

Dear Parishioner:

Our affidavits in opposition to the church's motion to dismiss were filed about a week ago and my affidavit is now up on the savethechurtyard.org website as promised. Look under the "Lawsuit documents" portion of the menu.

Filing was delayed due to an illness in my attorney's family. The church's attorney has asked for a delay in filing their final response, which was also granted. I'll put that up on the site when received. So while those final papers will be filed before Christmas, it is doubtful that the court will rule on the motion before the end of the year—or even before the end of January.

So I suspect that the next "event" in this dispute will be the annual meeting. That will take place in about eight weeks. While I am clearly not welcome to attend, I hope you will. I hope you will come with questions about this action, and about the other fiscal questions I have raised over the past months. I hope you will not be satisfied with stock answers like "we're not going to comment about individual points Chris has raised." It's your church.

I hope you will ask those running for Warden/Vestryperson what their position is on raiding these restricted funds. I hope that if you want something done to restore those funds to their rightful place you will consider stepping up to run for Vestry. And I hope you will only cast a ballot for people who will take that action. If there are three positions open, you do not have to cast three ballots. It may take more than one election cycle to shift the balance, but January of 2020 can be a starting point to do this.

When the consolidation of funds occurred in 2016, a good friend stated that it took 12 generations to build up these funds and it is only taking one generation to wipe them out. Please take the necessary steps to ensure that this does not happen.

I wish all of you a blessed and happy Advent & Christmas.

Chris Haring

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