

# Rocky Mountain Regional Council Meeting notes for 11\_01\_2018

Host HF

Attendees: Don Sutton, Michael Nicosia, Teri Harroun, Kae Madden, Jack Wolfe, Greg Yonker, Dennis Giblin, John Head, and Mike Weil (chair and notes)

Excused: Kerrie Anderson and Jim DeMuth

- 1) Opening Prayer by Father Don
- 2) Approval of Notes from October Meeting
- 3) Financial Report (Greg) See Handouts (available on request)

Unanimously voted to move to Quickbooks

Greg set up a cloud account for archiving documents for retention and retrieval.

Unanimously vote to Have Don Sutton be a Second Signer on the Bank Account and to have access to the cloud Account

Voted Unanimously to have Michael Nicosia to have access to cloud account only.

- 4) Vicar's Report (see attachment) Michael highlighted 5 things in red.
- 5) ECC Appeal update. St Paul's still needs to do the appeal, LOC and Cob have done it, HF will do it on 11/11 (done as of this meeting)
- 6) Bend the Arc Jewish Action. Agreed that we would send this information out to our communities.

Old Business:

## 7) Next steps: Local Bishop Process

### a) Frame work for process (Dennis and Greg)

Here are the highlights from the conversation.

We did not do much with document that Greg and Dennis presented. The majority of people felt it was ok to move forward with a draft of the constitution. In that draft we need to develop a job description and tenants. The High level church can become the foundation of the constitution. We need to articulate all Orders. There needs to be an episcopal voice in the process

The majority felt that it was not time to call for candidates.

There was a call for a day of prayer and/or setting up a prayer calendar. A prayer calendar elicits more personal connections.

We need to get a sense of who we are as a region. Start at the communities and bring it forward to a regional meeting. The goal for the regional meeting was in February. The meetings would provide input from the communities for next steps and ways to get involved in the process.

Finally we decided to reach out to the other dioceses or forming diocese. Dennis will talk to the North West Diocese, Jack will talk to the Mid-American Diocese and Michael will talk to the

California Diocese. We want to know what worked, pitfalls, How did they go about developing the characteristics or job description of a bishop and copies of their respective constitutions.

b) Prayer for region (Teri and Kerrie) was completed

8) Trade Name: Greg filed new registration for the Trade Name **Rocky Mountain Regional Council ECC** and requested a Secure Business Filing account for the business record. The account has been created. This provides the ability to change account information, as well as add and delete other account holders

9) ECC Pins as a fund raiser

The council chose the dye cut

Approved the seed money \$725 for 500 pins

Each community made a commitment to sell the pins.

Teri will research community addresses

Don will research cost of envelope and postage

10) Community Reports.

11) Closing Prayer by Mike Weil

**Next meeting:** Dec 6 LOC; Jan 3 MoM; Feb 7 SP; March 7 COB; Apr 4 HF

<p><b>Prayer for Region</b>      holy One, sweet Guide    reveal Your will; our new "yes"    together. Amen.</p>
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## **Appendix A—Vicar Report for RMRC 11 01 2018**

### **FORMATION/RECEPTION**

Need to follow up with would-be Ordination Candidate from COB.

10/31 forwarded email re **new ReSource at Iliff initiative**, a lifelong learning program which provides professional training opportunities for clergy and laity, as well as for those serving as leaders in non-church settings.

### **REGIONAL COLLABORATIONS**

**You Are Welcome Here (YAWH) Conference** 10/4-5 4 went well. Organizers seek to repeat next year.

While in Portland OR, I attended **Journey Kononia Catholic Community**, a lay-led independent Catholic community, together for 30 yrs from the heyday of Vatican II. They've really embraced the priesthood of the baptized to the point of being non-Catholic in their ecclesiology. They do maintain connections with the larger church through Intentional Eucharistic Communities (IEC) and loose ties with Call to Action, but they are open to building relationship with other progressives. Gave them now-Bishop Kedda's contact info and extended her invitation to her consecration.

