

REPORT OF THE BISHOP'S DECENNIAL INSPECTION COMMITTEE

This Committee operates under Canon 4.6.1 as approved by Synod in 1998 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.

13 Inspections of diocesan property were scheduled for 2007 - 2008. Of these, the following three Parishes are to be congratulated on completing their Inspections as of the date of writing:

Christ Church, Flamborough
Holy Trinity, Fonthill
St. Paul's, Port Robinson

For various reasons the Inspection scheduled for four parishes have been postponed until 2009. It is expected that the remaining six Inspections will be completed before the end of the year. The summer is always a busy time for inspectors because of seasonal activity in the housing market.

The Inspection Program was initiated in 2000. The schedule of Inspections for 2009 will be full in order to reach the goal of having every property in the Diocese inspected within the initial ten years. After that the second cycle of Inspections will start, which should be simpler for both parishes and inspectors with the help of the initial report.

During the year the committee revised the Terms of Reference for inspections and re-issued it. A Model Property Maintenance Program together with a Checklist has been drafted for review with the Regional Archdeacons shortly.

My thanks and appreciation go to the committee for 2007-2008; Mr. David Ricketts, Mr. Bill Holman and Mr Ralph Crysler, and to Mrs. Karen Nowicki in the Cathedral office whose tireless and timely work facilitates the smooth and effective operation of the committee. At present we have three pre-qualified Inspectors on the roster; one has indicated his intention to resign in the near future; but three new Inspectors are expected to join the team before the 2009 program begins.

Committee Members

Mr. David Ricketts

Mr. Bill Holman

Mr. Mr. Ralph Crysler

The Venerable Michael Patterson, Ex-officio

Mr. Christopher Walker, Chair

Respectfully submitted,
Mr. Christopher Walker, Chair