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KINGSTON PARISH INITIATIVE



Kingston Housing Initiative Dedication set for November 1, 2026

What if an underused church property could become part of the solution to a community's housing needs? The Kingston Housing Initiative offers an inspiring example of how parishioners and community leaders are reimagining church property to create attainable housing for people who live and work in the community.

The work is nearly complete, with a dedication planned for November 1 at 2:00 p.m. with the Rt. Rev'd Gayle E. Harris, Assistant Bishop of the Diocese of Virginia. Following Bishop Harris's blessing, a celebratory reception will be held in the parish hall. All are welcome!

Read the full story to learn how this community turned vision into action.

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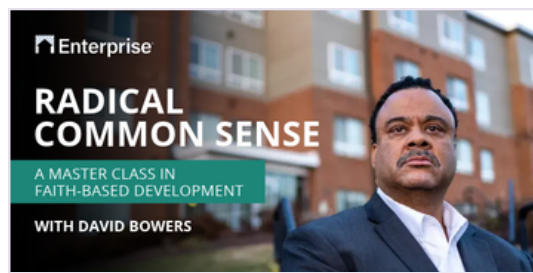


The Spire & Church of the Resurrection Featured on America byDesign TV

What happens when a church reimagines its property to serve a growing community need? The Spire is an eight-story affordable housing development co-located with the Episcopal Church of the Resurrection in Alexandria.

The project is featured in Design for America and features VEREP Board of Trustees member and Board Secretary **Kat Turner**, who shares insights into the vision and work behind this innovative project. Check it out here to learn more about The Spire and its impact on the community.

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Listen: Radical Common Sense with David Bowers

Faith communities are transforming neighborhoods across the United States—and ***Radical Common Sense with David Bowers: A Master Class in Faith-Based Development*** explores how they are making it happen.

Through conversations with clergy, faith leaders, affordable housing providers, policymakers, community leaders, and other faith-based development changemakers, the podcast shares stories of innovation, affordable housing, economic empowerment, and community transformation. Check out this podcast to discover what's possible when faith communities put their real estate and resources to work for the greater good.

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ANNUAL CONVENTION

Join VEREP at the Annual Convention!

November 5 - 7, 2026, in Fredericksburg, VA

What's next for your congregation's property? Come connect with VEREP at the **232nd Annual Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Virginia**, November 5-7, 2026, in Fredericksburg!

VEREP will be hosting a table throughout the convention—stop by to meet our staff and board members, learn more about our work, and discover resources to help your congregation make the most of its real estate.

On **November 6**, VEREP will also present two workshops:

2:00 p.m. | Faith in Housing: Introduction to Mission Real Estate and Affordable Housing

3:00 p.m. | Understand Your Property, Renew Your Mission: The Value of Capital Needs Assessments

Come visit our table, pick up a copy of our leasing guide, and join us for a workshop—we'd love to see you!

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VIRTUAL CONFERENCE

Gift of Place 2026: Developing Church Property for Financial Capacity & Social Impact

Thursday, November 19, 2026

12:30 PM – 4:30 PM ET

How can churches use their property to support ministry and meet community needs?

Join Trinity Church NYC for a **free virtual conference** featuring faith leaders from across the country who are putting church property to work in new ways.

Hear real-world examples, explore financial sustainability, and learn about opportunities for congregations ready to take the next step.

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Let's imagine what's possible together.

VEREP is here to help your congregation discern, develop, and steward its sacred space in service of God's mission.

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Good resources are meant to be shared.

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