

Report for Synod, 2023

CNOB has had an interesting year. We have had 4 meetings which is our usual.

We did have our AGM in person at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Scarborough. Before Covid we would have had a day and a half meeting but we decided on a 1 day meeting.

Our other meetings were on Zoom and were in February, June and November.

We are having an in person meeting in October at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, King City.

At our 2023 February meeting there was great discussion about camperships. We always have donated our collection from our AGM to camperships, but things have changed as to how we do that. Now the money collected at AGM is sent directly to Camp Cairn, where it used to go to a presbytery (taking turns every year) and they issued the receipts for a donation over \$10. Now the camp does that.

I would give a financial report but unfortunately our treasurer is unwell and has not been able to give me an update.

The last financial update was in April at our AGM. We were in good shape at that time, but money has been slow coming in since Covid.

As of December 2022 our synodical lost 3 presbyterials; Kingston, Lindsay and Peterborough. Since Covid there has not been the interest in WMS in those 3 presbyterials in particular. Members of groups were asked if they wanted to start having meetings again, but over the 3 year stretch the members just lost interest. They had got older and some just found it too much to start going to meetings again. In Kingston Presbyterial the members were not interested in zoom meetings. However the synodical keeps on going and meeting and supporting mission. Maybe over time we can get some ladies to become interested and join our groups.

We are looking forward to the celebration that is being planned for May, 2024. It seems as if our ladies want to celebrate again and this is an in person event with special entertainment and guests from India, the Indigenous community, and Ukraine.

Please pray for our synodical to continue and to grow stronger.

In God's service,
Irene Camp, president