

LADNER UNITED CHURCH

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*A Heart for God ...
in the Heart of the Village*

September 30, 2009

Dear Friends

Another lovely summer has passed and we are well begun on our winter programs around the church. As promised in June, we wish to update you on the progress around our building project.

Firstly, you will have noticed the large blue board outside the church declaring our intention to renovate/rebuild. Our Architect Keith Donald Sullivan and members of our Building Task Force, Neil Caldwell and Matt Rogers have been negotiating with the Corporation of Delta on a Heritage Revitalization Agreement. This agreement covers the exterior of the Sanctuary and *does not* designate our building as a heritage building. This agreement will not be signed until approved by a lawyer representing the church, Vancouver South Presbytery and our congregation. The Chair of Leadership Council has requested a meeting with the Vancouver South Presbytery Property Committee to make them aware of our total project and seek their approval.

As well, our Architect continues to work with the Building Task Force to develop a set of blueprints to enable us to secure a realistic cost estimate for Phase 1.

A realistic cost estimate for Phase 1 is necessary to provide us with an exact dollar amount needed to complete this phase.

As you are aware pledges in the amount of \$588,840. have been made and are being met as agreed. Another source of funds for our total projects must be realized from the three South properties.

Options with the three South properties are:

1. Sell the properties outright on the open market. While a member of Council, Maria Morrison, has obtained an approximate valuation for us, we do not make it public as it could inhibit a bidding sale.
2. Entertain submissions from developers who are interested in a project utilizing all the properties. Several have indicated an interest and be assured that no decision would be made without the congregations concurrence and full knowledge of the benefit to the church as well as a thorough investigation of the ethical/financial standing of the applicants.

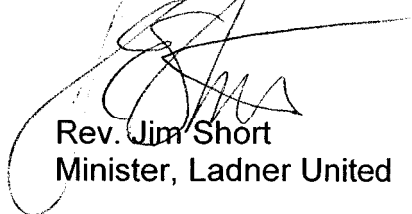
At some time after this point, we would be ready to begin construction work on restoring the sanctuary. We must not lose sight of our total plan which includes the hall and kitchen. The final design and cost of this construction will also require financing and we will continue to explore various means.

It has also been necessary to deal with our aging buildings, as required.

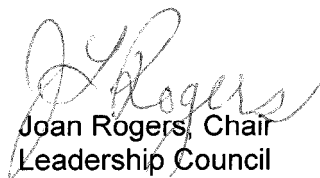
Concerns are ongoing and be assured that the congregation will always be part of the discussions and decisions.

May God bless you at this time of Thanksgiving.

Yours sincerely,



Rev. Jim Short
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Joan Rogers, Chair
Leadership Council