

Rocky Mountain Regional Council Meeting July 2, 2020

Host: Holy Family

Facilitator: Kae

Notes: Mike

Opening Prayer/Regional Prayer

Holy One,
Enlivening Spirit,
In the wilderness of new,
root the Body of Christ
fully into our "Yes,"
blooming in Your Holy Season.
Together.
Amen.

Attendees: Jane, Michael, Greg, Don, Teri, Jack, Mike, Kae, Dennis, Rosean. Guest: Jim

REGULAR BUSINESS:

1. Update on Fr. Don and Fr. Michael's mother, Rosean and any general health concerns check-in
 - a. Don has new view of life after facing death. Rosean is doing better. Michael's mom is doing well. Kae's mom is slowing down some.
2. Financial Report:
 - a. Greg gave oral report.
 - i. Dues paid to CCC.
 - ii. We have SBA Loan and Grant. Dennis mentioned using SBA loan for Bishop costs. Teri inclination to release SBA Loan back to help other people who were in more need. Greg not sure if that would happen. Don asked if we could funnel to someone else and let them pay the loan back.
 - iii. We should make financial decisions as a council
3. Vicar Report
 - a. See Appendix A
 - b. Thank you to communities that filled out surveys.
 - c. It is important for us to stress the importance of participating in the Census to our communities.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Community updates (round robin): short term plans regarding liturgies.
 - a. COB meeting in Zoom for August and Beyond.
 - b. Michael presided in Dignity Denver. Just starting meeting in person socially distanced; 10 people and zoom; all sort of precautions. Hand sanitizer used during liturgy. No sharing from cup. People received and then socially distanced to take off mask to take bread. Only drawback: you cannot see all the people.
 - c. St Paul will meet through August using zoom. Every week every one (of both traditions) worshipping together; daily prayer group. It has been great.
 - d. Mary of Magdala using zoom. Getting to know people this way. The three communities have had discussion about meeting outdoors. St Paul's and Trinity have done it. Last Sunday of July will be MOM attempt at outside. Jane's first Mass 7/26 at 11am with Communion pickup available afterwards.
 - e. LOC will continue Facebook live. Zoom Mass on Wednesday. On 18th of July try an outdoor meeting with Lutheran requirements.
 - f. Holy Family meeting by Zoom through August. Are having discussions about meeting outside. No formal plans yet.

2. Calling a Bishop:
 - a) Did the teams reconvene? Greg report.
 - Did not convene the teams. It was more important to focus on the national constitution feedback.
 - b) Polity does not see any conflicts between national and regional constitutions.
 - c) Timeline for what's next?
 - When we reconvene need to start with nominations. We need to reenergize the community around the issue. Come up with time line.
 - Bishop Call Committee does not have people from HF and MOM. Can we get members?
 - Consensus on moving forward conservatively. We have a nomination form and need to re-date the letter. Start with calendar and see how it goes.

3. Ordinations update?
 - a. Congratulations Jane on Ordination.
 - b. Alice is very close we will know in a few weeks hopefully.
 - c. Roseann has been delayed. She is scheduling her next class.

4. New National ECC Constitution and Statutes sent to Synod delegates. Have we talked to churches about choosing delegates and reading the constitution?

NEW BUSINESS:

On line meeting with bishop. What was impression of meetings?

Bishop Francis vision and honesty is refreshing and compelling. But do not feel that light in the proposed Constitution.

It was good, but it was a little late.

The letter of invitation highlighted fund raising.

Having to do the survey monkey to attend was off putting.

I think the region could have done a better job promoting these meetings.

The fact that only one session was recorded was bothersome. Wish they had recorded all of them.

