A Brief Sketch of St. George's Episcopal Church

St. George's Episcopal Church, located at 160 U Street, N.W., has served the Bloomingdale and Le Droit Park Community seventy years. This community of faith was established in 1930 with communicants worshiping in a "store front" house at 85 R Street, N.W. In 1935, the congregation purchased the property at Second and U Streets, which served them until 1968 when it was razed to build the new modern structure that stands today.

St. George's has active membership of one-hundred seventy-five members. Many live in the immediate area and others live throughout the city and the surrounding suburbs.

St. George's has always seen itself as a "Community" Church and has never looked inward solely to its members' needs, but outward to the needs of the larger community as well. St. George's addresses the needs of both our members and the community through the diversity and depth of our spiritual, educational, and social outreach programs.

St. George's has been the focal point of several programs designed to meet the needs of the Bloomingdale and Le Droit Park Communities, especially the needs of children and senior citizens. Some of these programs have been the Committee for Community Improvement (C.C.I.), which was organized in the mid sixties with the co-operation of Howard University, community residents and the Gage-Eckington School, to deal with the problems that arose when the neighborhood began to deteriorate. This program targeted the children of the community and assisted many of them in developing into responsible and productive adults.

Other programs include the following:

- The Gage-Eckington/St. George's Community Program Incorporated, an outgrowth of the original C.C.I. program and a collaboration between St. George's, Howard University and the Gage-Eckington Elementary School. This program offers and after-school tutorial program during the school year and an enrichment programs during the summer.

- the Free To Be Me Program which offers kids a safe place to engage in wholesome recreation on summer evenings and;

- the Kwaanza kitchen which provides a nutritious breakfast to community residents every other Saturday during the year; the Urban league serves a hot lunch to, and provides fellowship for senior citizens in the community.

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St. George's is also a founding member of the North Capitol Street/Rhode Island Ecumenical Council of Churches. Besides St. George's, the Ecumenical Council includes Mt. Bethel Baptist Church, Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church, Metropolitan Wesley A.M.E. Zion Church, Franklin P. Nash U.M.C. and St. Martin's Roman Catholic Church. These churches have come together to enhance the quality of life in the Le Droit Park, Bloomingdale communities. St. George's also makes it facilities available for organizations in the community who need a place to meet.

Over the years, St. George's Church has sought to serve the community as a place of hope and love to minister to the needs of the neighborhood through its parish activities and organizations. We pray that God will continue to bless us in serving both God and our neighbor.

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