Religion Essay Competition

I believe that it is better to keep religious buildings as they are rather than changing them to other buildings for different purposes. Being a christain myself, i have always gone to church and have appreciated that it is a place where believers of christ can meet and worship the one true God. But, if my church were to change to another building of some sort it would not bother me majorly as I know that 1 Corinthians 3:16 says,

"Do you not know that you yourselves are God's temple, and that God's Spirit dwells in you?"

This verse can tell us that by God dwelling in us we don't need a sacred building or a church for him to come and be with us but we ourselves are the living temple of God. This barrier was overcome when the veil in the temple ,that separated humans from God, tore in two. It meant that God could live in us and he made a way for this to happen through Jesus his son when he died on the cross.

As well as this the idea of a church has changed over time. People now think that it is a building where that is not true. When people commented or talked about the Early church they meant the people not a building. Now as christainity becomes more and more religious people view the church as a building when it is not. This verse describes what the church is and it says,

"For when 2 or 3 are gathered in my name I am in the midst of them," Matthew 18:20. This is the church God wanted us to have not a building. This means that the church are the people of God and where they are, God is also.

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