

Two Rivers Pastoral Charge
On-line Official Board Meeting
May 12, 2020

Due to COVID-19 Pandemic Two Rivers Pastoral Charge Official Board members met on-line through Web-Ex at 7:30 pm, Tuesday, May 12, 2020. Rev. Kate Jones, Chairperson - Ross Sherwood and Recording Secretary - Beth Quigley, gathered in the Parlour at Westfield United Church, social distancing as sharing the computer screen and program.

Roll Call: On line or phone - Linda McCullough, Kathy Cameron, Marilyn Parish, Phil Jones, Chris Patstone, Amber Graham, Martha Crabbe, Sue Gamble, Bette Ashley, Josie Pike, Ida MacPherson, Treva Fudge, Catherine Cole, Rev. Kate Jones, M. Ross Sherwood, Beth Quigley. **Regrets:** Kelly Newstead.

Call to Order: Chairperson, Ross Sherwood, called meeting to order, read the Regional Territory Statement and lit the Christ Candle.

Opening Prayer: Led by Rev. Jones.

Agenda: Approved with addition of Benevolent Fund Donation information from Home Mission Council added to agenda. **Linda McCullough moved the adoption of Agenda with revision of Home Mission Council Report. Seconded Martha Crabbe.** Motion carried.

Minutes: Motion by Bette Ashley to adopt minutes of February 18 and March 2020 meetings as circulated, seconded Linda McCullough. Motion carried.

Business Arising from the Minutes:

1. Web Site Design - Don Michaelsen not available to attend meeting to present Web Page development to date.

2. Committee Job Descriptions - Written job descriptions for each committee started by Kathleen Fullerton late fall. Christmas then COVID-19 has stopped action on project but will continue later with committee.

3. Shut-ins & Seniors during COVID-19: Rev. Jones has provided 1:00 pm check ins and regular weekly services on line, which have been fabulous. Session members have made phone calls and forwarded mail outs of sermons, etc to necessary folks. Please bring names to Rev. Kate or Elaine regarding missed contacts. Thanks to Session Members who have been helping to reach folks.

Correspondence: Thank you card read to congregation after Easter.

Reflection: Rev. Kate referred to after the Resurrection Story - Matthew 28:16-20. The disciples went to their homes and Jesus went with them. Christ is present with us always as promised even in these unusual times.

Ministers Report: Rev. Kate reported that her job has been very different in last two months - spiritual leadership and scripture essence still same - building community with 1-1:30 daily communication and, also, by e-mail, phone calls and other social media. Live Church Services presented on line each Sunday reaching many members and non-members. Web-Ex used for Bible Studies and meetings. Some are reaching out for Pastoral Care and support. Things

have settled into a routine in the last two weeks. Study leave next week for Rev. Kate on line and M&P have approved a two week study leave in June. Thank you to Rev. Kate for making it happen for this Charge and her contribution to teaching us new ways to do things.

Two Rivers Pastoral Charge Financial Reports: (See Reports Appendix A)

- **Two Rivers Pastoral Charge:** Phil Jones reported Charge is currently in pretty good shape.
- **Westfield Church:** Phil reported is behind in givings.
- **Long Reach Church:** Beth reported Long Reach Church is hanging in there, with work continuing on cemetery grounds and Memorial Park/Garden.
- **Bayswater/Summerville:** Sandra forwarded report that all bills paid to end of month. May is looking good and after that, just keep praying.

Session Report: (See Appendix A) Chris Patstone reported Session has met a couple of times - once before COVID-19 and since then on-line. Items planned at first meeting cancelled. Members have stayed connected and are contacting assigned families. All have praised Rev. Kate, Ross Sherwood and Bertis Sutton for their phenomenal work presenting Sunday Services. Members are extremely positive with Pastoral Charge and Rev. Kate.

UCW Quilters - Summerville: Have not met during COVID. (See Report Appendix A)

UCW Westfield: No meetings since February. (See Report Appendix A)

Home Mission Council: (See Appendix A)

Christian Development: Nothing to report

Church in the World: (See Report Appendix A)

Regional Council: Rev. Kate reported May meeting not happening. Meeting will be scheduled on-line or in person for fall.

Trustee Report: Long Reach (See Report Appendix A)

Peninsula Food & Clothing: (See Report Appendix A)

Ministry & Personnel: (See Report Appendix A)

Mission & Service: Ross Sherwood reported M&S amounts received to date from Long Reach (\$1174.00), Bayswater/Summerville (\$863.00) and Westfield (\$2685.02) churches, with a total of 61 contributors and 26% of annual goal. (See Report Appendix A)

Affirm Team: Chris Patstone reported no meetings since last board meeting.

TRPC Youth: Perhaps an on-line event before summer.

Youth & Young Families: No Report

Motion to adopt Reports as presented by Treva Fudge, seconded Sue Gamble. Motion carried.

Benevolent Fund: Fund has balance of \$2390.00 + 200.00 for deposit. Home Mission Council has donated \$1,000.00 for Benevolent Activities. Phil suggested we donate the \$1,000.00 allotted to the four local food banks - Kingston Peninsula, Kings, Grand Bay-Westfield and West Side. **Moved by Phil Jones, seconded Josie Pike, \$1,000.00 be divided evenly between the four food banks.** Motion carried.

Home Mission Council: Council has donated \$1,000.00 for Benevolent Activities to all Pastoral Charges, and offering scholarships to Post-Secondary Students

COVID-19 Update: Rules regarding the pandemic are changing daily. Maintaining distance still compulsory and still no more than 10 gathering outdoors at one time. Things have been

stable in New Brunswick since middle of March so some things loosening up with a gradual process to open up. **By Consensus Two Rivers Pastoral Charge will start keeping office hours the last week of May.**

The New Brunswick Government has been consulting with churches in Province on how to proceed with re-opening. Singing is high risk for spreading Virus. Our responsibility as a Board is how to proceed following provincial guidelines. As it is cumbersome to come together as a full board it is suggested a small group of people, willing to do reading regarding government requirements and other church policies, be appointed to help Rev. Kate learn about the changes and make decisions. Amber volunteered to help due to WorkSafe connection and Ross willing to read and help guide decisions of board. A representative from each point, with a total of 4-5 board members to assist in opening plans, would be ideal.

Before concluding the meeting, Chris expressed how great it was to see everybody on screen. Bible study same platform with Web-Ex.

Next meeting: Official Board meeting scheduled for Tuesday, September 29, 2020, Long Reach United Church, if gatherings permitted, at 7.30 pm.

Ross thanked everyone for joining meeting followed by **motion to adjourn by Chris Patstone, seconded Cathy Cameron.**

Rev. Kate closed meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairperson
Ross Sherwood

Secretary
Beth Quigley