

Regional Ministry Council Meeting

Tuesday, February 14, 2023; 1:30 p.m.

St John's, Havelock

Agenda

1. Opening Prayer at 1:40 p.m. by Max.

Present: Bryce Sangster, Jim Weldon, Larry Ricciardelli, Max Dionisio, Russ Pollock, Helen Lee, Shirley Warr, Ann Chambers, Hilda Cole, Brad Smith, Reg Gordon

2. Pastoral Visiting Ministry Update

- Review lists
 - places where we visit: Burnbrae Gardens, Memorial, Warkworth Place already
- Next steps: find a coordinator (and an assistant?—maybe a leader from St John's and someone from the other churches to "apprentice") with the established pastoral visitors and then someone else to help for the regional pastoral visitors and then work with Gordon Johnston to do a training/refresher workshop
- People can let Brad know who might be interested in the coordinator and visitor roles (Shirley, Bryce, Brad will check)

3. Outreach Update

- List of outreach coordinators in each parish/congregation (Maybe hold for a while and have Max be the coordinator)
- Regional workshop to take an inventory of outreach across the region and brainstorm possible regional initiatives. Do we have the record of the exercise that Sharon/Janet led us through on outreach (or all of the ministries?).
- Outreach should begin with reaching out in the communities we serve, speak with local schools, service organisations, township admin, other faith communities
- Could we eventually do a Mission Action Plan through the diocese?
- Actions: Max to share his research and recruit helpers and then Brad to find record of early meeting with Janet

4. Youth Ministry Update

- Wait for St John's to hire Director of Family Ministries and then have them lead us through some exposure to youth ministry
- Start with the outreach ministries and then use the people who come out to them to connect to the youth
- Don't focus on Sunday School, focus on projects, and relationships. Brad talked about the students who are hosting the Wednesday drop in at St John's Ptbo
- Are there churches (not just Anglican) in the region that could do breakfast/lunch programs in local schools
- Shirley told us about Incredible Edibles—an organisation that runs a program at Kent and Hillcrest schools which is part of the curriculum where they are taught nutrition and they help with preparation of meals under the supervision of a chef. Currently a rental of the Campbellford kitchen but is there some potential for more church involvement?

5. Next Regional Worship and/or Social Event

- Easter Vigil: Saturday, April 8th, Christ Church, 7 p.m.
- Ash Wednesday: St John's, Peterborough (10 a.m., 7 p.m.); Hastings (3 p.m.); Campbellford (7 p.m.); Havelock (after Bible study at 1:30 p.m.)
- Rogation: would Andy Elmhirst host us again for rogation? Possibility for engagement with kids. BBQ after? Is it a morning or an afternoon service?
- 5th Sunday in July

6. Event Calendar

- Pancake Suppers: 5-7 p.m. in Campbellford and Peterborough
- World Day of Prayer, Fri 3 Mar, 1 p.m., Campbellford Baptist Church
- 5th Sunday of April and July worship? Not necessarily as a regional things but in smaller clusters might make more sense.
- Max's ordination as a priest Sun 26 Mar, 4 p.m., St John's, Peterborough

7. Newsletter

Nothing to discuss this meeting.

8. Six Month Review

- Hilda: the RM is working because the services are supplied for them, i.e. the clergy team is visiting for them
- Shirley: there have been some concerns that people in Campbellford don't know what's going on, so we address this through posting minutes, reports to vestry etc.
- Brad: responded by saying the questions may be, in fact, that people are anxious about "is the regional ministry actually making in a difference in the viability of our churches?"
- Jim: the results may be best represented by high-level ministry to all of the participating parishes, e.g. Max as our curate
- What are our end state goals? Afford 3 clergy, longer life spans of participating churches
- Are we working towards unified vestries in Campellford/Hastings/Roseneath?
- Need a meeting to talk about this only: from a high-level governance view (with the draft proposal in hand)

9. Other Business

Is Belmont still paying for Norwood? Yes. The diocese will return costs when it's sold.

10. Next meeting

Tuesday 14 March, 1:30 p.m., St George's, Hastings

11. Closing Prayer and Adjournment

We adjourned with the Grace at 3:25 p.m.

Items for Future Consideration by Regional Council

- Cost sharing formula for common expenses, e.g. clergy
- Work on standardizing financial statements
- Name of the Regional Ministry