

Regional Consultative Committee Annual Report Synod 2017

The Regional Consultative Committee (RCC) is a standing committee of the Synod of Central and Northeastern Ontario and Bermuda. The committee acts on behalf of the Synod in oversight of our two regional staff in terms of hiring, supervision, remuneration, promotion, support, regular performance and termination.

RCC Members:

This past year we expressed our sincere gratitude to members who had served faithfully for many years. The chair Rev. Jonathan Dennis, Mrs. Linda Grace of WMS and David Brakenridge all served both as chair and member and Rev. B. Bynum. We welcomed new representatives from Synod, the Rev. Gale Macdonald, and Rev. Bethany McCaffrey and from Synodical WMS President Mary Veale- Parker. Continuing members are the Rev. Barney Grace, Doreen Dath (Secretary) and Joy Randall (Convener) and George Myers (Treasurer, ex-officio member).

Meetings:

April 2017

September 12, 2017

Next meeting Feb.2018

Our meeting in September 2017 was to do our **Annual Staff Interviews** and their reports can be found in their reports. We also prepared necessary information to apply for the Presbyterian Church in Canada Grant for 2019. We are pleased to recognize the importance of the ministry **John Peter** does as **Minister of Congregational Health**, His most urgent ministry includes working with congregations to help them decide about their future, working with ministers who are facing closing of their current congregation or its inability to continue with a full time minister; and working with presbyteries as they consider how to best serve their congregations in the future.

Tori, Regional Minister for Faith Formation, has been busy with visits to churches and presbyteries of our synod through workshops and congregational conversations. They continue to be focused on maintaining and growing the youngest generations in their churches. This includes teaching regarding intergenerational gatherings especially at Advent/Christmas, Lent/Easter, Leading with care training in most of our presbyteries. She works closely and in various ways to support ministers and congregations. She is appreciated by the Synodical WMS Executive and with the Presbyterials according to their various needs.

RCC highly commends our staff for their great value in their ministry as it reaches out to many in our Synod. They share many of the same concerns and approach the need/concerns in a loving caring manner. They use their continuing education opportunities in order to assist the church in many avenues

Our Committee hopes that members of Synod will be more aware of what our regional staff has to offer and contact them if they need some help, direction and assist them with their ministries. John Peter and Tori both spend some time with new candidates in the ministry and those in transition. WMS is most appreciative of their help and support in so many ways.

Submitted by

Joy Randall, Convener