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Dear Church Member,

I trust that your summer is going well and that this correspondence finds you in good health. I am writing today to provide each of you with an update on several things that are happening at our Church that we would like you to be aware of.

Firstly, as some of you have heard by now, Pastor Allan Perez, our youth Pastor is no longer employed by the Alberta Conference, and as such he will no longer be working with us at Edmonton South. Due to a Confidentiality Agreement that is in place we cannot speak further as to the cause of this action. We are told that a replacement Pastor will be appointed in the coming weeks and we trust that you will welcome that individual with open arms.

Secondly, I wanted to talk with you about the renovations at our Church. After some 32 years our Church sanctuary was in need of a serious facelift and thus our Board approved a budget of \$188,000.00 for this work. A total of \$173,000 of this amount comes from Local Church Capital funds on hand and the balance of \$15,000.00 comes from a grant to us by the Alberta Conference. No Church Budget Reserves are being used for this project. I am pleased to report

that our Building Committee anticipates that the project will be completed under budget! That is fantastic news!

I want to thank the members of the Church Building Committee, who under the leadership of its chairman, Jeff Fortunat, are working tirelessly to complete the tasks given to it. You can be proud of them and please take time to thank them for their labour!

Now let me share with you about the work, and more importantly how it is progressing. Originally we had hoped that the work would take about 4-5 weeks to complete and we had hoped to reopen our Church by August 18th. As of this date painting has been completed in the downstairs areas, the washrooms are now ready for the installation of the granite countertops and wall tiling, the Board Room and Mothers' Room have been redeveloped, and the Sanctuary is now ready for the painting and installation of the stone and the new projection system. I am however, sorry to report that there have been several delays caused by either suppliers or building contractors. Last night the building Committee received word that distressed us further. It appears that our carpet tiles, washroom dividers, and most importantly our chairs will not be ready until early to mid-September. As a result **the Committee feels that we cannot**

be ready to re-open our Church until Sabbath, September 22nd, 2018. I am pleased to tell you that once completed our Church building will be second to none in this city with many upgrades and improvements. I am sure you will be impressed!

Thirdly, I want to share with you that it is important to our Church family that you continue to be faithful to the Lord in your tithe and offerings. As you know with South being closed for such an extended time there is a concern that we will not be able to make our Church Budget Commitments for year end. In order for us to finish the year solidly in the black, we need you to be faithful in your support for our Church. Please make every effort to direct your tithe and offerings to Edmonton South. To assist in this area there are 3 options available to you:

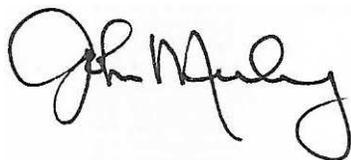
1: You may give through our on-line giving option on our Church website;

2. You can mail your tithe and offerings to the Church Treasurer by placing your offerings (please do not send any cash in the mail) in a tithe envelope and then sealing it in another outside envelope and forwarding it to Mr. Gerard Viney, 4 Ridgeview Court, Sherwood Park, T8A 6A1

3. The last option is to attend Christ the Way SDA Church and using a tithe envelope clearly labeled on the outside **“for Edmonton South”**.

I want each of you to know that we do indeed look forward to worshipping together with you all soon. We will be working with our Worship Committee to have a re-dedication service scheduled for September 22nd and we hope, on that Sabbath, to bring together all the trades people who have worked on the remodelling project so that we as a Congregation can thank them publicly. I will say that as soon as possible we will start to move things back into the Church from the storage unit in the parking lot. We will need your help to do this. Be watching on Facebook and listening for phone messages advising you of when your help will be needed.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Murley". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial "J" and "M".

Pastor J. Murley
Senior Pastor