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### **All Saint Anglican Episcopal Church To Hand Over Property to Episcopal Church**

On October 6, 2009 the Commonwealth Court ruled that our building was owned by the Episcopal Church diocese. At the invitation of the Episcopal Church diocese, we attempted to reach a mutually amicable, negotiated settlement which would allow us to stay in our building and permanently resolve any property disputes. We are a poor church. We made the best offer we could possibly make, given our limited financial resources. Our offer was rejected out of hand by the Episcopal Church diocese. In order to retain our current worship facility, the counterproposal from the Episcopal Church diocese would require All Saints to pay an undefined "fair value" for the facility and disaffiliate from the Anglican Diocese of Pittsburgh and any other Anglican community. The demand to disaffiliate would deny All Saints the freedom of religious affiliation. This provision seems beyond any fiduciary responsibility and mean-spirited. We have accepted the Court's decision. We will hand over possession of the building at 1620 Randolph Lane on September 25 to the Episcopal Church diocese. Although transitioning to a new building will present some difficulties, we trust that God will continue to provide for all of our needs. We look forward to continuing our ministry of proclaiming the truth of Jesus Christ by reaching out to the Rosedale community. We are very grateful to Rosedale United Methodist Church for providing a place for us to worship after the loss of our building.

#### *Background Information on All Saints Anglican Episcopal Church*

All Saints Church was organized as a parish in the Diocese of Pittsburgh in 1881. They have occupied their present building since 1928. The current rector, the Rev. David Rucker, first joined the congregation in 2002. He began serving as rector in 2004. The current membership of All Saints is 104 persons. The Rev. David Rucker will continue to serve as the rector in their new location. Services will continue on Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m. in the new location, beginning October 2. All Saints Church is a member of the **Anglican Diocese of Pittsburgh** (<http://pitanglican.org>), which unites more than 60 Anglican congregations in the greater Pittsburgh region. The Diocese of Pittsburgh is a founding member of the Anglican Church in North America, which has 1,000 congregations across the United States and Canada. The Anglican Church is a province-in-formation in the global Anglican Communion. The Most Rev. Robert Duncan is the archbishop of the Anglican Church in North America and bishop of the Anglican Diocese of Pittsburgh.

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