

Regional Consultant Committee Report to the Synod September 2026

The Synod of CNOB Regional Consultative Committee reviews the work of our synod personnel. We also look after applying for grants. The change of monthly zoom meetings to bi-monthly starting in September. It is a time when we come together to hear Jonathan share the rebuilding of this ministry.

The three voting WMS representatives were Synodical of CNOB – Katherine Allen, President; Irene Camp, Past President, (no vote); Janice Terry, previous Past President; Mary Veale-Parker, RCC Chair, and previous WMS Past President. Synod voting representatives were Michael Nettleton, Clerk of Session, Elder, Leader at Armour Heights Presbyterian Church, Toronto; Don Laity, Clerk of Session at St Paul's Presbyterian Church - Sault Ste Marie, ON; and the Rev. Dr. Peter Bush, Teaching Elder at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Fergus, Ontario; and the ex officiate Robert McMaster, (Treasurer, no vote); and personnel, the Rev. Jonathan Tait has no vote. We are grateful for the time and expertise, the past moderator the Rev. Alex Bissett, (no vote) gave to our committee.

The Regional Consultant Committee has been blessed in the past year. In 2024 we reworked the job qualifications for the Regional Minister for Congregational Health for the Synod of CNOB. In 2025, the Rev. Jonathan Tait was the successful candidate for the position. We have seen Jonathan build relationships and serve the needs of those in the Synod of CNOB.

The Rev. Jonathan Tait is the Regional Minister for Congregational Health for the Synod of CNOB. Jonathan has been in the position for over a year. Jonathan's ability to connect and work with the synod community is reflected in his work history, as he develops programs to fill voids. RCC supported Jonathan attending Camp Cairn as the camp chaplain the week of August 9th to the 15th... To the best of my knowledge, this is the first time for RCC to supply this type of support to Camp Cairn. 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 was doing due diligence with travel vs Zoom meetings.

The RCC met with the Change Leadership Commission to learn about the changes that will be implemented this year. Ms. Cindy Stephenson is the Convenor, Change Leadership Team for The Presbyterian Church in Canada and Rev. Debora Rolls, from

Peterborough is the other member we met with. We look forward to the future of this working relationship.

Synodical of CNOB WMS was most appreciative of our synod resource staff for their guidance and direction given to our synodical and presbyterial through their presence and leadership. The Synod of CNOB website and the various resources are a great help to those within the synod. Groups are encouraged to share their news and special activities with everyone through this site.

The Synod of CNOB Regional Consultative Committee supports the work of the Cairn Family of Camps, as it shares the love of God with children and youth. They strive to share God's love by building opportunities for campers to create connections and foster growth in an inclusive, affirming, outdoor environment.

This ministry is supported in part by the Life and Mission Agency of The Presbyterian Church in Canada. Jonathan's signature block acknowledges the ministry of Regional Minister for Congregational Health, being supported in part by The Presbyterian Church in Canada. We appreciate this working relationship which is a great blessing!

We have been informed, for 2027, \$61,000 has been allocated to the Synod of Central, Northeastern Ontario and Bermuda through the Regional Resourcing Grant program. The deadline for applications has been moved to December 1, 2026. RCC will be completing the paperwork for this generous grant.

In faith,

Mary Veale-Parker
RCC Chair