

# ST. BARNABAS'

Anglican Church of Canada

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Dear Friends –

In my Easter letter 2011 I wrote – "Being an Easter people means that resurrection is part of our life experience, part of who we are; part of what it means to be us. Easter celebrates how Jesus dies and rises in each of us, in our personal lives, in family, church, parish, community. It celebrates how Jesus dies and rises in our daily work, in our home life, in our relationships, in the joys and sorrows of the world."

We have so much to be thankful for as a church family. 2011 has seen us grow together in community, faith, trust and expectation. We have no idea what God has in store for us in 2012, but we do know as we continue our journey of faith God has His hand upon us.

In our journey we need to be wise yet bold, we need to be prudent yet adventurous, we need to be humble and modest yet audacious. We need to be a people with our eyes firmly fixed on the Risen Lord.

Steven Furtick in his book *Sun Stand Still* says this, 'When you're trying to convince people to do something difficult, you usually go on and on about how capable they are. You assure them they've got what it takes. In essence, you want them to know you believe in them. But audacious faith doesn't work that way. It's not based on who you are or what you can do. Audacious faith is based on who God is, what he's already done, and what he will continue to do. He will show himself faithful. It is he who will prove that he's got what it takes. The unfailing faithfulness of God - not our capability or performance – is the solid ground of our journey in audacious faith.'

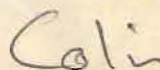
Many of you will have heard the rumours regarding the re-missioning of St Barnabas'. At the time of writing this letter all we are doing is talking to people and looking at our options. What we do know is that it will cost over \$500,000 to maintain our building. The Body of Christ is the people not the building so we have to listen to God to see what he has in store for us.

It is an exciting time to be at St Barnabas', we are a growing congregation – growing in our love of Christ and growing together in love. We want to make a difference in our community.

The future's bright, and if you look at the outside of our building the future could be orange!

Wishing you a blessed Thanksgiving.

Yours in Christ,



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