

## **REPORT OF THE BISHOP'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON CHURCH BUILDINGS**

The members of the Bishop's Advisory Committee on Church Buildings have continued to work quietly behind the scenes on many building issues of varying kinds.

There is firstly the general advisory capacity of this committee so that parishes can call and receive a referral to a member who has the specific skills needed to help a parish solve a problem. In this area of our work the following parishes have benefited from such advice:

- St Paul's Caledonia
- All Saints, Hagersville
- Transfiguration, St. Catharines
- The Church of Our Saviour the Redeemer, Stoney Creek
- St John's, York

Secondly, many of our church complexes are not accessible to handicapped or disabled parishioners and often the calls are for advice in how to achieve accessibility within an often complicated and multi-level building. Advice of this nature has been offered to:

- St John's, Burlington
- St Michael's, Hamilton
- St Stephen's, Hornby
- St. Aidan's, Oakville
- St James and St Brendan's, Port Colborne

A third kind of advice offered by this group relates to new construction. Several parishes benefited from such advice in 2006 - 2007:

- St Mark's, Orangeville which is planning an exciting new addition
- St Luke's, Palermo, which is getting closer to a new construction date after a long stretch of uncertainty and many delays
- St John's, Thorold, where the building is now complete and being enjoyed by the parishioners

There is a full description of the resources offered by this committee and of diocesan expectations around new construction projects on the diocesan website under "Resources - Church Buildings Committee" or you can call Karen Nowicki or the Executive Officer to access assistance directly.

Thank you to all our dedicated volunteers and especially to Karen Nowicki who is usually the first contact for parish members with this group.

### **Committee members**

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Respectfully submitted,  
The Venerable Marion Vincett, Chair