



ECCLESIASTICAL DISTRICT
NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

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The four churches of the St. John's Ecclesiastical District National Historic Site of Canada are pleased to announce a *new* "Walking Guided Tour" of the District every Thursday at 1:00 pm. starting July 22nd.

Visitors and families are welcome to participate in a tour that will take you through some of Canada's and North America's most splendid architectural treasures and historic cultural landscapes. To participate please pre-register and arrive at the steps of the Roman Catholic Basilica at 1:00 pm. The tour will visit the neo-classical Roman Catholic Basilica, St. Andrew's Scottish Gothic Presbyterian Church, the neo-gothic Anglican Cathedral masterpiece and the beautiful romanesque Gower Street United Church. **To register please call 754-2170, Monday to Friday 9-4.**

"We invite the public to visit one of Canada's most historic places in the center of the City's old town to learn more about the art, the architects, the places and the personalities that shaped the District since 1699" said Angela Morgan, Rector's Warden of the Anglican Cathedral.

Tours will run for approximately 90 minutes on Thursday afternoons until August 26th and are free to the public with voluntary donations accepted to support the conservation of the District. COVID protocols apply with social distancing and masks required. Due to steep inclines personal vehicle access to all the Churches is available. Numbers per tour are capped at 15.

This promises to be *the must-do tour in St. John's this summer*. Register early!

The Ecclesiastical District was designated a National Historic Site of Canada in 2008 by the Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada.

We look forward to seeing you in the District this summer.

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