

**Rocky Mountain Regional Council Meeting
February 6, 2020**

Please note: many of the events listed in these notes have been postponed or cancelled in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Host: Holy Family Facilitator: Kae Scribe: Mike Weil

Jack Wolfe, Teri Harroun, Michael Nicosia, Jim Demuth, Greg Yonker, Don Sutton, Rosean Amaral, Jane Reina, Dennis Giblin, Chuck Howard, Kae Madden, Mike Weil

Opening prayer/Regional Prayer

Holy One, sweet Guide
Reveal Your will; our new "yes"
together.
Amen

Regular Business:

1. January meeting minutes approved with correction. The correction is to change amount sent to CCC to \$300
2. Financial Report. Greg gave an update. Copy available on request.
3. Vicar's Report High Lights
Red Rocks is raising rate for use on Easter Sunday
ACTION ITEM: CCC convening 04/02 Faithful Thursday on environment issues re moral economy, inequity and eradication of racism
ACTION ITEM: Are we willing to honor national request of monthly tithing?

Action item anticipated income.

New Business:

1. RMRC Budget fiscal year is April 1st
Jack suggested that since we would have a Bishop for no more than 1/2 of the upcoming budget year, all other things being equal, we could pay the Bishop 20% more than Michael is now receiving without the need to seek more funding from the communities.
Do we want to have a standard tithing amount?
St Paul's, take tithe off donations. 80 -20 split ELCA, ECC. Then St Paul's ECC splits their 20% 50% to the national level and 50% to regional.
COB is currently donating a flat \$125, Cob is willing to go to percentage.
HF does 3% to here and 7% and national.
2. Status of the Documents
We complete bishop ministry, call letter, nomination form, affirmation form, initial design of ballot. It is secret ballot.

Election is in constitution. Election should come out after affirmation of documents and moving forward. Documents near consensus. Invite people to review. Documents can be amended. Chuck offered a present document for education. It is all of details in high level. There is power point that take you through the constitution and procedural document. It defines a member in good standing as a registered member of community age 10 and above. Chuck stated this has been a great experience.

Before next RMRC meeting we need to educate and ask for affirmation of documents and affirmation to move forward in the process. Affirmation at each church is 2/3 of the votes cast are for affirmation. To continue forward we need 4 out of the 5 churches to affirm the documents and moving forward.

We may need resources to support communities of HF and MOM. Please ask for help if needed.

We may need an election team. Up to 2 from each community.
Start election team from part of call team. Do not need to start election team on March 5th?
No

In last month have added significant procedural stuff for election. We need to fix tenses, The tentative plan is Nominations from March 9 to April 2nd. Vetting from April 2nd to May 7th. Candidates visit communities and discern form May to Sept 1st. This gives us the opportunity for 3 votes before synod. Threshold to elect is 67 %. 2/3 of total votes cast in the Region. We are not voting by community.
Are we able to celebrate all of the people who worked on it?

3 questions to think about
Should council be paid? (we are volunteers)
Does election need to be confidential?
How do we know people do not vote twice?

3. Newsletter deadline 15th of February. Please include Lent and Easter schedules.
4. Regional logo. Can we do a new logo? Not now.
5. Vicar stipend can we increase it? To be address when address budget.

Action Item bring budget numbers to next meeting.

Old Business:

1. Follow up: Regional contribution to the Bishop's visit. HF owes MOM 60 for clergy visit with Bishop
2. Community Updates

MoM is having a Baptism April 19th. March 22nd will be Jane Reina's ordination to the Presbytery, Our Visioning team has hire an interfaith presenter to get voice of all communities. How do we see 3 different communities coming together and maintain each identity. A local Buddhist community has asked for place of worship. We will explore

SP We are doing Shrove Tuesday storytelling and silent auction. We are doing ashes in Market place.

Community Reports:

Closing Prayer-- Mike

Mar, 5, LOC; Apr. 2, SP; May 7, MOM; June 4, COB; July 2, HF

Remember, when you host to send out the agenda, have a facilitator and scribe, bring opening and closing prayer, and bring some snack to share. Send notes in a timely fashion.

from notes of Dec. 5th RMRC meeting

Next Process Steps:

1. The RMRC addressed additional items in the draft constitution as presented by the Polity Team at the meeting on Dec. 5th. Polity team will revise according to input received.
2. The Polity Team and the Bishop Call Team will meet together to compare the respective documents and make sure they are congruent and comprehensive. Any discrepancies will be resolved. The teams will meet on a schedule to allow for reporting at the RMRC meeting on Feb. 6th.
3. The Bishop Call Team will submit the call letter, nomination form and draft calendar for the process (by Feb. 6th?)
4. The Polity Team will submit the "Final draft" of the Constitution to the Council for review, **and to each community for their edits and comments** . Following the review, the Polity Team will incorporate any changes.
5. Both documents (ministry description and constitution) will be submitted as a packet to the council and communities for affirmation to proceed with the call process. The affirmation "process" is left to each community. A mutually acceptable date will be set to receive results.
6. As part of the affirmation process, as in previous deliberations, each community needs to discuss the firmly held value and spirit of regional consensus – that our community would be willing to "live with" the decision of four communities collectively. If four of five of our communities affirm, we would move forward.
7. If affirmation is received, the call process commences (with both documents available to candidates).

