

Conference Committee on Internship & Educational Supervision

The Committee on Internship and Educational Supervision met twice this past year once by conference call in January 2014 and once in person at the Maritime Conference Office in September 2013.

The September meeting was held just prior to the Orientation Event we held on September 27-28th for interns and candidates in the Summer Distance Program, their supervisors and members of their Lay Supervision Teams. Just over 30 attended this event and the evaluations indicated that it was a much appreciated support for them.

At our January meeting we welcomed Cora Krommenhoek and Michael Goodfellow and noted that David Eagles will complete his four year term on the committee at the rise of Conference. We express our appreciation to David for his years of service on the committee and the gifts he brought to us.

Presently we have 13 candidates under supervision (9 Summer Distance candidates; 3 internships; and 1 candidate under the Candidacy Pathway program through VST). Six of these individuals have been recommended for ordination this spring by their respective Conferences.

Having this number of candidates is good news for the wider church but it does put a strain on the committee in trying to find trained supervisors and in some cases we have had to appoint experienced individuals who do not have the Ministry of Supervision course to supervisory roles. A Ministry of Supervision Course is in the planning stages in cooperation with the Newfoundland and Labrador Conference and it is hoped this will help us meet the need for trained supervisors

In February we interviewed two candidates for eight month internships and one for a four month internship beginning in September. At this point we have no learning site applications for 8 month internships within the bounds of Conference and this is a real concern to us

Members of the committee carried out site visits to all our learning sites between November and January and reports from site visits and mid-term evaluations from internships were reviewed by the committee. There are many good things happening and we are pleased with the work being done by all involved.

In closing I want to express our appreciation of our Personnel Minister Kendall Harrison and our Support Staff Lorraine Horyl for their continued ministry in supporting the work of the committee. They are a tremendous resource to the committee.

Jack Spencer
CIES Chair