

Notes of the Mission Education & Personnel Working Group
Wednesday, November 19, 2008

Present: Margaret Cornish, Bill Mous, Nigel Packwood, Susan Titterington
Staff: Jill Cruse and Clementina Thomas

Item	Discussion and Action
Convenor	Jill agreed to convene the group, and follow-up on actions to be taken with the group, and Bill Mous volunteered to be the reporter to the whole Committee, since staff is unable to do the reporting.
Distinction between the Groups: Communications and Mission Education and Personnel	Communications Working Group works at effective ways of telling the stories, and Mission Education & Personnel Group creates the stories by providing educational opportunities and experiences for Canadian Anglicans.
Terms of Reference	Working group to review the Terms of Reference and fill in the blanks under Mission Education priorities and Personnel priorities. Jill clarified that the projects suggested for completion before 2010 are not new projects, but work specific to this area that we should focus on.
Mission Education Binder	The binder is a compilation of policies for the mission education and personnel programs put together by the former Partners in Mission Committee for circulating to interested people in parishes, dioceses and those involved in Companion diocesan relationships (CDRs).
Huron College application for partnership grant: Visit to Diocese of Cape Town, South Africa	<p>Agreed to make a grant of \$3,000.00 indicating that this is a one-time grant, that the members make themselves available to diocese and outreach community, and also do some interpretation of their experience in their church communities. We need to be intentional about what we require from those persons or groups who receive these grants. There should be accountability and reportability:</p> <p>How can we make these deliberate exchanges?</p> <p>How is the experience incarnational? Leadership in the Church.</p> <p>How does this change our church and the mission of the church? How can these students inform our church about their experience re healing and reconciliation in South Africa?</p> <p>Remind groups of the programs of the Churches Forum for Global Ministries.</p> <p>Good reporting back can change synodical decisions.</p> <p>Action: Margaret and Susan to put suggestions that they are making to bring story back to the Church: Suggestions of ways to report</p> <p>Rationale of why</p> <p>Importance of reporting back</p> <p>Allowing church to benefit from the experience</p>

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VIM	<p>Jill reported that we have application a prospective VIM. Application and some references have been received. The 2009 VIM budget has been cut to the bare bones: \$5,000 for Contingencies and \$5,500 for Re-entry. Our three returning volunteers will use up the Re-entry budget in 2009.</p> <p>VIM Evaluation: There was discussion with the Forum that they hire a researcher to do broad review about mission personnel. There is now no money in the 2009 VIM budget for this task. There is an understanding that within the Partnerships budget that funds can be funds for other purposes since we don't go over the budget set for the department. It was felt by the working group that the PMEJC should have some input into discussions about allocating the budget since members have the big picture.</p>
Theological Students International Intern Program (TSIIP)	<p>Clem reported that there will be two interns placed in 2009: <i>Mr. Jeffery Hooper and his wife Michelle Taylor</i>, Diocese of Algoma, will be placed in the Diocese of West Ankole. Jeffery will be working in the Diocesan office with the Bishop, and Michelle, a vet, will be working with Carolyn Langford, VIM, at the West Ankole Institute. <i>Nicolas Alexandre</i>, Anglican Parishes of Central Interior, will be placed in Florence Ayban's Diocese, the Episcopal Diocese of Central Philippines. These are the first interns from these two dioceses. They will attend the January 2009 Orientation administered by the Churches Forum.</p>
Council of the North requests for theological students to be placed in the Canada's North	<p>Clem received a letter from Archbishop Caleb Lawrence on behalf of the Council of the North requesting theological students to be placed in the North under the TSIIP. The Anglican Communion in Mission group discussed Archbishop Lawrence's query about theological student internship placements. At the time, they decided that while the cross-cultural experience objective could be met by northern placements, there were scarce resources for international placements that meet the objective of "putting a face" on the international partnerships of ACC. They recommended that we would not use those resources to fund placements in Canada's north. However, Clem could provide information about how our program is structured to bishops who were interested in sending or receiving theological students for a three-month internship. The bishops themselves- through conversations at the house of bishops or with their Canadian - could make the arrangements for requesting or sending a postulant to serve in a council of the north dioceses. There was no response. The information about program practicalities was sent to ++Caleb as well. It seems to us that partnerships could encourage and fund, where possible, cross cultural orientation and debriefing programs for all students, national and international.</p>

Continuing Education for Clergy	<p>In October 2006 Clem make a presentation to the House of Bishops proposing to offer the program, similar to the TSIP, to clergy currently in parish ministry. The program could be financed as continuing education and/or with diocesan assistance if necessary, so as not to limit the participation of the theological students. A priest from British Columbia has expressed an interest in participating in pilot project. Clem has been in touch with the Bishop of the Diocese of Belize, who is very interested in placing this priest.</p> <p>Clem would like to get some assistance from the working group to put a system in place for moving forward with this program. Agreed to send pertinent information about the program to the group.</p>
Some Questions for the Working group	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Do we need a Mission Education Binder 2. What education events would work best in their parish 3. What are your thoughts about placements in northern Canada as opposed to international placements due to recent budget cuts.
Next Conference Call	<p>Preference for early January. Jill and Clem will suggest dates to all</p> <p>14 or 16 January at 2:00 p.m.</p>