

Peterborough Covenant Church Commission

All Saints' | Christ Lutheran | St. John the Evangelist | St. Barnabas | St. Luke's

Wed March 16, 2016, St John's

MINUTES for Feedback

Attendance: Lucinda, Peter, David, Mary Anne, Lois, Marion, Amy, Al, Ralph, Johanna, Scott S.
Regrets: Geoff M., Raymond

1. 6:35 - Opening Prayer - Pastor Scott
2. Approval of Agenda – two items to add
 - Pastor Scott brief talk re: next church visit (*before the rest of the business)
 - Item to be added to the agenda for every meeting is the “Info to take back to congregations” – always place it before the closing prayer/song

Approval of March 9 2016 Minutes – consensus that the Minutes for Feedback become the Minutes for Approval when there are no changes to be made

*Pastor Scott talked about the arrangements for a visit to “Spirit of Peace” church in Mississauga (a joint Anglican/Lutheran parish), April 3 has been arranged and Pastor Susan is excited for us to go there – the church worshiped in ‘Square One’ for 37 years and had to leave – they shared a facility one summer and the two congregations decided to worship together – there will be parishioners available to speak with us –service at 10:00 –it is a ‘meshed’ service – consensus that it is a good idea to go and see something different –this coming together took about three years –they would be willing to answer questions we may want to send ahead of time

If you are able to go let Raymond, Dave or Johanna know.

Thanks Scott for arranging this.

3. Updates on Consolidations of:
SWOT

– Johanna took a crack at doing a first chunking of the great work Peter had already organized for us. Each of the S,W,O,T are chunked into groups which fall into the categories of: ‘people’; ‘in the building’ (worship, program and support staff); ‘out of the building’ (outreach type activities); ‘physical facilities’ (buildings, parking); ‘other’ items at the end

-Johanna will add the headings to the sections of chunks and will e-mail to the Commission Group

Fiscal, Physical & Staff Resources

-Dave walked us through the newest update of this item

- note the years 2001 and 2014 were used –there is a new column 7 and the totals in brackets reflect the total with Christ Lutheran’s numbers included, the totals would be the best numbers for us to work with
- graphs have been added but look best if printed in colour – they give a good idea of what has been happening over time
- pg.6 -is there an advantage to totaling the revenues on this page?, - suggested and agreed that totals would be helpful

–trends we see can relate to the future, some things will keep going down like the number of givers is down but the amount of givings is up (fewer people are giving more – remember that inflation affects both income and expenses) –mentioned that people in our age group do not get increases in income

-pg.8 –market values from a Peterborough broker to be inserted at a later date

Mission and Ministry

-Lucinda spoke to the changes on the ‘Mission and Ministry’ graphic/bubble page – the information in the last bubble is now sorted under two headings ‘Ministries in Common’ and ‘Common Church Life Activities’

- Lucinda gathered the newest ‘ministry’ summary pages which will be collated and attached to the graphic page for everyone to have a copy of, next meeting –Thanks Lucinda!

Discussion regarding the synthesis of the survey answers.

-Lucinda presented a narrative style of highlighting the main ideas/words which appear often in the survey answers (different from using a check-box) –should we try to look at the surveys again? –consensus that each congregation should look at their own surveys in terms of categories -maybe we go back to churches and say “is this what you visioned” perhaps in small groups again –this might not be a good idea in the sense of ‘over-promising’ and maybe the options won’t match –consensus that each church do their own survey synthesis – there still may be more surveys on-line – by March 19th the results are to be on-line so Raymond can access them —when we have synthesized them we should take the results back to parish and check that that is what they wanted to say – Raymond’s numbers (the check boxes of words) may be a good check to support what the narrative style synthesis says– **Lucinda will send Peter the draft of St. Johns’ synthesis, there are enough paper copies for each congregation to have one to use before next meeting**

Discussion regarding how and when do we share findings with congregations?

–agreement that we need to share information and findings as soon as possible and before the options are formulated for presentation –this update should take place in early April (the weather interfered with our initial end of March goal)

(RE: next meeting so far – Christian Harvey, report of London church visit from Geoff M., St. Luke’s to host next meeting, **ask Raymond to forward each congregation’s surveymonkey results to each church’s Commission members**, two weeks from tonight have survey results synthesized – Marion and Amy have already done a narrative type synthesis)

Hydration Break at 7:40

4. Criteria for best locations to support Anglican/Lutheran Mission and Ministry

Peter facilitated this part of the meeting. It is essential we start thinking about this. We do that by seriously considering the criteria we need to use.

-for “Evolving a Stable State”, things we need to consider are: 150-200 ASA, visible site, location, parking, expansion/redevelopment potential, flexible worship/gathering space, accessible, near mission site.

-homework for all Commission members –list/rank each of the five churches using a 1-5 (most to least) for each of the following: Visible site; Located on main road; frequent transit route; lots of parking; potential for expansion/redevelopment; best flexible worship/meeting spaces; flexible

gathering space; flexible program space; fully accessible; good program/ministry facilities; building; close to ministry needs **BE HONEST IN ANSWERS FOR THESE RANKINGS**

Peter will send homework to us electronically.

- suggested and agreement that everyone needs to see each facility –on own or after our meeting at each location
- agreed that we should keep multiple use ideas in mind
- possible there will be some re-invigoration in each parish –as we inform parishes of our findings they may become more creative themselves

5. Schedule Review (Next Steps on Workplan Items 5-9)

- agreement that we can re-visit these in 2 weeks

6. Next Meeting time and place: Wednesday March 23, at St. Luke’s, at 6:30 pm

7. Information to send back to congregations:

- The Commission is in the process of synthesizing the survey answers for each church. Results are forthcoming.
- A visit to “Holy Spirit of Peace” (a joint Anglican/Lutheran congregation) is planned for April 3.
- The Commission began to examine the criteria for re-configuration.

8. 8:40 -Closing prayer/song

Parking Lot

Item	Action/Resolution
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visits to Other Churches • Items for Commission to explore-G Howson email Mar 6 (Attachment #9) • Archbishop Johnson’s May 9 Visit • Next Steps Workplan Items 5-9 • Consolidation of Consultation Responses 	

