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To: PEC <pec@london.ca>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Letter of Support--Chapel Relocation

To Members of the PEC Committee,

This letter is to encourage your support for relocating the slave chapel building from its current location at 432 Grey Street to Fanshawe Pioneer Village.

As a long-time member and chair of the community-based Chapel Committee and formerly the Fugitive Slave Chapel Preservation Project, I believe that this will be the best location for the historic chapel, providing a permanent and secure home for the oldest surviving building related to London and area's Black history.

The restoration of this building within the pioneer village will provide a context for telling the history of Black settlement in London and Middlesex County, connecting it to the larger picture of Black settlement in southwestern Ontario in the years leading up to the U.S. Civil War. These stories are waiting to be told to people today and for generations to come.

I urge you to support moving the chapel building from its current location to Fanshawe Pioneer Village.

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Chair, Chapel Committee