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Dear Parish Family,

Happy Epiphany! I hope that the joy of our salvation - graciously extended by God to the gentiles - is filling you with Gospel hope in believing.

I'm writing this email/letter to update you on our "Let Us Rise Up and Build" campaign inspired by the Old Testament passage found in Nehemiah 2:18.

First, we want to include YOU in this opportunity to honor God. Look for a public plea in January to all who love St. Paul's to participate financially in some way. We have a slogan, "Not equal gifts, but equal sacrifice." What a sacrifice looks like to you and your family may be very different from what others may be able to give. Your gift size should be decided through much prayer and discernment between you and Jesus.

Our hope and prayer are that everyone at St. Paul's, no matter your financial ability, will join us in this historic "Rise Up and Build" charge to rebuild our walls, worship spaces, and ministry areas. Every gift counts no matter the size!

We own our facilities now. No more lawsuits. Praise God! It is time we honored God by becoming great stewards over HIS church.

Folks on our leadership teams have already had the opportunity to contribute. These gifts alone have raised nearly two and a half million dollars on our way, by God's grace, to our final goal of completing over 4.2 million dollars of campus needs. Thank you to everyone who has contributed thus far. We look forward to the rest of us coming alongside those who have already committed in this God-honoring work that will bless generations of believers for decades to come.

Please remember that the campaign fund-raising, and the many projects needed on our campus, will probably take a five-year period to complete.

Below is an update on our "RISE UP AND BUILD" campaign as we currently stand:

## Projects Completed

- ❖ Skardon Roof
- ❖ Doar Hall A/C Units
- ❖ C/Y building A/C units
- ❖ C/Y building A/C exterior enclosure
- Church Building Handicap Ramp
- ❖ Hot water heater replacement in Doar
- New refrigerator and freezer for atrium kitchen
- ❖ New ice machine for Youth building
- \* Roof replacement on back of church building
- ❖ Exterior lighting updated / replaced in the alleyway behind DH
- \* Replaced the enclosure around the HVAC unit behind DH



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## **Projects in Process**

- 1. **Shutters.** As a result of a very productive meeting several areas / questions were addressed. A contract has been signed with Windward Shutters to replace all the shutters on the church building to be completed by April 1, 2023.
- 2. **Bathrooms.** Waiting for one more sub-contractor bid results for unexpected repairs to the floors in Ambler bathrooms. Because of the safety issue with this, this project was deemed to be number one for accomplishment.
- 3. Parapet/Cupola. Waiting for contractor ideas to build a working platform to address the required parapet and cupola repairs.
- 4. **Porch.** Waiting for contractor bid to address the unexpected porch support and column repairs on the church building.
- 5. **Brick.** Waiting on repair quote for the brick work on the old church.
- 6. **Painting.** Gathering quotes and waiting for painting schedule for the church building before starting Ambler exterior painting since it was planned to paint both exteriors at the same time to save money.
- 7. Water Issues. Doar Hall water abatement will be addressed in January. Repairing downspouts and in-ground drains.
- 8. **HVAC Enclosure.** Doar Hall Repair/replacement of HVAC enclosure due to replacement of HVAC unit.

If you have questions and would like to read over the campaign materials, you may visit our website under the "about" tab at https://stpaulssummerville.org/about/.

Look for our campaign roll-out very soon! We are planning to have a campaign celebration luncheon for all participants in the "Rise Up and Build" campaign after church on Sunday, March 19. Save the date!

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 843-465-0240, Rick Martier (Senior Warden) at 843-619-1706 or Russ Gantt (Campaign Chairman) at 843-851-5543.

God's Grace and Peace,

Fr. Tripp, Jeffords+

Rector, St. Paul's Anglican