

*St. Simeon's Anglican Church*  
*April 2022*  
*Continuing to Constantly Care and Constantly Pray*

*'To all things there is a season....' Ecclesiastes 3:1*

Dear Parishioners,

Since 1964, St. Simeon's Rectory has been the residence of a number of incumbents. Our priests and their families have enjoyed a spacious, attractive four-bedroom home with an office space. In addition, many congregational gatherings both working and social have been held there.

During the past few years, we have experienced not only the constant seasons of nature but also recently the seasons of Covid. In addition, St. Simeon's has also undergone many transitions from being an independent thriving parish to being part of the larger Laurentian Regional Ministry and recently reverting to the original status of an independent parish. During this time, St. Simeon's parishioners and clergy have also changed. Many parishioners are aging and combined with the fact that our Family service attendees have grown and moved elsewhere, we have experienced a significant decline in weekly attendance and with it a decline in giving.

Our present financial situation leaves us in a position where we are able to support a part time priest. The result is that we have a rectory, which is not in use but is a constant expense. To address this matter, a Special Rectory Committee, composed of Rev. Nick Brotherhood, Andy Mason, Herb Sioui, Don Hamilton, Karen Napp and Edna Hall, was formed to inspect and assess the rectory and to advise on a plan for the future. A motion by this committee was presented and unanimously passed at the March Parish Council Meeting. It reads as follows:

'Whereas a meeting of the St. Simeon's Rectory Committee was held on March 30, 2022 and that a unanimous recommendation was made by the committee to Parish Council to sell the rectory located at 715 Meikle Street, Lachute, QC, it was moved that we, the Parish Council, ask the Corporation of St. Simeon's Church to convene a Special Vestry Meeting of St. Simeon's congregation to approve this recommendation to sell the rectory property.'

The Anglican Diocese of Montreal has a protocol for selling a rectory. The first step is after consultation with active parishioners at a Special Vestry Meeting, a motion is presented. If passed, it is then forwarded to the Diocese.

Therefore, the Corporation of St. Simeon's Anglican Church is scheduling a Special Vestry Meeting on **May 8, 2022** immediately following the 10 AM Worship service where after discussion, a vote will be taken on the following motion:

'As recommended by the St. Simeon's Rectory Committee, the Corporation of St. Simeon's Anglican Church, moves that the Rectory at 715 Meikle Street, Lachute, QC be sold.'

This has not been a decision that has been taken lightly and it is with heavy hearts that we have come to this conclusion however; we strongly feel this is the best solution for St Simeon's as we move forward.

If you have any questions, regarding this matter, please contact the Incumbent, one of the Rectory Committee members or the Wardens.

Yours in Christ,

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