

REPORT OF THE BISHOP'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON CHURCH BUILDINGS

The members of the Bishop's Advisory Committee on Church Buildings continue to work behind the scenes on many building issues of various kinds.

There is firstly the general advisory capacity of this committee so that parishes can call to the Diocesan Office 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. Aidan's, Oakville
St. Paul's, Caledonia
Grace Church, Hamilton
Church of Our Saviour the Redeemer, Stoney Creek
Holy Trinity, Hamilton
St. James and St. Brendan, Port Colborne

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, York
St. John's, Burlington
St. Philip's, Grimsby
St. Stephen's, Hornby
St. Mark's, Orangeville

A third kind of advice offered by this group relates to new construction. While there is nothing actively going on in the Diocese in brand new construction at present we have assisted with:

St. Mark's, Orangeville
St. Luke's, Palermo

There is a full description of the resources offered by this committee and of diocesan requirements 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 on behalf of the committee
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