



The Church of the Epiphany  
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Proportional Share Review Sub-Committee  
Anglican Diocese of Ottawa  
Ascension House  
71 Bronson Avenue  
Ottawa, ON K1R 6G6

**Re: Vestry Form 3 Submission for 2025 – Epiphany Barry's Bay – Line 17**

Dear Friends in Christ,

In fiscal years 2024 and 2025 the congregation of the Church of the Epiphany, Barry's Bay, engaged in significant additional fundraising efforts to prepare to replace the church's wheelchair accessibility ramp. The church's previous ramp was demolished in 2024 due to rotting wood. Fundraising efforts, including a series of Soup & Sandwich luncheons, a Wine & Cheese night, and the ongoing work of the church's Epiphany Fashions clothing boutique are reported on line 17, totaling \$18,114.

Initial estimates for a new ramp range in price from \$35,000 to \$50,000. The congregation hopes to action this important accessibility repair within fiscal year 2026 but will first need to identify another core source of funding. Our parish's staff team have had an initial conversation with Joel Prentice, Director of Property and Asset Management, and we are currently exploring possibilities for grants.

The Church Corporation has asked me to inquire if the \$18,114 that was intentionally fundraised in 2025 might be deducted from Epiphany's calculation of assessable income for 2025 for the purposes of Proportional Share. If this request is approved, the Church Corporation would ensure that an equivalent amount is similarly removed from claimed capital expenses (line 31) when the ramp is completed. The Church Corporation also asked me to relay that at year-end 2025 the congregation made a deposit of \$18,000 to the Consolidated Trust Fund of our diocese on behalf of its sponsored cemetery, St. Paul's in Combermere. These funds were previously held locally in a savings account.

With kind thanks for your consideration,

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