

CANON 24

CHURCH BUILDINGS AND LANDS

1. No church, parish hall, residence or other building shall be erected, purchased or otherwise acquired, or have structural alterations made thereto, or be removed from one locality to another, and no land shall be purchased, leased or otherwise acquired, nor shall any debt or other obligation relating thereto be incurred, unless and until the plans, specifications and particulars relating thereto, details of the proposed method of financing, and any other information which may be required, have been submitted to and approved in writing by the Bishop.
2. No land, church, parish hall, residence or other building shall be sold, leased, mortgaged or otherwise encumbered without the prior consent in writing of the Bishop.
3. No parish shall incur any financial obligation not expected to be liquidated within one year without the prior consent of the Bishop and the Diocesan Council.
4. The Registrar of Synod shall record particulars of all lands and premises owned, leased, or otherwise acquired by the Diocese, and all encumbrances thereon, and all lands leased or sold by the Diocese.
5. The churchwardens of every parish in the Diocese shall promptly forward to the Registrar of Synod, certified copies of all insurance policies and renewals thereof on church buildings, residences, and the contents thereof, when they are received. The Registrar of Synod shall record particulars of all insurance and all insurance on property belonging to the Diocese.
6. All title deeds, leases, mortgages, insurance policies and other valuable documents acquired by the Registrar shall be placed in a fireproof safety deposit box or vault, in the name of Synod, for safekeeping.