

METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH

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To: All Members and Friends:

Dear Sisters and Brothers:

The Body of Christ, which is the Church, is healthy and alive! The fire at the Church will not be even a temporary setback. We are disturbed that individuals are so sick and full of hate that they must desecrate a House of God. And we grieve over the loss of such an attractive and historic structure. However, if we let God work with us -- we can be filled with increased love and we can build an even greater work to His glory.

To the nearly 600 people who attended the service last Sunday, we were able to witness for our Lord and for our Church. The support of both the straight and gay communities has clearly demonstrated the value of the Lord's work in this city. I know all of you join me in thanking the leaders and the average citizen who have voiced their concern for us.

Now we must look to the future! Our first task has been to find facilities for our worship services and activities. The congregation at Mission United Presbyterian Church, 23rd and Capp Streets (near Mission), has extended us an invitation to use their sanctuary for our 7 p.m. Sunday worship services. It is a large auditorium and we all need to invite our friends to help fill it. We plan several exciting services there in the next few weeks. Our Sunday morning services at 11 a.m. will continue at S.I.R. Center at 83 6th Street. Tuesday night 7:30 p.m. charismatic prayer service will be held at the church parsonage at 1076 Guerrero Street and our Wednesday night 7 p.m. midweek prayer and worship service will be held in the basement social hall at our burned church at 1074 Guerrero Street. Social functions will be announced as they are planned. Remember the parish parties this Friday. If you don't know where your parish party is, please call the church office.

Our next task is to look to the future. We have announced a fund raising campaign for at least \$50,000.00 for our own building. The straight and gay community are rallying around us. Many benefits are planned beginning with a benefit auction at Big Town on Monday night August 6 at 8:30 p.m. Be sure to bring items to auction and bring your friends to participate. We will need volunteers to help in various phases of this campaign. If you can help, please let us know by contacting members of the pastoral staff. We want to be in our new church within the next year!

We must know how many of you intend to go to general conference in Atlanta over Labor Day weekend and how many of you need lodging. We hope many more of you can go than are now signed up.

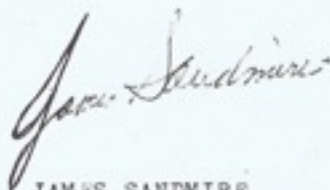
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We need a good representation at the conference. If you want to go with us or if you need lodging, please contact Phil C. or the church office.

Enclosed is a folder from Paul S. describing vacations offered by his travel agency. While we do not officially endorse any goods and services of businesses owned by or employing our church members. We are always happy to include information about such goods and services when we feel they would be helpful for our members to know about.

The Lord bless each of you and give you peace and joy as we work to build the New Zion.

Yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James Sandmire". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

JAMES SANDMIRE
Pastor