

### **Parish Council Highlights –May 1, 2011**

- There was a round table discussion regarding our final parish response before Synod to the Bishops' request for a response to same-sex couples. Members who wished, expressed their individual thoughts and a Motion was made that the response we've drafted accurately reflects our position to take to Synod.
- The scope of duties has been changed to remove Parish Hall management from the sexton and transfer that to the Parish Administrative Assistant.
- The Parish Hall Review Committee has been very busy in 3 meetings. 11 options were proposed but only 2 were decided to be highlighted and explored further – keep, or sell, the hall. This will be reviewed later in the fall. The Property Committee Chair will be preparing a list of capital investment requirements to update the facility in the form of a timeline.
- Committee Budget planning is necessary and must be adhered to. The Treasurer asked us to please look ahead as we need better planning of requests for the next budget.
- Confirmation is May 22<sup>nd</sup> at 3:00 here at St. John's. There will be only 2 services that day – 8:00 and 3:00.

### **Parish Council Highlights –June 12, 2011**

- Sept 25<sup>th</sup> will be "Back to Church" Sunday. We would like to have it coincide with Acadia Homecoming Weekend in October.
- A letter will be posted at the back of the church from a minister in Japan explaining they are not happy with Japan's response to nuclear reactors. Two churches were devastated.
- AST is looking for special donations. This is of particular interest because of our recent time here with student Mel Malton.
- 4 or 5 new choir gowns will be ordered later this year and the same for next year.
- The Wardens and Rector will be asking people to fill two positions vacant on Parish Council with the resignation of Eleanore Howard and Elaine Slauenwhite.

- Parish History - Ralph Winter's writing of our parish history from 1968 is complete however the editorial sub-committee noted further editing was needed as some facts and opinions were deemed unnecessary. Without further editing, our parish council could not publish this parish history update. Ralph indicated that he would be publishing this document himself. The consensus of parish council is that it would like to postpone the official updated parish history for now.
- Mr. Peter Brown is our new Church Sexton effective June 13, 2011.
- Our Property Committee is continuing to meet with St. Andrew's Church discussing their ideal multi-use facility. Cost: \$3 million. We are communicating we do not wish to participate in this facility.
- New Life Ministries (a Pentecostal church) has requested to rent our hall for Sunday mornings and Tuesday evenings. The Wardens and Rector will communicate with them and Debbie MacDonald.
- Restoration work will begin right away on the church west and north exterior walls. Parish Council approved the funds be temporarily used from our Trust Funds and the Finance Committee will be planning how to recoup these expenses.
- Looking ahead to 2018 and our 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – Parish Visioning will be taking place.
- We are on track with the budget and in a projected deficit position this month.
- Planning is underway for Canon Russell Elliott's Ordination celebration event on July 24<sup>th</sup> at 4:00. That will be the only service that day.
- A Motion was made to authorize work beginning to establish a Russell Elliott Bursary Fund, in thanksgiving and celebration of Canon Elliott's 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of ordination to the priesthood.