



Discipleship: Discovery, Development, Deployment



Key Messages to the Church in Rupert's Land

Arising from the desire for more transparent communication by the leadership, as expressed in Feasibility Study, the Bishop and Executive Committee are sending **key messages and decisions** arising from meetings of **Diocesan Council and the Executive Committee** to the members of Synod (lay and clergy) throughout the year. **We ask that this information be shared with Vestries and members of the parish** who may be interested. (Key Messages are also posted on the Diocesan Website).

These Key Messages cover the period of June 2014 to November 2014

Discipleship: Discovery

(nothing noteworthy at this time.)

Discipleship: Development

Received and approved a new Rupert's Land Media Strategy to create a monthly on-line magazine (replacing the RLNews paper) and weekly news email mini-magazine. The proposal also called for the consolidation of social media Twitter and Face Book through RLNews – all based out of a new RL news website.

Received notice that Diocese has been successful on all three applications submitted to the Anglican Foundation as follows:

- 1) 935 Nesbitt Bay Renovations – A \$15,000 grant was approved. When received, these funds will be deposited into the New Church Development Fund to help replenish the fund. (The balance of funds owing to pay off the renovations was taken from this fund.)
- 2) Urban Indigenous Ministry Developer - A proposal was submitted for a grant of \$30,000 (\$10,000 a year for 3 yrs). We received \$10,000, but we have to re-apply next year and the year after that.
- 3) Rupert's Land Media Strategy - A \$15,000 grant was approved for the Rupert's Land Media Strategy – a multi-media platform to transform communication in the diocese.

Approved recommendations from the Compensation Committee pertaining to clergy from the Southern Region of the Diocese of Keewatin concerning the boundary changes of the Diocese of Keewatin with Rupert's Land.

Established a Rural and Small Town Ministry Network and Coordinator and appointed the Coordinator (The Rev. John Dolloff, Portage la Prairie) as a member of Diocesan Council; Appointed Mr. Sean Carlson, Chair of the Companion Diocese Committee, as a member of Diocesan Council (in accordance 9.02 of the Constitution).

Established a task force of Jeanne Bryan, James Dugan, Jennifer Sisson and Gordon Pawling to develop the Terms of Reference of the "Mission and Ministry Fund" of the Archdeaconry of Kenora – St. Alban.

Discipleship: Deployment

Received a presentation on Missional Church from Rupert's Land members (*by invitation of the Associates in Episcopal Ministry*) who gathered to hear about the Diocese of Minnesota's implementation of missional church.

Re-appointed Mr. Bernie Beare, Dr. June James, Mr. Bill Regehr and Mr. Peter Brass for three year terms on St. John's College Council. (*Continuing members are The Rev. Simon Blaikie and Dr. Bill Pope.*)

Elected the following lay persons to the Executive Committee: Dan Thagard and Gary Jackson, and Pat Norman, The Rev. Michael Bruce, The Rev. Deacon Lynn McDonald, and The Rev. Helen Kennedy.