

# Facts & Figures

- Of the almost 3000 United Church properties, approximately 215 plus have been identified as high value strategic sites with the potential to be leveraged to generate revenue or additional benefits.
- Over half of the high value strategic sites are located in Lower Mainland in British Columbia, and the Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area (GTHA).
- Approximately 50 United Church communities of faith a year decide to close due to dwindling membership.
- The National Trust estimates that 9000 communities of faith (from all denominations) will close over the next decade across all faith groups.
- UPRC has committed to develop 1500 units by 2025, 5000 units by 2035. This equals about 20,000 new housing units by 2035.
- More than 30 projects are currently under development by the UPRC across the country.
- A minimum of LEED Gold Certification or equivalent will be pursued for each of the UPRC's projects, with a commitment to reduce greenhouse gasses and energy use by a minimum of 10% compared to Canada's National Energy Code for Buildings for 2017. UPRC is targeting Passive House or and is studying net zero ready – focusing on 2030 green standards.
- At least 10% of units in a project will meet or exceed minimum local building code requirements for accessibility. All common areas will be fully accessible.

## **The United Church of Canada as a trailblazer:**

- The United Church of Canada has a 95 year history as a social justice church.
- In 1986, The United Church of Canada apologized to Indigenous peoples for its aggressive evangelism and failing to recognize the deep spirituality of their traditional cultures and language.
- In 1998, The United Church of Canada apologized for its involvement in residential schools.
- In 1988, The United Church of Canada decided that sexual orientation was not a barrier to people who wanted to enter the ministry.