



St. Barnabas Anglican Church

North Hatley, Quebec

August 30, 2016

Dear Parishioners,

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Such a move does not affect the independence of the Corporation of St. Barnabas Church, established by Act Victoria years ago. The authority and control over the assets of our parish and its life remain in the hands of the Corporation.

It is envisioned that a priest working in the Deanery will inhabit St. Barnabas' rectory. If all goes well, we anticipate a priest living in the rectory beginning in the New Year, 2017.

We therefore are bringing forward the following motion to a special vestry meeting to be held
Sunday, September 11, 2016 at 4:00 p.m.

We invite your voice and your presence at this meeting, as this is an important decision for our parish.

*Moved by: Peter Provencher, People's Warden
Seconded by: Cathy Salt, Rector's Warden*

That the Parish of St. Barnabas become a member of the New Ministry Model for the Deanery of St. Francis, Diocese of Quebec, effective October 1, 2016.

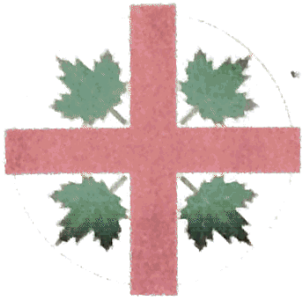
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