Diocese of RI Property Workshop
Meeting Notes
2 May 2015

• 21 parishes were represented with 32 attendees, two guest speakers from Church Ins. and two Diocesan staff members.

• Topics & presenters:
  o HOW CAN CHURCH INSURANCE HELP: Lianne M. Limoli, VP – Client Services Church Insurance Agency Corporation:
    ▪ Avoiding property problems
    ▪ When do you call Church Insurance?
    ▪ What are the different types of insurance offered?
    ▪ You probably are not insured for earth quakes. Stone churches are particularly susceptible!
    ▪ Risk management program: stained glass windows, fine art pieces, etc.
    ▪ Content insurance. If you could pick the church building up and tip it over, what would fall out? Contents fall out & the rest is the church building. Make sure the value of your contents are covered.
    ▪ Contacting CIAC
    ▪ Get on the CIAC newsletter
    ▪ CIAC web site: https://www.cpg.org/administrators/insurance/property-and-casualty/overview/
  o SAFETY MATTERS: Joan Collins, Diocesan Risk Manager
    ▪ Safety Insurance handbooks were made available and are available on the CIAC website
    ▪ If anyone has safety concerns at their church properties, please contact Joan (401-273-4408, jocowriter@gmail.com)
    ▪ Joan will make a Self-inspection SAFETY check list available to members of the Property Network through the Diocesan property web site http://www.episcopalri.org/ForClergyCongregations/LeadingYourChurch/PropertyCommittee.aspx
  o BASICS: Linda Grenz & Jim Rezendes
    ▪ Problem Identification
    ▪ Problem Solving
    ▪ Choosing and dealing with Contractors
  o BEST PRACTICES: John Gelati & Spence Harber
    ▪ Advocacy
    ▪ History
    ▪ Documentation
    ▪ Strategy
- Negotiation

  - Internetworking over lunch. Topics were chosen using feedback received when attendees signed up for the forum.
    - Insurance
    - Contractors
    - Historic buildings, stained glass
    - Endowments & capital recovery

  - PROPERTY NETWORK: Jim Rezendes
    - Property network; We have created an email group for all property people in the diocese to use to communicate with one another, PropertyList@EpiscopalRI.org. Ben Sibielski will maintain this membership
    - Angel’s List: A list of contractors that have been used by members of the Property Network. Ruth Moulton will maintain this list.