There was a feeling of not getting enough answers or getting a vague answer. One last time on July 7th if you want to be on

1. Update on CHF and MoM identifying lay regional council members?
 - a. Both Churches are working on it.
 2. Any feedback on the Old Catholic History and Theology seminars?
 - a. Last time was my favorite.
 - b. Still waiting to hear about sacrament and liturgy and ancient canons of the church
 - c. How we live this still needs to be answered?
3. Are folks willing to gather virtually? Should we take advantage of this and create an ECC Regional Prayer Service/Dance Party/Movie Night/ Education Event or something? Are we missing an opportunity to connect ourselves regionally? - Fr. Teri
 - a. It might be educational to do something related to racial inequality.
 - b. Are we getting zoomed out?
 - c. Could we start in Fort Collins? Car pool to Longmont. And go to next site. A sequential march down the region. I would like to world wisdom project. Janine Hill Fletcher. Talk about white privilege and white supremacy.
 - d. Teri suggested we could set up a zoom and record.
 - e. WHITE FRAGILITY is a book we could share. It is targeted at white people. It will help you dig deep. We could have discussion group about the book.

Closing prayer

Host communities: Aug 6 LOC; Sept 3 (Thursday before Monday, Labor Day) SP; Oct 1 MoM; Nov 5 COB; Dec 3 HF; Jan 7 LOC

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

Appendix A—Vicar Report for RMRC 07 02 2020

FORMATION/RECEPTION

Working with OPB and COB on affirmation of ordination candidate.

Helped plan liturgy for Rev. Jane Reina's ordination in consultation with her, Bp. Francis and Bp. Rafe, and participated via Zoom in vicar role.

Participated in Bishop Francis's monthly Old Catholic History and Theology Seminar.

REGIONAL & NATIONAL COLLABORATIONS

Preached at Joint Service of MoM/St. Paul Episcopal and Trinity Lutheran in Ft. Collins on 6/21.

Presided at Dignity/Denver on 6/28—in-person/Zoom hybrid Mass.

Participants in Denver PrideFest's Virtual Pride Marketplace were directed to our Regional website home page. As there were no specific outreach activities in the region for Pride Month to advertise,

I reworked our past Pride Handout for a post on our Regional website and Facebook page.

While Interfaith Alliance of CO asked for submissions for their Moral Minute Montage video, my video didn't make the cut due to large number of submissions (<30), so I posted it on our RMR Facebook page.

Participated in Capitol Hill United Ministries (CHUM) and Women's Homelessness Initiative (WHI) monthly Zoom meeting with participating congregations.

Participated in 6/5 ECUSA/ELCA/UMC action at Episcopal Cathedral, Capitol steps and local DPD precinct in solidarity with Black Lives Matter.

Promoted Old/Independent Catholic Virtual Summer School in Region (and will be participating).

Participated in weekly regional pastoral ministers Zoom gatherings and extended invitation to others.

Populated Regional Facebook page with member churches' posts.

Inquired of ECC Europe re synod delegates' review of proposed ECC Constitution and Statutes and forwarded Fr Tomasz's response to RMRC 6/29.

OPB BISHOP/VICARS MEETING 6/17

Vicars asked to contact regional communities yet to fill out ECC Community Survey and promote Presiding Bishop's Zoom Education Calls.

COLORADO COUNCIL OF CHURCHES Board Meeting June 24, 2020

CCC received RMRC 2020 dues

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ACTIVITIES

Mosaic/Food&Faith/DenvPresb/MultiFaithLeaderForum/HufPost/BBCWorldNews

VIRTUAL SUNDAY SCHOOL ON RACE ---initiative of CO Board on Humanities

Adult and Youth (interactive) versions; suggesting Judicators develop it.

ADVOCACY

- Census Faith Hub update—faith leader pledge coming.
- Faithful Thursdays 6/11 closing ceremony, I opened prerecorded action with an original song, but the published video starts after it. Words are posted in comments of event page on @ColoradoECC, Faithful Thursdays Event page and Episcopal Diocesan Office of Advocacy and Social Justice Facebook pages.
- CCC joining Sisters of Charity in lobbying Sen. Gardner to support Heroes Act.

2020 STATEWIDE BALLOT MEASURES

- Fair Tax —allows graduated income tax, under \$250K lower tax; CCC endorsing this ballot initiative to encourage petition signatures.
- CCC also supports Family Leave.

UPCOMING July summer break / Aug 26 extended meeting incl. review of Virtual Sunday School on Race