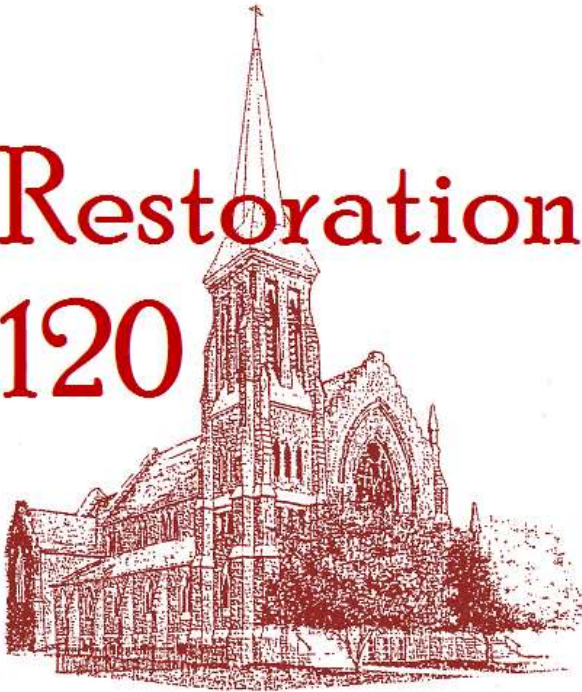


Restoration

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Our venerable Christ Church Cathedral was constructed in the 1870s and became the mother church for the people of the Diocese of Ottawa when it was designated as its cathedral 120 years ago.

Its great grey walls have echoed to hundreds of services a year, decade after decade. They house ministries that enlighten many lives with the love and hope of God in Christ. They have welcomed individuals slipping in, families as they celebrate and mourn, the leaders of the nation, province and city, and those who come for support when facing hard times.

Now, those great grey walls are themselves facing hard times.

Although to the casual eye “the church on the bluff” looks as solid as a Laurentian cliff, closer inspection makes it clear that’s not the case. Take a look at the buttresses that line the garth on the west wall and you’ll immediately see the problem: the mortar in the joints has crumbled, cracks are appearing, and some unprotected stones are fracturing. Those buttresses are not for decoration — they hold up our massive roof. If they fail, the building fails. There are similar problems in every corner of the Cathedral. Not far in the future, the gaps and cracking could well cause individual stones to fall, leading to the collapse of the walls.

We cannot delay taking action. We already have the engineering reports on what must be done. Now, we need your support to make the essential restoration of the Cathedral’s west wall possible—as part of a major restoration project in 2017 that will cost over \$400,000. The project will be called *Restoration 120*.

Your donation will have an immediate impact by directly funding the \$120,000 of urgent work that must be undertaken on the Cathedral’s west wall in 2017. After we achieve that goal, your donation will fund further essential restoration this year and help to reduce the amount we must raise through a mortgage or by depleting our endowment.

2017 is the 120th anniversary of the designation of Christ Church as a Cathedral. Your donation will be used in this anniversary year to make the Cathedral’s walls safe, sound and lovely to behold.

I warmly encourage you to give generously to *Restoration 120*.

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