

REPORTS OF THE BISHOP'S COMMITTEES

THE BISHOP'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON CHURCH BUILDINGS

Members of the Bishop's Advisory Committee on Church Buildings (BACCB) are volunteers who dedicate their time and expertise in their related fields of engineering, architecture, construction management and regulated authorities that provide assistance on any capital projects for parishes within the Diocese of Niagara. All parish capital projects within the Diocese of Niagara are governed by Canon 4.6 and its associated regulations. Parishes are encouraged to contact the Secretary to Synod as soon as a project idea takes shape in order to avoid any issues that might impede its success.

In 2026, the BACCB has overseen the completion of approximately \$1,000,000 worth of capital projects throughout the diocese, including accessibility upgrades, electrical upgrades, kitchen renovations and roof repairs. This is an amazing amount of work done and the BACCB congratulates all the parishes who completed their projects. Additionally, this year the Bishop's Decennial Inspection Committee was amalgamated into the BACCB. This provided effective coordination for the review of decennial inspection reports in a manner that allows for future projects and priorities to keep our buildings and properties in good repair.

The committee has also conducted reviews of existing infrastructures and made recommendations to a number of parishes about moving forward under Canon 4.6.

With hope and faith, our churches continue to offer safe spaces for worship and community support. As visible symbols of Christ's presence and the welcoming face of Anglicanism, they provide comfort to those feeling alone, anxious, or in need. Looking ahead, we remain committed to supporting the renovation and enhancement of our church properties to ensure they reflect the care and love we share with all who come through our doors.

Respectfully submitted,

Mr. André Gravelle, CBCO, CRBO
Chair, Bishop's Advisory Committee on Church Buildings

THE BISHOP'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON PROPERTY RENEWAL

Established in 2019, this committee advises the Bishop of Niagara on matters pertaining to strategic and missional renewal of designated properties. The committee may also be asked to oversee renewal of properties associated with existing parishes in the case of a proposed new church or major modification of an existing church building.

The committee is comprised of volunteers with specific expertise and knowledge in the areas of real estate, municipal planning, appraising, architecture, heritage resource management, law and community engagement.

In 2026, the Bishop's Advisory Committee on Property Renewal continued to meet by Zoom advancing the evaluation of ongoing initiatives. This includes disestablished parish sites with current or future development potential, parishes asking for advice on property uses, and strategic assessments of sites with historic or missional value to the diocese.

I would like to thank the volunteer members of the committee for their ongoing contributions to the stewardship of the properties throughout the diocese.

Respectfully submitted,

Canon Terry Charters
Chair, Bishop's Advisory Committee on Property Renewal