

CBCP2 – Increasing capacity for mission-driven property stewardship
Learning and Transforming opportunities for all Indiana Episcopal congregations

CBCP2 Partners

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Episcopal churches in Indiana, small and large, are developing new ways to thrive, rooted in the good they have to offer: Good mission, good faith, and good space. Their capacity to make the most of these assets grew over the past three years through the Church Buildings for Collaborative Partnerships project (CBCP). Nearly all congregations in both Indiana Episcopal dioceses participated in CBCP.

The learning will continue over the next three years, thanks to a second grant from Lilly Endowment Inc.* “CBCP2” will provide opportunities for all congregations to learn from each other and will establish on-line resources about the lessons of CBCP to help any congregation, anytime, renew efforts to make the most of its buildings as assets and develop new and stronger community partnerships.

CBCP2 will also feature customized capacity building support for 20-25 selected congregations. Any Episcopal faith community in Indiana may apply to participate. Application details will be announced in April.

Each of the selected congregations will receive significant individual support from CBCP2 project partners, as determined both by the congregation’s reflection and diocesan recommendations. Support will include connecting (and funding) work with building professionals. Depending on a congregation’s unique situation, services may include:

- One-on-one coaching by Partners for Sacred Places and Indiana Landmarks consultants.
- Consulting facilitation for Mission and Vision, even to include a “property mission statement to align space uses and partnerships with the ministries and values of the church.
- Architectural design or historic preservation consulting.
- Help with discernment (potentially including a connection to legal services) around specific partnerships, especially major or long-term commitments.
- Support for congregations that are considering a significant change in their stewardship of their building, including remaining in place with new uses, retaining presence while changing ownership, and using financial and development incentives.
- Matching grants for capital improvements that would significantly modify space to better align a church’s buildings with its mission. This could be paired with “how to” information for conducting capital campaign fundraising. CBCP2 capital grants could range from \$20,000 to \$50,000.
- Assistance to help a congregation explore alternative uses of their land, particularly for affordable housing.

If your church is interested in participating in the customized capacity building support of CBCP2, please contact the appropriate Canon from your diocese:

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CBCP has reminded us that our buildings are gifts from God and as such, deserve our stewardship. We are stewards, accountable for using God's gifts in ways that multiply their impact and brighten the Light of Christ in the places we serve. In that Light, the 2024 Diocesan conventions of both Indianapolis and Northern Indiana will provide information to help faith communities find or strengthen space sharing partnerships.

** This is a matching grant opportunity. Both Dioceses are working now to secure the required match to continue CBCP2 for three years.*

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