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# The Episcopal Church Building Fund

(Established by General Convention of 1880 as the  
American Church Building Fund Commission)

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## SUMMARY OF THE FUND'S WORK

As a self-supporting agency, since 1880 the Episcopal Church Building Fund has been dedicated to the provision of loans for the erection, purchase, improvement, or repair of churches, rectories, and parochial buildings of the Episcopal Church. In recent years a new thrust has evolved, to also help congregations with the process of planning for a building project. The goal of this service is to provide the church with buildings that 1) are designed to support the ministries in which they will be engaged in the future, and 2) that they can afford to build and maintain.

To this end the ECBF provides three types of resources.

**I. Financial Assistance**

Low interest, non-mortgage loans of up to \$100,000 are available to qualifying congregations, in concert with their diocese. These monies are available from a revolving loan fund, based on a permanent fund of \$4,824,794. As loan demand increases, additional monies are secured through a Debenture investment program with Episcopal parishes and dioceses. Contributions to the permanent loan fund are always sought.

**II. Educational Resources**

We consider our staff an educational resource. In support of good stewardship, we work over the telephone, through the mail, and occasionally on site with congregations throughout the church. The ECBF produces a workbook for congregations, entitled *Church Sites and Buildings*, which outlines a planning process designed to minimize conflict, set a manageable budget, and clarify the ministries which the building design must support. Also published is *The Church for Common Prayer, A Statement on Worship Space for the Episcopal Church*, which sets forth the theological principals for worship space. A new video, *Churches for Common Prayer, Buildings for the Liturgical Assembly*, provides a tour through two church buildings, one new and one renovated, which depict excellence in liturgical space. *The Builder* newsletter, focuses on practical issues for parishes concerned with how well their buildings serve as a tool for ministry.

**III. Diocesan Workshops**

The ECBF offers *free* diocesan workshops to help congregations plan new buildings and renovate existing ones.

**GOALS AND OBJECTIVES FOR THE COMING TRIENNIUM**

The major objectives of the ECBF for the coming triennium are:

**#1. Consultations:**

To increase our ability to provide consultation to congregations without increasing overhead, by establishing a network of six trained field associates.

**#2. Resources:**

To expand the written and video resources available to the church for planning and designing buildings for ministry.

**#3. Financial:**

To be an additional source where a diocese and a congregation may borrow funds for a congregational building project.