Celebrated Mass at MoM 10/21 and Dignity-Denver 10/28. Was available for presiding or pastoral needs at COB during Mthr. Kae's leave.

Coming up: 11/2 Progressive Congregations Network—invitation from Rabbi Evette Lutman to B'nai Havurah, 6445 E Ohio Ave #600, Denver CO for "**Rising from Shiva**," part of the local mourning rituals for the Tree of Life victims.

- 6:00pm Meal of Consolation
- 6:45pm Sung Grace after Meals (Oh Lord Prepare Me to Be a Sanctuary) led by Hal Aqua
- 6:50pm Candle lighting 11 candles by different faith leaders. "What healing do we bring with each light?"
- Expression of Grief from Temple Micah, who will be joining us that evening.
- Condolences from Pastor Del Phillips of The House Worship Center
- A unique perspective from the Muslim community
- Words of encouragement and blessings from interfaith leaders (including Fr. Michael's flute)
- "Let Us Now Rise from Mourning" message by Jorge Montiel of Colorado IAF (Industrial Areas Found).
- Rising from Shiva

#### **COLORADO COUNCIL OF CHURCHES—10-31-18 CCC Board meeting**

Remembering **Rev. Tina Yankee**, CCC's late Director of Programs and Development –

Tina chaired our Criminal Justice Reform Task Force, championed Income Equality, and worked on issues related to affordable housing/homelessness, the environment and ecumenical relations. She was also a coordinator of our Voices For Justice Task Force.

**Board Members are asked to step up** to fulfill some of the holes Tina's death has left, especially during the legislative session.

Public **Policy Statement on Ethical Eating** being wordsmithed; Board impressed with points raised by Mthr. Kae's agriculture connection, but is at a quandary about whose voices to include. Michael was asked to suggest possible contributors.

**Finances reviewed.** RMRC dues up to date.

All Board members asked to identify possible donors to receive end-of-year appeal letter and/or make a personal contribution. **Please let me know if any members of our ECC communities might be receptive to this appeal.**

Bill Pounds, Regional VP of Five Rings Financial, gave presentation on Indexed Annuities as a possible way to build an endowment for funding the Annual East Sunrise Service.

Approved Shine the Light Task Force's recommendation to collaborate with the community dialogue initiative **At the Table Colorado**, particularly to increase awareness of homelessness among the population that polls say are least interested: middle-aged white males.

## **BISHOPS/VICARS CALL 10-17-18**

### **Synod followup**

**2019/2020 Budget**—final circulated to the HOL

**2018 General Appeal**—Vicars to remind their regions of commitments made at Synod; pick any weekend; **due before Thanksgiving**, consolidated into one check to the OPB.

**Constitution**—6 month extension; Tom Wilding assumptions: amendments (if any) should be made to the version already passed by HOP. I voiced concern about the HOP process of honoring the work of the Commission and George, and passing the majority of the document without review, assuming that we can change things next Synod. George invited to next Bishops/Vicars Call 11/14 to address concerns.

**Open Vicar positions** for EC and SW Regions; names of possible suggestions forwarded to +Francis.

**Independent Catholic Forum**—+Francis hopes to coordinate a gathering of independent Catholic communities/churches in the Fall of 2019. ECUSA thrilled with the prospect.

### **Check-ins**

**PNW**—Kedda's consecration

**RMR**—shared about Dcn. Cynthia's installation/1<sup>st</sup> Mass as deacon, and our process moving toward calling a local bishop

**SW**—Synod evaluations sent out; Sept 30 Sue's last Mass at Guardian Angels, continuing as ECC Report CO-editor

**EC**—monthly calls are binding the region together, but really valued Synod meal opportunity for reps of all 15 communities to gather in person; Rosa transitioning from Vicar to HOP VP.

## **ADVOCACY**

Regularly posted on **Instagram**, **Twitter** and **regional Facebook page** at <https://www.facebook.com/Coloradoecc/>

### **OTHER** Coming up:

11/2 9am FBI movie "Redemption" plus a workshop about recognizing pathways to violent extremism

11/13 Soul Shop Workshop on suicidal desperation awareness