

Northern Spirit Regional Council Property Commission Report to the Council June 2021

Communities of faith – do you need help with renovating, selling, or repurposing your building? Contact the Property Commission – it is here to help with advice and the needed approval of your project. Since our last report we have been excited to approve the extensive renovations to Spirit of Hope United in Edmonton. Pictures below are of the sanctuary on April 13th and the sanctuary as envisioned. *



The members of the Property Commission (PC) have met with representatives of McDougall United in Edmonton and the Trinity Centres Foundation (trinitycentres.org) to learn of the plans to make McDougall a “community hub”. Communities of faith planning to sell or make changes to their mission and building should consult the “Communities of Faith Support Committee” through Pastoral Relations Minister, Earl Reaburn. Another resource to consider is the “United Property Resource Corporation” (uprc.ca).

A handbook of policy and procedures has been developed and will soon be available on the Regional Council web site. We are grateful to the Living Skies Regional Council Property Commission for much of the content, and to Jim Beliveau, a PC member, for editing and making the document relevant to the Northern Spirit Region. Property questions can be made to the Regional Council office which will direct inquiries to me and/or to Erin White, corresponding secretary.

The United Church buildings in Ashmont and Drayton Valley are currently listed for sale with realtors. Bissell Centre is still assessing the viability of acquiring the Beverly United Church building to expand its mission in Edmonton.

Between meetings, Erin White deals with issues not requiring action by the Commission as a whole. I am grateful for the work and encouragement of our staff support, Executive Minister Shannon McCarthy and all the PC members; Bob Miller, recording secretary, Jim Beliveau, Greg Parker, Susan Waldie and Erin White. IF this work sounds interesting to you, contact any member of the PC for information on how to join our team.

Respectfully submitted, Martha Dawson, Chairperson

*Pictures supplied by Blaine Gregg