



City of Cambridge

17.

IN CITY COUNCIL

October 19, 1992

MAYOR REEVES
VICE MAYOR CYR
COUNCILLOR DUEHAY
COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN
COUNCILLOR TOOMEY
COUNCILLOR WOLF

WHEREAS: On October 27, 1842 St. Peter's Episcopal Church was formed as a mission church for the Cambridgeport area, one of several new churches founded in that section of the then town of Cambridge; and

WHEREAS: St. Peter's Episcopal Church, the second oldest of Cambridge's four Episcopal churches, held services for its first two years in the Town Hall, followed by its first church building at 112-114 Prospect Street, and its third and present location, on the corner of Massachusetts Avenue and Sellers Street, was consecrated October 2, 1873; and

WHEREAS: St. Peter's Episcopal Church's large and diverse following from all races and socio-economic classes necessitated the enlarging of the church by the Reverend Frederic Lawrence (later Suffragan Bishop) in 1932, the church familiar to today's parishioners; and

WHEREAS: St. Peter's Episcopal Church, while primarily a Cambridge Church, attracts a number of parishioners from outside of Cambridge, and continues its mission of pastoral care and services to the Cambridgeport, Cambridge, and greater metropolitan community; and

WHEREAS: St. Peter's Episcopal Church has been blessed since its founding by a number of devoted rectors and has, since June 1991, been served by the Reverends Jane and Titus Presler as co-rectors providing a vital sense of mission and community to a church that had been suffering from declining enrollment; and

WHEREAS: St. Peter's Episcopal Church since the arrival of the Preslers has greatly increased its Sunday attendance, added a schedule of weekday services, established prayer groups for both men and women, revitalized parish education, and continued community service with other Cambridge churches; and

WHEREAS: St. Peter's Episcopal Church will celebrate its 150th Anniversary with a banquet on Saturday October 24, 1992 at the Christian Life Center, and on Sunday October 25, 1992 with an Anniversary Service of Thanksgiving and Rededication with the Most Reverend Bishop David Birney as celebrant; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That this City Council sends its most sincere congratulations to St. Peter's Episcopal Church on the occasion of its 150th Anniversary, with continued good wishes for prosperity and service to its parishioners and the City of Cambridge.

In City Council October 19, 1992.

Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:- *D. Margaret Drury*

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CONSENT ORDER #17

Mayor Reeves re: 150th Anniversary of
St. Peter's Episcopal Church.

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Order adopted