

## **Announcing a special Congregational Meeting - August 11, 2024**

On Sunday August 11, 2024 we will be holding a special meeting with the Congregation about a planned building investment to install heat pumps. The meeting will be held immediately following our regular Sunday service.

We would like to have as many members in attendance that day as possible.

At that meeting there will be a motion presented to make an investment to install heat pumps at the church. We are looking at this investment at this time to take advantage of Rebates which are currently available from Efficiency Nova Scotia.

We realize it is at a time of year when many folks are away on summer vacation and we are providing this notice so that if anyone who are unable to attend that day and wishes to provide any input to the plan they can do so by contacting Perry Mason or your current Elder who will ensure your comments are brought forth at the meeting.

The following is a short summary of the costs for the work and the investment required from the church.

The plan will be to install one unit for the basement with two heads and four individual units for the sanctuary (two per side). The total cost for the installation including all labour and materials is \$38,975.00 plus HST(\$5,846.25) for a total cost of \$44,821.25.

We applied for and were accepted by Efficiency NS rebates worth 80% of the costs of the labour & materials in the amount of \$31,180. Therefore, our total cost is:

\$7,795.00

+ \$5,846.25 (HST)

\$13,641.25

We are also able to apply to the province and get back 50% of the HST costs which would make the final investment from the church to be about \$10,718.

This investment will drastically reduce our oil costs and should result in lower overall energy costs for heating the church. It also will be very beneficial to addressing the ongoing challenges we have with dampness in the basement as the heat pumps effectively move air which should eliminate the issues we experience in the basement. Heat pumps will also provide the benefit of cooling in the summer months.

The plan would be to use funds from our memorial account for these significant improvements to the building as per our current policy.