

## **REPORT OF THE BISHOP'S DECENNIAL INSPECTION COMMITTEE**

This Committee was formed as a separate committee from the Bishop's Advisory Committee on Church Buildings in the Diocese of Niagara, and it operates under Canon 4.6.1 as approved by Synod and under the direction of the Bishop.

As the name implies an Inspection is carried out every ten years; but an Inspection is also to be done before any new construction, alterations or additions to existing Parish facilities are started.

Shortly after last Synod Mr. Bill Parker, resigned as Chair of the Committee and Mr. Ralph Crysler took over on an interim basis. As of 01 July this year Mr. Christopher Walker assumed the role of Chair, and later in July Mr. Bill Holman joined the Inspection Committee. My thanks and appreciation go to the committee for 2006-2007, Mr. Ralph Crysler and Mr. David Ricketts. At one point we only had two pre-qualified Inspectors on the roster, but recently two new Inspectors have joined the team.

The following parishes are to be congratulated on completing their Decennial Inspections in 2006 - 2007:

All Saints, Hagersville  
Christ Church, Niagara Falls  
St. Aidan's, Oakville  
St. Barnabas, St. Catharines  
St. Christopher's Burlington  
St. George's, St. Catharines  
St. John's, Winona  
St. Luke's Burlington

Since the inception of the program in 1999, inspections of 57 properties have been completed and at the present time 35 properties remain to be inspected. Of these, six remain from prior years, which for various reasons have not been able to have an inspection, and two further parishes are still due to complete their inspection in 2007. We expect, with the help of the new inspectors to clear this backlog in 2008.

Overall the inspection of church buildings is working well in cooperation with the Regional Archdeacons and the parishes. We are currently working to revise the Terms of Reference for the Inspectors and to develop a model Maintenance Program to better meet the needs of Parishes.

### **Committee Members**

Mr. Mr. Ralph Crysler  
Mr. Bill Holman  
Mr. David Ricketts

The Venerable Marion Vincett, Ex-officio  
Mr. Christopher Walker, Chair

Respectfully submitted,  
Mr. Christopher G. Walker, Chair