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APPLICATION FOR SPECIAL EXCEPTION
BEFORE THE BOARD OF ZONING ADJUSTMENT

STATEMENT OF EXISTING AND INTENDED USE

This application concerns the parking lot located adjacent to and owned by the All Souls Memorial Episcopal Church ("Church"), which has continuously been in operation at the site since 1913 when the land was purchased and developed (see attached historical statement and photograph).

When the Church was built, it was surrounded by open land (see attached photograph). The area today, known as Woodley Park, is a compact community of row houses, apartment buildings, small retail shops, restaurants, the National Zoo and considerable vehicular traffic. Parking for residents, business owners, patrons and tourists is extremely limited.

The parking lot of the Church provides 21 parking spaces. Only four of these spaces are used on a regular basis during weekdays for Church business, including a space for the Rector, one for the Church Administrator, and two for use by a Church mission, Solar Light for Churches of Africa. The remaining 17 spaces go largely unused during the week.

The Church has been approached by a number of business owners and their employees who drive in from other neighborhoods to open its available parking spaces for weekday parking for non-Church purposes. In addition, last year, the Woodley Park Community Association adopted a resolution supporting and encouraging the Church's efforts to obtain the necessary approvals from the D.C. Government to open its parking lot for weekday use. Thereafter, the Vestry, the governing body of the Church, agreed to pursue obtaining a Certificate of Occupancy for that purpose. This application is being filed towards that end.

The Church intends allow weekday parking in its parking lot on a contract basis to residents, businesses and business employees in the community. The Church will enter into contracts at the sole discretion and approval of the Vestry, with the intent to preserve the harmony of the community. By entering into individual contracts, the Church will maintain control over the use of its spaces, as well as contact information

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with vehicle owners in the event a vehicle needs to be moved. A reasonable monthly or annual fee will be charged to each contract holder. Those using the parking lot on a contract basis will be allowed to park in the Church's parking lot between midnight Sunday and midnight Friday, excluding Christmas. Spaces will not be rented for less than a one month period.

The parking lot is finished and striped according to D.C. Regulations. It has two entrances, one onto Woodley Place, and the other into an alley which runs parallel to Connecticut Avenue, N.W. The alley entrance is presently chained closed. Two sides of the parking lot are bordered by gardens and trees belonging to the Church. The far side of the parking lot fully abuts the Church rectory, which is divided by a fence. The entire parking lot, except for entrances, is surrounded either by fencing or the Church building.

Based on the foregoing description, the proposed use of the Church's parking lot will be consistent with the general purpose and intent of the Zoning Regulations, and will not adversely affect the use of neighboring property.

About the Church

History of All Souls

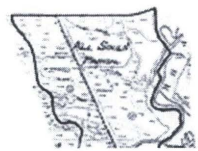
The foundational vision of All Souls Parish was well stated in a sermon by the first Rector of All Souls in 1913 when the "Little Memorial Church" was built and All Souls officially became a parish of the Diocese of Washington:

"This is to be neither a broad church nor a narrow church, neither a high church nor a low church, but a church of All Souls."



The first service was held on Sunday morning, March 5, 1911, at 11:00 a.m. in the home of Mrs. Caroline Arledge on Garfield Street with 15 men and women present. During the course of the following summer, the lot of our present site was purchased and a portable chapel was ordered. On Sunday morning, October 15, its door was flung wide open as a sign and symbol that, though small in body, its spirit was big enough to embrace one and all.

These inclusive words were remarkable in their time and as the legacy of All Souls they continue to define our parish life even today.



All Souls began to take form in 1911 when the only developed area around the present site consisted of one block of Garfield Street, two blocks of Twenty-seventh Street and one side of Cathedral Avenue just east and west of Connecticut Avenue. This location constituted a definite, snug and compact community, and provided Dr. James

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MacBride Sterrett with a vision of fostering a neighborly spirit and serving this area as a pastor and friend. Geographically, the district belonged to St. Alban's Parish, but consent was given for All Souls to be an independent mission.



In May of 1913 The Diocesan Convention created a new parish to be carved out of St. Alban's assigned territory to be called, "All Souls Parish." What was then known as "The Little Memorial Church" was built, having a seating capacity of 230. In October of the same year, the church was consecrated and named, "All Souls Memorial Church." Built as a memorial to the founder's son, James MacBride Sterrett, Jr., who had died at the age of 17, the little church soon became a shrine for many memorials - stained glass windows, chancel furnishings, belfry chimes and an organ.

As the neighborhood grew so did the parish, and in 1923 work began on the present church, which was an enlargement of the 1914 building. The original little church constitutes the crossing of our present building. By the spring of 1945, the mortgage indebtedness on the church was paid in full.