

## Missionary Diocese in Navajoland 1st annual 2025 Convention

### Buildings and Grounds

The Episcopal Church in Navajoland has partnered with the 501C3 Economic Development Corporation, Chair; Jack Ely, Co-Chair Rev. Leon Samson, Members; Paula Elmore, and Rev. Jack Chase

The Buildings and Grounds Task force has been taking steps to organize our priorities for our buildings and spaces on all our property on ECN. Other goals that were set with B&G is to strengthen our staff work skill, so they can do their job safely and efficiently. Team leaders from each regions have been identified as contact people that could work with the B&G task force to gather information, work together on a plan moving forward.

This year Church Insurance has sent assessors to all the regions to help ECN prepare our buildings as we start to move into a Missionary Diocese. A walk-through was done by two individuals who evaluated and listed the property risks on a risk assessment sheet, identifying all the potential hazards in and around all our buildings. Unfortunately, this also offset our insurance coverage for most of our buildings in ECN. The Buildings and Grounds have created a risk assessment sheet based off the of the list of items that offset our coverage, and to get a deeper understanding of our buildings. Most of these risk assessments have been filled out and returned back to the chair Jack Ely, when the remaining risk assessments sheets are complete, an review report will be produced to list the items needed to put our buildings back in compliance with the criteria of our Church Insurance guidelines. Below is an email review of what Jack Ely sees as needs, so far, with all the Regions:

“In San Juan region there is little of immediate need now that the hospitality house is pretty much done. St. Michaels still needs at least one heater and there is some remodeling that can be done. I think St. Luke's work was completed by Pagosa Springs group. The All-Saint's work will be completed by St. Julian's this coming month. In Utah, the big project is the old clinic remodel. Plus, St John's needs a new roof and some foundation work. The bid for that was between \$80 and 100K, but it was also suggested to tear down and start from scratch. Otherwise, there are small things that could be done but a lower priority based on

my last input from Jack Chase. We have left any issues for St Mary's on the backburner for now. You are familiar with everything in the Southeast region and how you have that prioritized. All I know is that there are a lot of possible projects there that we haven't even begun to discuss. I think some work has been done at St. Mark's but I'm not sure how much as I've only seen some expense reports. The other day I committed to have a comprehensive plan at least drafted by the end of September and I have started to put these this together, but I still need the individual building survey sheets from Utah and Southeast.”

-Jack

For the Southeast Region, there is a big need for support for the rooms that is rented to traveling nurses, a complete renovation of the rooms would help SER with keeping up with the cost of wear-and-tear of each turn around rentals. Improvements needed are; new full-size beds, dressers, end tables, lamps work desk, and interior decoration.

The Thorne building has always been a source for generating income for SER, and upgrading the tables & chairs for events would be an improvement. A sound system, and accessible wall outlet through out the floor, a new floor, a new shelving system for the kitchen, and a kitchen hood vent with a fire suppression system.

The Westchester has the potential to be a major source of ministry, and/or income. The building needs a complete revaluation of the electrical, plumbing, and a heating/cooling system.

Immediate need; St. Marks has a 15-year-old shingle roof that needs to be replaced, a quote and plan from the congregation with partners has been put in place for them to raise funds for replacing the roof, and those funds are in the financial report for SER.

Rev. Leon Sampson