

Prince Edward Island Presbytery

In reviewing the life of our Presbytery over the past year there are reasons to celebrate as well as causes for concern.

There are 24 pastoral charges in the Presbytery. WE celebrate the conclusion of the Joint search Committee in Bideford with the call of Rev Tara-Ann Wilson to the Pastoral Charge.

We celebrate the ongoing ministry of Camp Abbey. Throughout the year, groups meet for various programs and enjoy worship and fellowship.

We celebrate the visit of the Moderator of the United Church, Rev. Dr. Gary Paterson. He was chosen during the 41st General Council in 2012. We enjoyed his visit with us at Central Queens United Church in October 2013.

We celebrate the dedication and loyal commitment of our Presbytery volunteers.

Our task is to have oversight of the Pastoral Charges within our jurisdiction. A major part of this responsibility is the annual triennial visit; about 1/3rd. are visited each year. Six visits were made, the majority to charges who have had a recent change in pastoral relations. These include Charlottetown Spring Park, Alberton-Elmsdale, Mt. Stewart-Morell-St.Peter's, Hillcrest in, Montague, Memorial in Murray River and St. Andrews Vernon Bridge.

In many if not all there is a sense of Joy in the ongoing ministry. But there are also causes for concern. Financial challenges are ever present: costs are going up and congregations are becoming smaller. Preaching points are often reduced and church buildings eventually sold. Presently we have 3 part-time preaching points. St. David's, Georgretown ministry with a student minister in the summer distance ministry programme. Cavendish-Breadalbane and Wellington pastoral charge. There are 2 CDM's Congregation designated ministry positions one at Spring Park and one at Park-Royal. There is a part-time position in O'Leary-West Cape that is vacant at the Charge's request. There are 2 JNAC's in process.

Our task is an important one and we rejoice in the addition of 4 persons to our Committee. We want to be a support to those whom we are called to serve. Thank you to all for your diligence and faithfulness.

Respectfully submitted,
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