

REGENERATION WORKS: PLACES OF FAITH

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“Regeneration Works: Places of Faith” Community Workshops

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March 11, 2017 -- Exploring Sacred Space: Regenerating Places of Faith

University of Toronto Multi-faith Centre

Faith & the Common Good, National Trust for Canada Green Awakening Network, and the Multi-faith Centre of the University of Toronto collaborated to explore the challenges presented to old and new faith communities by changing demographics and the challenge of sustainably maintaining their faith buildings. The day featured in depth explorations of 5 local multi-faith regeneration case studies.

February 25, 2017 -- Regenerating Places of Faith: A workshop for south-central Ontario communities

Trinity United Church, Peterborough, ON

The City of Peterborough held a one-day workshop on Regenerating Places of Faith, in partnership with the National Trust for Canada and Faith & the Common Good. Participants heard inspirational stories from across Canada and from the Peterborough area, and learned how to tackle key issues threatening places of faith through community engagement strategies, cost reduction techniques, innovative space sharing models, and approaches to successfully re-use a former place of faith.

October 19-22, 2016 — National Trust Conference: Heritage Rising

Hamilton Conference Centre, Hamilton, ON

Part of the National Trust’s national conference, this ½ day workshop, entitled “Building Strength: Regenerating Places of Faith,” was led by National Trust for Canada Project Leader, Robert Pajot, and Faith & the Common Good Advisor, Kendry Fry. The workshop shared inspiring examples from faith communities across the country and proven regeneration strategies and tools. The conference also featured a shorter afternoon workshop featuring regeneration examples and speakers from Edmonton, Calgary, Ottawa, and rural Ontario.

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Saturday, May 14, 2016 — Regenerating Places of Faith: A Workshop For Ottawa's Communities

All Saints Church, Ottawa, ON

The National Trust for Canada and Faith & the Common Good partnered to offer this one-day workshop, sharing inspiring examples and proven regeneration strategies from across the country and from the Ottawa area. The workshop was made up of a wide variety of stakeholders concerned with sustainable regeneration of places of faith. Local faith groups, heritage and community organizations shared their experience, concerns and creative solutions to the challenges confronting places of faith. The organizers great acknowledge the support of the Ontario Trillium Foundation and the Community Foundation of Ottawa.

September 24, 2015 – Regenerating Places of Faith: A Workshop for Small and Rural Communities

New Dawn Centre for Social Innovation, Sydney NS

This one-day workshop shared inspiring examples and proven strategies that faith groups and community organizations could apply in Cape Breton and beyond. There was time for applied problem-solving and participants traveled on a walk-through audit of a local faith building. The session was presented in collaboration with Cape Breton University and the Sydney Architectural Conservation Society. The organizers gratefully acknowledge the funding support of ACOA and the CBU Tompkins Institute.