Appendix A—Vicar Report for RMRC 03 05 2020

FORMATION/RECEPTION

Referred ordination candidate to Psych Evaluator Rev. Dr. David DeBord.

Followed up with Candidate Evaluation Team findings.

Participated in Old Catholic Zoom Seminar.

Coordinating liturgical details and Presiding Bishop visit for Dcn. Jane's Presbyteral ordination 03/22 and Chrism Mass at COB 03/23.

Received an inquiry from a young man interested in ordination and starting up a new ECC specialized ministry. Explained call comes from the community and suggested he check out our area churches. He made initial contact with COB.

REGIONAL COLLABORATIONS

Published and circulated regional newsletter and Bishop Call documents and process appendices. Also forwarded them and community info changes to webmaster.

Attended CHF's Ash Wednesday Service.

Presided at MoM 02/16 and joint liturgy 02/23; Dignity/Denver 02/09 and 03/01; CHF 03/01.

Attended CHF's education meeting re Bishop Call documents and process as a resource with Chuck Howard. Will be doing the same for StP.

Referred a local independent bishop's interest in the ECC (expressed in a Facebook comment about our newsletter) to Bishop Francis.

Populated regional **Facebook** page @coloradoecc and augmented **Instagram** and **Twitter** presence.

COLORADO COUNCIL OF CHURCHES (CCC) Board meeting 02/19

Easter Sunrise Service

- Appeal to be made to Judicators seeking co-sponsorship to establish a \$500K endowment. Presbyterian national foundation is willing to help with fundraising, grants and management of endowment.
- Philip Yancey, author with broad following (incl. Evangelicals), will be preaching. I've been asked to center assembly with flute mediation again this year.

Census 2020 in collaboration with Together Colorado

- **Faith Count Colorado**
Attended Faithful Census kickoff 03/03 and disseminated literature to RMRC at March mtg. Visit www.faithcountco.org for information and resources for becoming a Faith Hub for CENSUS2020 and educate your members and the wider community during **Faithful Census Weekend March 27-29**.
- CCC Judicators asked to film **Public Service Announcements**; the text of my segment, filmed at St. Paul, follows:
Moses instructed the people, "One law shall be for the native-born and for the stranger who dwells among you." And again, "the seventh day is the Sabbath of the LORD your God. In

it you shall do no work: you, nor your son, nor your daughter, nor your servant, nor any of your livestock, nor the alien who is within your gates.” (Exodus 12:49; 20:10)

As people of faith, we recognize that the blessings of the land and the responsibilities for its welfare are shared by all who dwell therein.

Our Nation’s Census counts every person, so that every person can share in its rights and contribute to the common good. It enables fair representation in Congress and helps it allocate funding for the services that benefit us all. Maybe most importantly for me, an accurate census ensures that we have the federal resources our State needs to adequately serve the least of those in our midst.

It only takes 10 minutes to fill out 10 questions, online, by phone or by mail so no stranger need knock on your door. And by law, your information can’t be shared with other government agencies, so it’s safe, simple and secure.

To God everyone counts. Fill out the Census, so that everyone counts in Colorado, too!

Advocacy

- No traction as yet for hosting Documentary film, **FREE MEN**.
- Death Penalty Repeal won!
- Attended **One Colorado LGBTQ Lobby Day** 02/24, supporting HB20-1061 allowing pharmacies to dispense HIV infection prevention meds without prescriptions (critically reduces sensitive time restraints and increases access especially for rural communities); and HB20-1307 banning gay and trans panic defense.
- Regularly attended **Faithful Thursdays** at State Capitol. **CCC convening 04/02** on environment issues re moral economy, inequity and eradication of racism.
- **The Climate Ribbon** – picked up info at a Faithful Thursday; suggesting it as a prophetic visual at the CCC’s 04/02 FThurs event; may involve regional ECC commitment to submit ribbons. They have a great website! **Please share with your communities.**

The Climate Ribbon is a global storytelling project that uses art and public ritual to move us from climate grief to climate action. The power of the project is rooted in a very simple yet profound question:

What do you love and hope to never lose to Climate Chaos?

1. Write your response on a ribbon. Add your name, age and hometown.
2. Tie it to the Tree (or other structure).
3. Choose a ribbon that moves you deeply. Tie it to your wrist. Become the guardian of this person's story.

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THE CLIMATE RIBBON

BISHOPS/VICARS CALL No notes were taking for January’s meeting. February’s call cancelled due to bishop travelling.