Three Parish Redevelopments in Ottawa, Ontario Kyle Gonyou

Executive Summary

Shifting lifestyles and decreased religious participation in anada have negatively affected churches This report investigated three nglican hurch of anada parish redevelopment projects in the ity of Ottawa ach church was evaluated based on physical and heritage evaluation criteria as well as social values in order to understand how the congregation!s values were incorporated in the redevelopment project

daptive reuse may be a situation facing many local level churches under pressure to close owever by taking a proactive position to recognize the strength and weaknesses of a church one is able to plan for the future y assuming a preemptive role a congregation can achieve consensus based decision making in the long term resulting in an outcome to their satisfaction Understanding how to emphasize the strengths and address the weaknesses is essential to the long term success of any venture alancing the physical and heritage values with the social values as well as financial considerations of a parish is a difficult task

Method

The research method utilized in this investigation focused on qualitative analysis literature review reinforced by interviews and development documents formed the basis of discussion valuation criteria Table were based on municipal guidelines for compatible development as well as national best practice Semi structured key informant interviews were utilized to gain an understanding and comprehension of the redevelopment process from the parish perspective Parish mission statements supported by the key informant interviews were used to demonstrate the social values that guided the redevelopment project

Cases

Three parishes in the nglican iocese of Ottawa with previous redevelopment projects were selected as the units of analysis for this research St ukels St atthew!s and St ohn the vangelist igure II of the parishes are urban subject to development pressure and have a long history with heritage value and historical associations ach of the parishes has a strong commitment to mission and outreach as demonstrated by their individual programs and social work The redevelopment projects considered in this research were completed in the past twenty years Two of the projects involved the sale and redevelopment of former parish halls and the third developed a vacant parking lot that was owned by the parish

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