

# THE FALLS CHURCH

*That Christ be King in Our Lives and in the Lives of Others*

Dear Friends:


As you know The Falls Church (as well as other churches) has received favorable decisions from Judge Randy Bellows of the Fairfax County Circuit Court concerning the ownership of real and personal property in the lawsuits brought against us by The Episcopal Church and Diocese of Virginia. Now these matters are being appealed to the Supreme Court of Virginia by TEC and the Diocese of Virginia. Defending Judge Bellows' well-reasoned decisions on appeal will require yet additional legal expenses, which we have heretofore been able to carry along with the other Anglican District of Virginia churches.

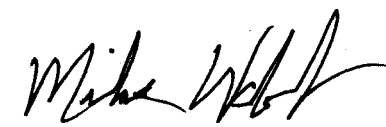
You were a contributor to The Falls Church's Capital Stewardship Campaign "*Southgate: Building for Mission*" (the "Southgate Fund"). We are so grateful for your support of The Falls Church. A portion of your designated funds still remains in an account which is covered by Judge Bellows' Final Order that such property is held solely for the benefit of the congregation of The Falls Church.

As you know, when you made your generous contribution designated to the Southgate Fund, you contributed specifically for the acquisition and development of the Southgate property for use by this local congregation, under the leadership of our Rector John Yates and our vestry, for the many ministries that God has brought into being here at The Falls Church. We have always understood your contributions to the Southgate Fund to be legally restricted to these purposes, and we have consistently treated the funds you contributed in accordance with this restriction. For example, several years ago, we sought express authorization from you and other Southgate donors to use a portion of the remaining balance of Southgate Fund contributions to support the acquisition of the modular classrooms and to make a number of renovations to the buildings on the Southgate property. Many people graciously agreed to change the restrictions they had placed on their contributions and authorized use of those contributions for these new ministry purposes.

Our vestry has determined that The Falls Church will not be able to develop the Southgate property until these legal appeal proceedings are complete. Many donors who have contributed funds designated to our Southgate Fund are now expressly re-designating their contributions and directing that The Falls Church use the remaining balance of those funds to pay for the costs of defending our congregation and its property (and our sister congregations in the Anglican District of Virginia) against the lawsuits initiated against us by The Episcopal Church and the Diocese and related legal proceedings. To document that this is your wish, for the vestry to use the entire remaining portion of your previously-designated Southgate Fund contributions for the purpose of our legal defense, including the appeals, please complete and sign the enclosed card and return it in the enclosed stamped envelope for our records.

Gratefully,

  
Betsy Robson  
Senior Warden

  
Mike Webb  
Junior Warden

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*Please sign below and return by mail in the enclosed stamped envelope.  
Please keep a copy for your records.*

My/Our contributions to The Falls Church's Capital Stewardship Campaign "Southgate: Building for Mission" (the "Southgate Fund") were originally designated and legally restricted to be used for development of the Southgate property by and for the congregation of The Falls Church. I/We hereby change that legal restriction and expressly authorize and direct that all remaining portions of those contributions shall be used by The Falls Church and its vestry for purposes of the legal defense of The Falls Church and other Anglican District of Virginia congregations against the lawsuits by The Episcopal Church and the Diocese of Virginia and any related legal proceedings.

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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