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The Executive Council formed this committee in March 2007, to develop and implement the options recommended by the Site Location Committee of the previous triennium. Its tasks were to finalize a plan for the chosen site, to begin developing a fundraising strategy, and to seek partners within the church and beyond who could assist the Archives in creating a Mission Research Center that could benefit a wide range of Episcopalians from across the country and abroad.

SUMMARY OF WORK

The Committee reviewed previous work and concluded that the Austin proposal offers the best possibility for serving the long-term mission of the Archives as both a repository of knowledge and an educational vehicle for claiming our Episcopal identity.

The Committee has tried to be faithful in creatively interpreting the guiding principles developed by the Board of Archives after many years of investigating the more than sixteen options for a new Episcopal Church Archives. These include:

- Building a sustainable project in which the church has an ownership interest and an appreciating future asset;
- Establishing a visible presence for The Episcopal Church in the community and being a welcoming gathering place for Episcopalians church-wide;
- Constructing a facility that meets the highest standards of archival preservation and management; and
- Developing relationships with donors and stakeholders who will help shape the Archives' mission in a way that advances our information infrastructure and institutional memory.

The evolving proposal calls for a multi-use downtown site of which the Archives would be one of several cooperative owners. Shared ownership of limited revenue-generating functions such as parking offers income possibilities that could fund future operational costs of building and program. The Archives would achieve the larger scale necessary to serve as a home repository for the many more agencies, dioceses, and other church affiliates that currently are unable to care for their primary historical resources. As of this report, the Committee is pursuing this plan by securing an option on land adjacent to Austin's historic downtown parish. It will oversee due diligence, begin fund raising, and develop a business plan in the year ahead.