



Key Messages of our Discipleship 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 (or Executive Committee)** to the members of Synod (lay and clergy) throughout the year, **and ask that this information be shared with Vestries and members of the parish** who may be interested. (November 2016 through February 2017)*

Discovery

- Arising from Synod, received a comprehensive presentation from the Diocesan Local Collaborative Ministry Group (DLCMG) on local collaborative ministry and requested the DLCMG (with others they deem required) to undertake a review of the Canons & Constitution to determine what amendments may be required in order to accommodate a Local Collaborative Ministry model in the Diocese and report back to Council.

Development

- Both Diocesan Council and the Executive Committee engaged in an exercise of “cultivating a culture of grace”.
- Received a delegation from All Saints Church, Wpg., who presented a proposed redevelopment/re-visioning for All Saint's Church, so that when the time comes to ratify (or approve) decisions to move forward, the Executive Committee has an understanding of the project.
- Addressed the inequality of the cost of accommodations (in the Winnipeg area and the Northwestern Ontario region of our Diocese) by increasing the Diocesan per diem rate for lodging (for persons serving on Diocesan Committees) in the Ontario region of our Diocese.
- Implemented an interim Sick Leave Policy for clergy of a minimum standard of 30 days and that this sick leave policy be non-cumulative.
- Authorized the renewal of the Companion Diocese Covenant with Central Buganda Diocese for a further five years (January 2017 to December 31, 2021) and offered congratulations along with our prayerful support to Bishop-Elect Michael Lubowa on his Installation as the 3rd Bishop of Central Buganda Diocese.
- Approved, in principle, the establishment of a full time Formation Director/Ministry Developer and authorized the Bishop, in consultation with Theological Education Commission Implementation Group, the Diocesan Local Collaborative Ministry Group and the Elders Circle, to bring a final job proposal for approval and implementation to the Executive Committee.

Deployment

- Received a report (and a subsequent update report) from the Secretary of Synod concerning all the resolutions passed by the Diocesan Synod and referred them to various bodies for action.
- Approved grants from the Mission & Ministry Trust Funds of the Archdeaconry of Kenora / St. Alban for projects and programs in that area as follows:
 - \$3000 to help fund the Companion Diocese delegates who came to visit this fall;
 - \$15,930 to Twice Is Nice, a clothing ministry, supplement for salary for two workers;
 - \$6,700 to Blessings in a Back Pack to expand healthy food supplements for school children in Ignace;
 - \$1070 to fund the Archdeacon to attend the International Partnership of Living Stones Conference.
- Approved the 2017 Diocesan Budget.

Other actions of a less substantive nature were undertaken. Minutes of the Diocesan Council can be found on the Diocesan Website.