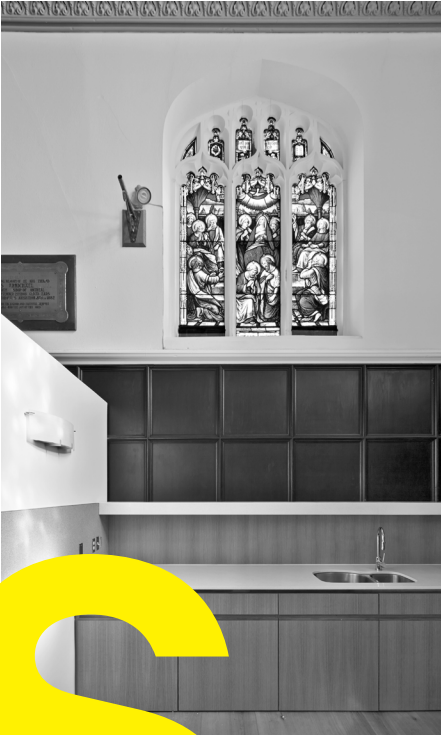


Places of Worship



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As a team of architects, planners and urban designers, we are closely attuned to the changes that impact communities and have implications on the built environment. SvN has worked with faith communities, experiencing both growth and decline, to find new ways forward.

Our Approach

Through innovative planning, design, restoration and funding approaches, SvN has enabled congregations to adapt to change and remain relevant within their communities.

Innovative Funding

The Salvation Army in Scarborough has found a way forward through innovative funding and design to support a new 480 seat sanctuary, residential units, Sunday school, gymnasium, administrative offices plus 158 units of non-profit housing.

Community Consultation

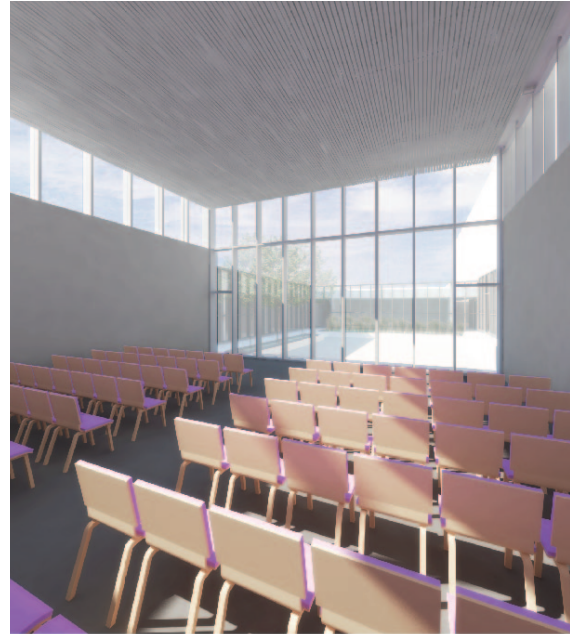
Evangel Hall, an agency of the Presbyterian Church of Canada has been providing food, housing, counseling and spiritual support to marginalized citizens of Toronto for over 70 years. Working closely with the client and key stakeholders, SvN led community consultation and design workshops which resulted in a new facility design that incorporates a drop-in centre, medical clinic, job and housing placement centre, and much needed transitional housing.

Combining Worship and Housing

SvN works with **The United Church of Canada** to prepare property reports for churches across the country. Each report analyzes adaptive opportunities for Church facilities where the congregations are diminishing and there is need to consider new purposes for the Church facility. SvN provides the preliminary information required to consider development options that generate revenue for the Church, and prepares schematic scenarios that may be adapted as market units, affordable housing, social housing or student housing. We also provide demographic and market research, relative market values of the Church property, the associated regulatory framework, capital cost estimates, a projected revenue stream for each Church and management and operational recommendations. This information gives the Church the necessary tool to enter into informed decisions with developers, government agencies or other potential funders. SvN is currently working with Immanuel United Church, Augustine United Church, Knox United Church, Crescent Fort Rouge United Church in Winnipeg and Wesley United Church in Prince Albert, SK. The congregation of Don Heights Unitarian Church was able to build a new church in Toronto, through a strategy that we put forward to combine non-profit housing, a child care centre and a Sunday school.

Planning for Growth

As the United Church of Canada's **Eden United Church** was outgrowing its pre-existing facilities, SvN designed a new 'regional' church to provide a 400-seat sanctuary, narthex seating for 100, a Christian education wing, a child care centre, and administrative offices.





Church of the Ascension



Salvation Army



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