



## **Episcopal and Diocesan Endorsement Process** **Anglican Foundation of Canada Building & Program Grants**

The Anglican Foundation of Canada seeks to foster Anglican presence by providing abundant resources for innovative ministry and diverse infrastructure projects and theological formation across the Canadian Church. A maximum grant of \$15,000 can be applied for from the Foundation, provided 50% of the project's total funding is in place.

Each diocese can submit as many as two applications for each deadline, and no more than three applications each year. Endorsement by the bishop and synod council is required before an application can be submitted.

It is important to note that only applications from parishes that are current members of the Anglican Foundation of Canada are eligible for consideration. Preference will also be given to applications from parishes that are current with the Diocesan Mission & Ministry assessment.

To meet the April and September deadlines, prospective applicants from the diocese are encouraged to inform the Secretary of Synod of their intention to apply as soon as possible and must submit their full application to the Secretary of Synod no later than March 1 or August 15.

Each application will then be considered, sequentially, as appropriate:

- by the Secretary of Synod to ensure the project is complete and eligible, and that it complies with diocesan policies and practices;
  - At the discretion of the Secretary of Synod, the application may also be referred to the Chair(s) of the Bishop's Advisory Committee on Church Buildings and/or the Financial Advisory Committee for review and comment
- by the Bishop to ensure the project is missionally oriented and a strategic use of our access to the Foundation's resources;
  - At the discretion of the Bishop, the application may also be referred to the local archdeacon for review and comment
- by the synod council coordinating committee to assess all applications, taking into consideration comments by the Secretary of Synod and Bishop, and to make a determination about which applications to recommend for endorsement; and
- by the synod council to formally endorse as many as three applications each year.

Throughout the diocesan discernment process, the Secretary of Synod will be in communication with the project's coordinator and rector, notifying them of the ultimate decision. If endorsed, the Secretary of Synod will convey to the project coordinator a letter of support from the Bishop along with a letter that includes the synod council motion to endorse the project.