

the Repair Task Force be disbanded as of June 1, 2014, with thanks for the comprehensive information they have provided, and the decision be taken by St. Barnabas congregation to eliminate the Repair option from future consideration

and

the Corporation of St. Barnabas Church be authorized to undertake only such repairs as are necessary to ensure the building can be used safely in the short-term, while other options for the future of the parish are being considered.

The Corporation is in the process of arranging the short-term repairs necessary to the exterior sanctuary walls.



Please plan to attend the next **Congregational Meetings** as we explore the other options available to us:

- **June 8** (noon, Church): to discuss the Relocate & the Merge options
- June 29 (noon, Church): to discuss the Redevelop option

## PSALM 68

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Let God arise, and let his enemies be scattered; \*

let those who hate him flee before him.

Let them vanish like smoke when the wind drives it way; \*

as the wax melts at the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence of God.

But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God; \*

let them also be merry and joyful.

Sing to God, sing praises to his name; exalt him who rides upon the heavens; \*

Yahweh is his name, rejoice before him!

Father of orphans, defender of widows, \*

God in his holy habitation!

God gives the solitary a home and brings forth prisoners into freedom; \*

but the rebels shall live in dry places.

O God, when you went forth before your people, \*

when you marched through the wilderness,

The earth shook, and the skies poured down rain, at the presence of God, the God of **Sinai**, \* at the presence of God, the God of **Israel**.

You sent a gracious rain, O God, upon your inheritance; \*

you refreshed the land when it was weary.

Your people found their home in it; \*

in your goodness, O God, you have made provision for the **poor**.

Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth; \*

sing praises to the Lord.

He rides in the heavens, the ancient heavens; \*

he sends forth his voice, his mighty voice.

Ascribe power to God; \*

his majesty is over Israel; his strength is in the skies.

How wonderful is God in his holy places! \*

the God of Israel giving strength and power to his people! Blessed be God!

All say:

**B**lessed are you, Lord God of truth and justice; you open our hearts and our mouths to pray and to praise. Guide now our feet in your holy way, through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.