

Regional Ministry Council Meeting

Tuesday, December 6, 2022; 1:30 p.m.

St John's, Havelock

Minutes

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

Regrets: Shirley Warr

1. Opening Prayer

The meeting began with a prayer led by Bryce at 1:45 p.m.

2. Pastoral Visiting Ministry Update

- List of retirement/nursing homes in the region
- List of Anglican services in retirement/nursing homes
- List of parishioners who are housebound/retirement home residents
- List of pastoral visitors (or potential ones) in each congregation

Brad gave an overview of the goals of the pastoral visiting ministry: the Peterborough group will regionalize and we want to recruit new people from the other congregations, then have a refresher/training day with someone like the Rev. Douglas Woods in the early new year. This is to equip laity and to acknowledge that a lot of "unofficial" pastoral visiting already goes on.

Shirley and Max each made a list of retirement and nursing homes in the region (outside Peterborough) and we will make sure both are combined into one and then compile a list from each congregation of our people who are in the homes and also housebound.

We will put out an announcement inviting existing and potential new pastoral visitors to a workshop in early 2023.

3. Outreach Update

- List of outreach coordinators in each parish/congregation
- Regional workshop to take an inventory of outreach across the region and brainstorm possible regional initiatives

Campbellford: Shirley Warr, Evelyn Field, Marlene Dooher

Belmont: None

Peterborough: No one specific

4. Youth Ministry Update

There was no update.

5. Next Regional Worship and/or Social Event

The regional Carol Sing on Sunday, December 11, will be quite simple: the organist at St John's, Peterborough will accompany Christmas hymns for an hour and then the second hour will be social time. Refreshments will be provided by the host church.

The next regional worship will be the Easter Vigil on Saturday, April 8, in the evening, at Christ Church, Campbellford.

We discussed sharing Shrove Tuesday pancake suppers and Ash Wednesday worship. Pancake suppers will occur as usual in the individual churches. More discussion to follow in January about Ash Wednesday but it was felt that planning for the Easter Vigil would be the priority.

6. Event Calendar

Christmas services across the region:

- Dec 17th, 5 p.m., Civic Centre in Roseneath – Christmas Service for St James'
- Dec 18th, Lessons & Carols (9:00 Hastings, 10:00 Peterborough, 11:00 Campbellford)
- Dec 24th, 4:00 in Hastings and Peterborough, 7:00 p.m. in Campbellford, Westwood, and Havelock, 10:00 in Peterborough
- Dec 25th, 10:00 a.m. in Peterborough

7. Newsletter

The idea was raised at last meeting: do we want to recruit a committee of volunteers to publish one? Margaret Bayley (the editor of the Campbellford newsletter) has indicated she wants to retire as the editor of the newsletter. If we have people who compile stuff and send it to Drew at Christ Church, he can put it together into a regional newsletter.

We need a communications rep in each congregation to begin to build a regional newsletter:

Hastings – Larry

Roseneath - ?

Campbellford – Bryce will ask Margaret for recommendations

Belmont – Brad/Max

Peterborough – Brad

8. Other Business

There was no other business.

9. Next meeting

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10. Closing Prayer and Adjournment

The meeting closed with the Grace at 3:00 p.m.