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The Hall Project, Holy Innocents' Anglican Church (HIAC), Paradise

Come as You Are, says a lot about who we are here at HIAC.

This Church, this community of faith, this family, is very special.

There is such an openness to all who come.

And we all come from very different backgrounds and lifestyles.

Each of us has a very unique story to share.

As we enter this family of faith we add our own unique view of faith, of life, of what it means to be followers of Jesus in a difficult world. By so doing we make this family stronger and more able to carry its mission to the people of paradise and beyond.

HIAC is blessed with many things, besides the people and ministry within we are located in a very exciting town.

Location-The Town of Paradise

Fast growing community with five schools.

Population has almost tripled in the last 25 years, and continues to grow, all you got to do to see that is look out those windows.

Mean age-mid 30s.

Income-2nd highest income per capita in NL

There only 2 established churches with buildings in Paradise: Spruce Hill Community Pentecostal Church and Holy Innocents' Anglican Church to serve a population over 20,000.

When our current building was built in the mid-1980s it was literally in the woods. Now it is almost surrounded by new housing development.

The main strength of HIAC is our people.

People of faith like you who add to the life and ministry of this church.

You add your own special time and talent.

You also contribute financially to HIAC in support of ministry.

Financial contributions and gifts from our people are the number one source of income for our church.

We have 2 other sources.

Fundraising. Time to time we have a ticket draw, concert or meal to raise funds.

Thirdly, is our rentals income.

This year we forecast rental income will be around \$40,000, which is 30% of our budget. This is a real bright spot, as our income from contributions and fundraising remain about the same, the income from rental continues to climb. This is without any advertising.

As encouraging as all this is we have had problems meeting all our financial commitments.

- 1 Income from families has not gone up in a while, remained the same. The majority of our supporting families are young and carry a lot of financial responsibility: student loans, mortgages, car loans, raising children.

2. We can only do so much fundraising. Only so much we can expect the same people to do and support.

3. When it comes to rentals we have hit a limit as to what we can do. With our current model of rentals and with the condition of the church hall we are maxed out.

Our people and our leadership being a people of hope we have developed a plan.

1. We have entered a partnership with SNAC, Torbay. This sharing of a ministry position has helped greatly with our financial position. The 2 parishes have really connected and have made this partnership not only functional, but very enjoyable.
2. Our Vestry has developed a business plan for our hall.
 - a. See the hall as an alternative source of income for the parish.
 - b. To put in place a team of people to manage the plan and organize the rentals as a business. Right now, without even advertising, we take in \$40,000 rent a year. With very limited rental space in Paradise we are situated to greatly increase rentals and income from rental. Conservatively we can see yearly rental income go from \$40,000 to \$50,000 a year with a good business plan.
 - c. To make this happen we need to renovate the church hall.

At present the church hall is in a horrible shape. With challenging finances and then Covid our hall has fallen into a sad state.

The entrance needs new siding, doors, windows, flooring. Exterior is rough, weeds, not very appealing.

The kitchen needs upgrading.

The main hall needs new ceiling tiles. The flooring is in such bad shape it is becoming a trip hazard. As matter of fact, if we do nothing with the hall, we will soon not be able to rent or use it for other uses including our own.

The Vestry set up a team of people to develop a business plan which includes a hall renovation project. We presented this business plan, including the renovation project, to the Finance and Property Committee of our Diocese and they approved it.

We have determined that we need \$65,000 to renovate the church hall. We are blessed to have received a bequest from the estate of the late Rev Trudy Gosse of \$15,000. This bequest is earmarked for this project. We have received permission from Finance and Property Committee of our Diocese to borrow \$50,000 as a business loan.

This loan will be paid back over 7 years or less from profits received from rentals.

To make all this happen we will need your support.

1. Continue to support our annual budget for ministry through your regular contributions. This is the first amin block of our financial stability.
2. Next, we need you time and talent. To greatly cut down on the budget needed for this project we have built in volunteer labour. Two major projects will be done by contractors. The kitchen will be done by a contractor.

A contractor will also put down new subfloor and install new flooring tiles.

Donate your time. We will be working on:

1. Entrance exterior siding, lights, window and door.
2. Interior Gyproc, plastering, trim and painting.
3. Removing hall flooring.
4. Removing ceiling tiles.
5. Basic landscaping.

If you can help with any of these areas of renovation, please talk to Christien after worship. Or contact her after.

This is a wonderful opportunity to build our income base. This alternative income from rentals will free us to from worries over finances to doing more ministry in our church, town and beyond.

HIAC has a bright future in this town, will continue to build on the past and plan for the future. Over the summer we are starting to put ministry plans in place for the fall, and I can tell you this fall is going to be very exciting. This church community is going to be a fun place to be. Over the past fall and winter you can feel the energy build here. New people entering our faith community, joining with those who are here, will do such amazing and important work for Christ and his church.

I want you to grasp that vision of a growing church and all that it can be. To help make this happen we will continue to depend on our people, like you.

Without people there is no church, with out people there is no ministry.
Important to build our financial base: contributions, fundraising and now our
hall project.

HIAC is an amazing place to be. So many blessings here. We now have
the opportunity to build ministry and serve this community and the world.

Team Vestry:

Annette Power, coordinator The Hall

Brad Clarke and Michael Hall, Wardens.

Christine Cull, treasurer.