

## **Transition Commission - Region 11**

**August 3, 2018**

**Regrets:** Steve Coles / David Allen was not able to join us

**Welcome**

**Devotional** Ephesians 4 (Svinda)

**Order of the Day** - David Armour

### **1:0 Questions for David Armour**

- funding for Camps - which camps do we continue to fund?
- Quin-mo-lac is in region 11, also Algonguin Ministry is part of current BQ
- Golden Lake understands that they will be supported through region 12
- there is a thought re cross-regional relationships
- what is happening around the country and what is our responsibility?
- Scugog is in region 10
- what is the GC overall arching strategy for funding current camps?
- David Allen and Bev Oak are GC contacts for information
- broad spectrum of how to facilitate budget implementation / same / similar / or new
- does Region 11 continue to fund things once funded by BQ Conference?
- what may or may not be grand parented if it is without committee support?
- questions regarding how Mission Support funds will be allocated in the new model
- region 12 will be responsible for Golden Lake and Camp Loren (in their area)
- thoughts on exploring regional co-operation on this or other ministries

### **2:0 Volunteers for Various Committees (see agenda 1-4)**

- no GC awareness of what committees will be structured and/or how they will be staffed both at GC and within Regions
- Governance models are not yet established
- documents and ideas will be available for review in the near future
- shifting into "new ways" will require education, support and clarity
- Property is now a matter for Regions to engage with
- how will policies be implemented / previous or new policies / regions will need to review current presbytery policies and determine how to be strategic with respect to determining policy development

**Question:**

**Will all of what needs to be determined be created by January or will this be an organic process where in which some things will be determined over time?**

- see Regional Leadership items 1 - 4 on Agenda
- As of Jan 1 the TC becomes the Executive and will have to determine how best to address the issues previously determined and implemented by Presbyteries
- need to identify what the property issues are within each of the Presbyteries
- a Regional Property Task Group could be established by Jan 1
- an invitation could be sent to those currently involved or interested
- is this the process that may be applied to other areas ie Pastoral Relations, Congregational Life, Vision and Education, etc.

**3.0 Moving Forward:**

**Hills and Shores Presbytery Invitation:**

- there is a need to develop communication strategy
- how do we engage with Presbyteries prior to Jan 1?
- seeking input and guidance to ensure transparency and trust
- what tasks “must” be completed by Jan 1?
- Presbyteries will need to respond to the work required of them with the understanding that they will not continue beyond Dec. 31
- requests for information have be sent to each Presbytery
- need to provide clarification / decision re Administration and Office Space
- need for TC members to inform each other of opportunities or questions asked of them from within their Presbyteries or outside.
- see BQ Conference Behavioural Covenant

**Do we have a theological base from which we are operating / is there a theological grounding or model of governance?**

- is it our task to do the work, delegate the work, function as a representative management group, or are we policy directed, functioning with commissions; or how do we enliven the work to be done?

**4.0 Motion:**

**To approve the minutes of July 6**

**Consensus**

See Action Items from previous minutes - to be followed up

- Rosemary, Elizabeth, Svinda - talking points
- Jean, Svinda - Communication

## 5.0 How do we Function as a Region (10 min discussion)

- do we empower others at this point or focus on creating policy
- are Regional policies adapted from current policies or will new policies be created, or both / and.
- do we adopt current committee structures or do we enliven others to carry out that work in networks that may be resourced by local volunteers.
- further documentation re guidance will be available from GCO in September.
- does asking Why? help us shape what is policy and what is network.

## 6.0 Shared Services

### 6.1 Finances:

- Option 1 or Option 2 (see proposal within the reference material)
- are accounting matters to be maintained with the Region or given out to GC as a centralized essential service?
- can we opt in at a later date? Or opt out?
- if centralized how would general expenses like mileage be implemented?
- would some things continue at the regional level? (Mileage)
- no decision yet whether expenses can be remunerated at the regional 11
- Rosemary will follow up to provide clarification
- information may be available from Eric Matheson
- **Action: Ted will seek clarification from Eric and other finance staff**

### 6.2 Information Technologies

- overall agreement on sharing the IT infrastructure, with a specific online identity for Regional Council 11
- sharing more may allow us to provide a greater service to the region

## 7.0 Incorporated Ministries Compliance

- options will need to be explored and discussed with the effected groups and individuals rather than deciding on their behalf
- expressed concern for ongoing monitoring of these ministries
- would this strengthen or weaken their connection to the Region.
- general consensus that we support sharing services unless there are reasons not to
- shared services will be a priority item for the next meeting.
- Eric Matheson will be invited to attend
- **Action: Ted and Rosemary with speak with Eric Matheson prior to Aug 31 and report**

## 8.0 Annual Meeting

- no significant consideration at this time.
- suggestion to use a facility that we are familiar with and was conducive to our needs
- all Communities of Faith are to send a representative

## 9.0 Naming the Region

- a strategy will need to be developed
- perhaps first defining the process would be better

## 10.0 Nominations

- develop a process to gather names of those interested in specific areas
- create an Expression of Interest form
- **Action: Jean will draft the form and circulate for discussion at the next meeting**

## 11.0 Staff

- no significant exploration at this time
- more information is required ie a decision of office space
- tabled in order to consider and schedule for decision making at the next meeting
- Action: Jean will engage conversations regarding a position description for Administrative Staff
- **Action: Ryan will contact Don Wilmer regarding the Bay of Quinte severance fund.**

## 12.0 Transformational Ministries Draft

- tabled for the next meeting

## Order of the Day

### Closing Prayer (Jean)

- “Greater God, help us to catch our breath and not be overwhelmed by the tasks ahead of us. Be with each of us as we do our work to support the work of this transition and blessing for all staff supporting the work. Amen.”

**Next Meeting: August 31<sup>st</sup> 9:00am - 2:00pm Conference Office**