

REPORT OF THE CANTERBURY HILLS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Canterbury Hills Conference Centre and Camp is a living example of the Diocese of Niagara at work in our world. Canterbury Hills' ministry of hospitality is a source of spiritual, personal and physical growth that embraces a diverse range of people. Nestled in the heart of the Carolinian forest of the Dundas Valley, Canterbury Hills provides accommodation and meeting space for individuals, church affiliated groups and community organizations.

The past year and continuing into the current year the conference facilities have seen an increase in bookings despite the downturn in the economy. Our very popular and successful summer camping program operated at 102% capacity. All of this attests to the attraction and value associated with Canterbury Hills.

We are fortunate to have a very dedicated, caring staff under the leadership of the Rev. David Linn, our Executive Director. The staff team ensures that the guests at Canterbury Hills are welcomed warmly, fed abundantly, and kept safe and comfortable during their stay. The staff also ensures that the facilities are clean, well maintained, attractive and actively protect the natural setting of Canterbury Hills.

Canterbury Hills is a property of the Diocese of Niagara. Like any property with land and buildings to care for there are always constant repair and maintenance issues to deal with. A regular program of preventative maintenance and quick response to urgent property issues ensures that the facilities are always welcoming and comfortable for guests. As budget support for the capital maintenance of Canterbury Hills is reduced it becomes more and more challenging to properly maintain the facility on behalf of the Diocese.

The Board of Directors of Canterbury Hills is a dedicated group of volunteers who provide advice and direction to the Executive Director. Jim Rundle (Church of the Nativity, Hamilton) and John Layfield (St. John's, Ancaster) completed their terms on the Board last May. We thank them for their many years of dedicated service to Canterbury Hills. A warm, appreciative welcome is extended to our new Board members: Tina Macdonald (St. Matthias, Guelph), the Rev. Eleanor Clitheroe (St. Luke's, Smithville), Courtney Evers (St. James, Dundas) and Norm Read (St. John's, Burlington).

For the coming year the Board is dedicated to ensuring that Canterbury Hills' ministry of hospitality is aligned with the Bishop's visions for ministry. We are also striving to manage our natural and financial resources in a manner that is supportive of the Diocese.

Respectfully submitted
on behalf of the Board of Directors,
Mr. Greg Murray, Chair