

Sale proceeds, offering pay for new \$5-million church

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A new church building to serve the entire community is in the works as members of the Stouffville Missionary Church wait for the first ceremonial clump of sod to be dug Sunday night.

A for sale sign sits in front of the present Stouffville Missionary Church building at 6500 Main St., where the congregation has met the past 100 years.

The last addition to the church was in 1986. Meanwhile, its congregation looks forward to a new, larger building on close to five acres just south of the Stouffville Country Market on the Tenth Line. September 2004 is the target date for completion.

While the land was donated by market owner Norm Clements, the \$5 million price tag for the new building will be financed largely by increased weekly giving and pledges and

proceeds from the sale of the current church.

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A decision was made to go to a new site "because we are growing so drastically here," said Richard Powell, project co-ordina-

tor for the new building. Once final approvals have been given by the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville, plans can go ahead.

They include a large auditorium where the congregation will meet Sundays as well as a full-size gymnasium.

Both would be available for community use. Summitview Public School has used the church for its graduation ceremonies for the past two years.

"We now have a larger

auditorium facility for community events such as that," said Hugh Dodd, chairperson of the elders' pastoral team.

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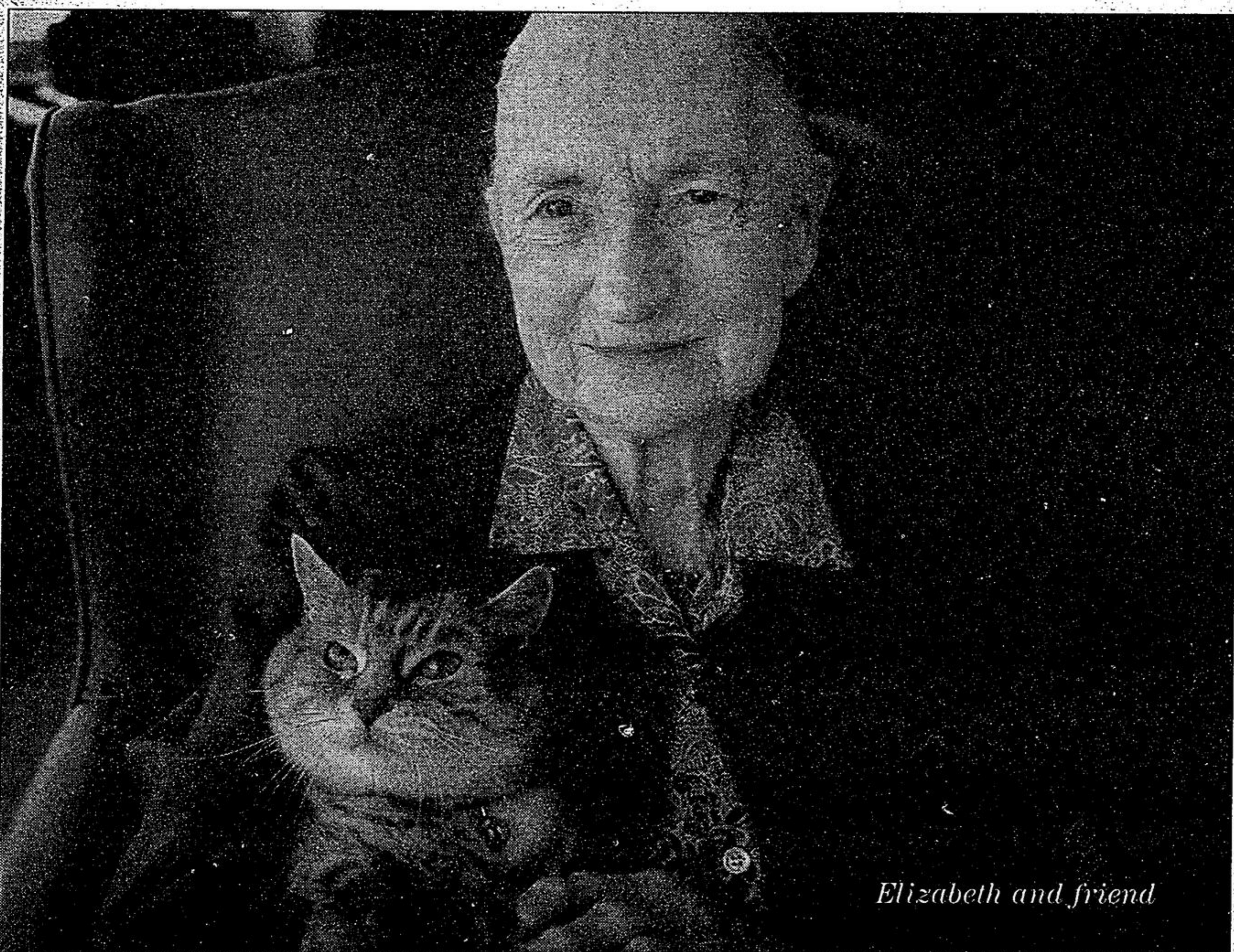
More and larger classrooms will be used by the

church's Christian education classes and by groups such as the Kumon Math and Reading Centre.

Parking for 270 vehicles is planned.

A grassy area of about a half acre could also be used by the community. Church officials approached the Whitchurch-Stouffville Soccer Club but the land was too small for a soccer pitch.

"We will continue to expand programs for all age groups," Mr. Powell said.



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The Regional Municipality of York Water Supply for the Community of Stouffville Schedule B Class Environmental Assessment

NOTICE OF STUDY COMMENCEMENT AND PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE

Additional water supply is needed to meet future demand created by population and employment growth in the Community of Stouffville. York Region is therefore undertaking a Class Environmental Assessment (EA) study. This will determine the preferred sources of new water supply and the preferred alternative for connecting the new supply to the existing system. A preferred solution will be determined based on the information gathered during the study, engineering requirements, environmental considerations and public input. The Region has retained MacViro Consultants Inc. to assist in completing the study.

The Study is being conducted in accordance with the requirements for Schedule B projects. These are prescribed in the Municipal Engineers' Association's *Municipal Class Environmental Assessment* document (June 2000), which requires the following be completed:

- definition of the problem,
- identification and assessment of alternatives, and
- selection of a preferred alternative

The study will be undertaken over the next few months with consultation and input from the public and government review agencies as vital components of the study.

To provide details on the study and receive input from interested parties, the first Public Information Centre will be held:

Date: Wednesday, September 17th, 2003
Time: 5 to 9 p.m.
Location: Lebovic Leisure Centre
30 Burkholder St.
Stouffville, ON

The public will have the opportunity to review information on the problem, study process and objectives, and to discuss the study one-on-one with staff from York Region and the study team. Comments received at the Public Information Centre will be considered in the assessment of alternatives. For further information, or if you are unable to attend the Public Information Centre and wish to provide your views, please contact one of the following:

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Thank you for your participation in this study.

