

Regional Consultant Committee Annual Report For the year 2025.

The Synod of CNOB Regional Consultative Committee reviews the work of our synod personnel. The three voting WMS representatives were Synodical of CNOB - Irene Camp, President; Janice Terry, Past President; Mary Veale-Parker, and RCC Chair, and previous WMS Past President; Synod voting representatives were Michael Nettleton, Don Laity, and the Rev. Dr. Peter Bush, and the past moderator the Rev. Alex Bissett, (no vote), and the ex officiate George Myers, (Treasurer, no vote). We also look after applying for grants. The regular meetings of February and September had been moved to Zoom.

Synod asked RCC to review the job descriptions for personnel, as it had been ten to fifteen years since they had been used. The committee members were Rev. Gale Macdonald, Michael Nettleton, and Mary Veale-Parker. Surveys were sent to all presbyteries and synodical members with the feedback being reflective in the two new job description write-ups. The postings were forthcoming. Only one position has been posted and filled.

The Regional Consultant Committee has been challenged and blessed in the past year. In 2024 we reworked the job qualifications for the Regional Minister for Congregational Health for the Synod of CNOB.

This position was posted in 2025 with the successful candidate being the Reverend Jonathan Tait. We did have several good candidates apply for the position.

Thank you to the Presbytery of Barrie for releasing Rev. Tait to fill the Regional Minister for Congregational Health position.

Jonathan has been working towards this position for years. Jonathan has been an ordained minister for over twenty years. In that same time, he has achieved the qualifications necessary for this new position. Along the way he has been enhancing his talents as a good listener, an analytical thinker, and a problem solver for years and leadership skills to empower new leadership, creating and development programs to fill voids and offer programs to allow the church to grow. Jonathan has found time to volunteer for a multitude of charities and be a team player. Jonathan is comfortable

working with youth, members at large of the church and Session and all the leaders in the church.

Jonathan has been busy building relationships with members of the Synod of CNOB. Jonathan was doing due diligence with travel vs Zoom meetings.

The RCC members look forward to our monthly meetings with Jonathan. It is a time he brings us together to share the rebuilding of this ministry.

The Service of Recognition for the Rev. Jonathan Tait, the Synod's Regional Minister for Congregational Health was held on Wednesday, September 10th at 7 pm. by zoom. Presbytery clerks had been asked to please forward the invitation to their various ministers and congregations. The service was well attended.

The synod is fortunate to have this special regional ministry that is available for all.

Jonathan expressed that it is important for the churches, ministers and educators to know they didn't cause this post pandemic stage. Everyone needs to rebuild relationships with children and other age groups. Everyone is exhausted post pandemic. The next year to five years will be very difficult as we can not go back to what we had, but must move forward as God guides us to create the new norm.

Synodical of CNOB WMS was most appreciative of our synod resource staff for their guidance and direction given to our synodical and presbyterials through their presence and leadership. We are thankful to the synod for their insight and encouragement in these areas and sharing them with us. The CNOB Synod website and the various resources are a great help to our synodical to assist in keeping in touch with our WMS groups. Presbyterials and groups can share their news and special activities with everyone on the site.

The Synod of CNOB acknowledges with gratitude and pays respect to the traditional custodians of these lands and to the various treaties covering them.

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In faith,
Mary Veale-Parker,

RCC Chair

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