

## **Regional Ministry Council Meeting**

Tuesday, May 9, 2023; 1:30 p.m.

St George's, Hastings

### **Minutes**

#### 1. Opening Prayer

Present: Tom Strawbridge, Helen Lee, Reg Gordon, Larry Ricciardelli, Bryce Sangster, Shirley Warr, Ann Chambers Max Dionisio, Brad Smith

Regrets: Jim Weldon, Russ Pollock

Bryce opened with prayer at 1:45 p.m.

#### 2. Review of Ministries from January 11, 2020 Steering Group Meeting

Brad brought a large format printout of the photo that was taken of the brainstorm of ministries that was created at the beginning of the regional ministry conversation and we reviewed them all. It was agreed that the ministries as they existed at that time are largely reflected in the three ministry priorities of pastoral visiting, family ministry, and outreach, so we will continue to develop these ministries. Some ministries did not survive the pandemic and some other things started or changed in the pandemic. There is more cross-pollination of some things like the book sales in Hastings and Westwood. We should look at regional PWRDF or FaithWorks reps, especially to organise special projects, fundraisers, social events, etc.

Shirley mentioned that she hears from people who are still not sure what the regional ministry is all about. Bryce suggested that we might address this at the combined 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday service on July 30<sup>th</sup> (more details below). Brad noted that Council members are welcome to put a copy of the minutes of our meetings on a bulletin board in each church to help to get the word out.

#### 3. Pastoral Visiting Ministry Update

Bryce will ask Doug Woods to come to do pastoral visitor training. It was asked if we should be training lay visitors to accompany clergy to retirement/nursing home services to help build connections with residents. The convenor of the lay pastoral visitors team at St John's, Peterborough, would like to retire from that position, so there is an opportunity for us to regionalise the group now: need a new convenor.

#### 4. Outreach Update

Grace Budgell was mentioned as being a possible regional coordinator for outreach ministry. We did not discuss this further, but will look at possibilities next meeting.

#### 5 Youth Ministry Update

No update.

#### 6. Next Regional Worship and/or Social Event.

The next regional worship service will be a combined Sunday morning on July 30<sup>th</sup> (5<sup>th</sup> Sunday) at St John's, Havelock. Bryce will preside and Janet Marshall, Director of Congregational

Development for the Diocese, will be the preacher and will talk about regional ministry. Bryce has provided her with the readings for the day. The hope is to have a town hall meeting afterwards for the Regional Council to answer any questions and possible to have a picnic for lunch on the back lawn. Brad will be on vacation and Max will be in Peterborough.

We also discussed that, when Roseneath is ready to re-open, we could have a Saturday afternoon consecration service with the bishop.

#### 7. Event Calendar

Two posters were given to Brad to be posted on the regional page on St John's website.

#### 8. Other Business

The Parish of Belmont hasn't had a visit from the bishop for a long time (other than to deconsecrate Christ Church, Norwood, in November 2022) and would like to have one.

#### 9. Next meeting

Tuesday, June 20<sup>th</sup>, 1:30 p.m., Christ Church, Campbellford

#### 10. Closing Prayer and Adjournment

The meeting closed with the Grace at 3:10 p.m.