

Report
Committee on Preparation for Ministry
Yukon Presbytery October 2014

CPM met pre-Presbytery but there was not a quorum due to weather conditions preventing committee members from attending. Therefore, there was no official business.

Ellen Price-Johnson and Sandra Wagenius met with Todd Carter to help him discern what he wanted to do regarding his relationship with the Presbyterian Church. He decided to apply to CPM for training and commissioning as a Commissioned Ruling Elder. He was introduced at Presbytery. The committee supplied him with the appropriate forms and instructed to complete them and gain endorsement from the Session at Trinity Presbyterian Church. Follow up was accomplished and he was given study materials and Tammy Letts agreed to mentor him. His current status is that he has resigned from the Session at Trinity Presbyterian church and is attending elsewhere. He has decided to seek further Seminary training at an institution of his choosing. He did contact me for direction, but I suggested that he should seek direction from Curt or another source because he was no longer connected with the Presbyterian denomination.

Information was given to the Presbytery regarding the Grant Award by Cook Native Ministries for the Immersion CRE training. Application forms were made available for persons interested in having CRE training.

Preliminary plans were made regarding CRE training for the New Hope Presbyterian church and the University Community Presbyterian church. They want to prepare for the departure of their current interim pastors who are leaving in June. Nothing came to fruition concerning this request. There are two persons from New Hope who have expressed an interest for CRE training, but they have not made application. Another person requesting consideration for CRE training has decided to go through the Methodist system.

This has brought up a need to explore how as a Presbytery we would relate to persons desiring Commissioned status but go through the Methodist training would be commissioned/acknowledged by the Presbyterians when serving a Presbyterian/Methodist congregation. This will be further developed by CPM.

The CPM decided to form the Committee for Planning Immersion Training using CRE's to form the committee. This would make use of persons who had already gone through the past training experience. There is a need to explore and suggest what resources might work best with this process. The following persons were selected by the CPM for membership on the committee: Merle Apassingok, Paul Bodfish, Virgie Kasak, Beulah Nowpakahok, and Sandra Wagenius. The first meeting was scheduled to be held in Gambell. Due to a flight scheduling problem, not all members were able to get to Gambell, so the meeting was cancelled and the committee met by phone. The committee determined that the village location for the pilot immersion training would be Gambell. There are already two persons in Gambell who are desirous of the training and it is thought there were a few people in Savoonga who might join them. Beulah has agreed to act as the mentor for the training,

The Training committee needs to determine what resource materials will be used, what period of time a trainee would "shadow" the mentor, what the focus of the encounter would be to meet the criteria required by the Book of Order. There is much work to be done to put this into action. We

are very behind in the proposed schedule for which Cook Native Ministries granted the funding, so it is imperative that more concrete plans and actions take place as the committee meets prior to the Presbytery meeting. The major focus at this time will be formation of a concrete plan, the actual start date of the training cannot be determined until goals are set and met.

We, the Committee on Preparation for Ministry have two persons who have completed the Commissioned Ruler Elder training to. present to the Presbytery

Eunice Ahsuak is from Barrow, and has been called by the Session to serve as a CRE. See attached for her Statement of Faith and a description of her duties.

Beulah Nowpakahok from Gambell has been called by the Session to serve as a CRE. Attached is her Statement of Faith and a description of her duties.

Submitted by:
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