



Highway Tabernacle

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Dear Friends,

Hopes are high this new year in Highway Tabernacle.

On the first Sunday of 1986, the Philadelphia Inquirer published a picture of two sixteen story apartment complexes, with underground garages, to be built on a "highly prized and contested 2.5 acre parcel of ground." Construction will start this winter on the first unit, which will have 286 apartments. These are directly across the street from Highway Tabernacle. Two sentences in the Inquirer write-up thrilled me..."the area is ripe"... "this is an area whose time has come."

When I came to Highway nearly seven years ago, we had one community lady attending, Mrs. O'Donnell. Now, one third of our membership comes from the immediate community. At that time there was also a motion on the books to move Highway from its downtown location. This motion has since been removed and we look with joy and vision to the rebuilding of Highway Tabernacle.

It has been a challenge each Lord's day to meet people who have walked to Highway from their hotels...executives, hospital administrators, stock brokers, soccer players and "Twinkletoes" from a Walt Disney production. These are folks who seek to hear from God in Highway Tabernacle.

The uniqueness of a downtown church has been evident in our college and career ministry to young adults, the growth in four years of ministry to Internationals and the folks added to the congregation from Spring Garden Towers through our Bible studies there.

All this to say...your consecrated investment has made it possible for Highway Tabernacle to stay as a center city citadel. Here Jesus is proclaimed to souls darkened by sin. Here disciples are being developed.

Because of your giving, our commitments to Home and Foreign Missions remain constant.

Thank you..."God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labor of love, which ye have showed toward His Name." Your continued prayers for Highway Tabernacle are valued!

As His servant,

Stephen Bogdan, Pastor