

Vestry Policy on Building Repair and Maintenance

Background

On several occasions during the past several decades parishioners have undertaken repair or maintenance of the Parish buildings which have resulted in serious problems, both with the work done on the buildings and also in resulting relationships with the parishioners involved. (This is not an unusual problem in small parishes with subsistence budgets.)

In the mid-1980's, Harriet Lohman, then Buildings & Grounds Chairman established a policy that all major repair work would be done by outside, licensed professionals; and because there were no parish funds available, she and her sister Ruth Buring often paid the bills themselves. It was to continue this professional maintenance of the buildings that she and Ruth established the Buring-Lohman Endowment in St Paul's Foundation.

Policy on Building Repair and Maintenance

It is the policy of the Vestry of St Paul's Parish that:

- 1) the Buildings & Grounds Chairman must be informed of and give explicit consent to all building repair and maintenance projects of any sort
- 2) only outside (i.e. non-parishioner) licensed professionals in their respective trades may do work in the following areas in St Paul's buildings and grounds: electrical work, work on gas lines or gas appliances, plumbing, heating, air conditioning, roofing, concrete work, and structural carpentry and masonry work