

REPORT OF THE INSURANCE AND RISK MANAGEMENT SUBCOMMITTEE

(This subcommittee is responsible to the Financial Advisory Committee)

This subcommittee of the Financial Advisory Committee advises the Diocese of Niagara and its Parishes through the Financial Advisory Committee regarding Insurance and Risk Management.

The program of professional appraisals of the church-owned properties is ongoing. During the past year, the insurance building inspection program continues with inspections done by Sun Corp. through our insurance broker. This enables us to have some rate stability even though our rate due to our loss ratio is high at 80% versus a normal rate being in the 60% range. Our rates will see a decrease in year 2014 provided we do not sustain any large losses in the meantime.

We did have an insurance claim in 2011 due to the wind storm in April and hopefully this will not affect our insurance rate.

Our Ecclesiastical policy is a standard policy and compared with other mainline church's policies, ours is very similar being no more restricted or extended than others. It is a difficult chore to go to the open market due to the fact that our loss ratio is high. It is not only due to the fact that we have had major losses in past years but also the aspect of sexual abuse coverage (which not all insurance companies provide coverage for) has to be a consideration.

It has been a problem calling a meeting which requires a quorum with members in the work force as well as members not responding to emails requesting their presence. Two meetings have been called during 2011 with very little response, which becomes very frustrating. This is an observation from the new chairman of the insurance committee.

A special thank you for all the work done by Kim Waltmann, our Administrator of Insurance and David Ricketts our Broker for all their support and assistance.

Many thanks to the members of the subcommittee for 2010:

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Respectfully submitted,
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