

ECIM Meeting, October 27-28, 2005 held at Mystic Lake Hotel, Minn

Attendance: The Rt. Rev. Carol Gallagher, The Rt. Rev. Mike Smith, The Rt. Rev. Mark Macdonald, Mrs. Linda Sproat, The Rev. Robert Two Bulls, Mr. Frank Oberly, The Rev. Debbie Royals, Mrs. Cornelia Eaton, Mrs. Coke Smith, Mr. Robert McGhee, Mr. Malcolm Chun.
Staff: Janine Tinsely-Roe, The Rev. Ann Karoly

The meeting began with morning worship.

Announcements and agenda changes, and acceptance of minutes

ECIM to attend Minn. diocesan convention dinner on Friday night

Changes to the minutes to reflect that The Rt Rev. Mike Smith, The Rt. Rev. Carol Gallagher, The Rt. Rev. Mark Macdonald and the Rev. Robert Two Bulls were in attendance at the February 2005 retreat in New York City.

Acceptance of minutes was moved by Mrs. Linda Sproat and seconded by Mr. Robert McGhee. The minutes were unanimously accepted.

Missioner's report was presented by Mrs. Janine Tinsely-Roe.

She first announced that funds for the 3R grants have been secured and will not lapse, and she would like progress reports from 3R committees. She reported that the Clergy gathering from Oct 10-11 in Washington DC was successful with 22 participants. There was discussion about participation from the dioceses of South Dakota, North Dakota and Alaska which led to concerns about communication and also that the aided diocese do not have additional travel beyond the designated grant funds, even with a \$300 allotted travel grant. Besides more open communication there is a need for more advance notice, and for an agenda/program. An improved data base and survey will need volunteers from the various provinces to be conducted.

She reported on the progress of the Youth gathering since the June meeting of their design team. Details pertaining to this gathering should be posted on the Church website. Discussion focused on participation and members were reminded that the age range is 15 to 31 years old and that local chaperones would be used for underage young people. It was determined that some members from ECIM should attend this gathering and Bishop Gallagher, as chair and Mr. Robert McGhee as the coordinator for the youth portion of the 3Rs should be invited to attend. There are 57 participants who need to pay a \$50 registration fee. It was noted that design team members serve for two consecutive years and the gathering would provide an opportunity to introduce internships and scholarships at the gathering. As with the Clergy gathering it was strongly noted that direct communication was needed to Bishops and commissions/committees doing native ministry to from the design team to help coordinate efforts and participation.

It was suggested that conference calls for all committees be made to keep in continual communication, especially between ECIM members and the missioner that leads to direct communication and gives reasonable lead time. It was also suggested that more specifics are needed for all the listed categories. It was also suggested that there be the coordination and sharing of budgets in native ministry at all levels.

Mrs. Coke Smith gave some information about the ordinations and commissioning of native peoples to be held at the Minn Diocese convention in St. Paul's. The Friday dinner is to be held at 6-8pm. The ordination and commissioning would be on Saturday starting with a processional line up at 3:30pm at the Riverside Center. There would be cost of \$10 for parking. Clergy procession may vest, The Rt. Rev. Mike Smith is preaching. ECIM members are to be part of the procession.

The Rev. Robert Two Bulls reported on the urban ministry work he is doing in LA Diocese.

Winter Talk

An ad hoc team consisting of The Rt. Rev. Mark MacDonald, The Rev. Canon Dr. Martin Brokenleg, Mr. Malcolm Chun and Mrs. Becky Clark developed a draft theme and program for Winter Talk 2006 to be held at the Vancouver School of Theology, B.C. The theme suggested would be: First Peoples' Anglican Church and the program would center on three tracks or journeys for participants: This North American church-without-borders sees its foundation as the Gospel of Jesus Christ and Native identity. Winter Talk 2005 will study three tracks that lead to the church without borders. (1.) Native youth are the largest segment of Native communities today. The Gospel and Native identity must speak to Native youth in contemporary and realistic ways. _____ will lead First Nations youth in seeing the gospel as the core of Native life and identity. (2.) Elders carry the intellectual tradition of Native North America. An "elder talk" during this Winter Talk will discuss First Nations teachings that empower and ground Native life today. (3.) Theological education enhances Native peoples' ability to grow in Christian wisdom. A theological education course will teach Native people how to understand Native Anglican thought as the First Peoples' Anglican Church.

Discussion focused on having small groups facilitated by ECIM members. It was suggested that ECIM hold its first meeting of the year before Winter Talk in Seattle or Vancouver [that may not be possible if Mrs. Becky Clark is to coordinate arrival of participants in Seattle]. A deadline was set for invitations to be sent before December 1, 2005. It was asked if 3R funds could be used to facilitate some of the cost for the programs at Winter Talk as they pertain to the goals of the 3R areas. This was deferred until Mrs. Janine Tinsely-Roe returned to the meeting. It was recommended that Mrs. Becky Clark be officially asked to be the local coordinator as a member of ECIM. The Rt. Rev. Mark MacDonald would call/e mail her on this regard. She would be asked to coordinate and arrange the local logistics, i.e., bus arrangements, pre - post Winter Talk events. The chair and vice chair were given the responsibility to talk to Mrs. Tinsley-Roe about the funding for Winter Talk in light of the increase of possible participants. The ad hoc team was given the authority to design Winter Talk 2006.

Discussion was moved to the 2006 nomination of new members to ECIM with the end of terms for The Rt. Rev. Carol Gallagher, Mr. Robert McGhee, The Rev. Debbie Royals, and Mr. Frank Oberly. It was determined that they would continue their tenure until Appoint in fall – jan of 2007 end of term. Discussion then focused upon historical development of native ministry with the Rt. Rev. Mark MacDonald leading the discussion of the work in the four aided dioceses and the opening of mission work in western provinces. The completion of a Native American Episcopalian census was discussed with a need to have the census completed. Further discussion concerning ECIM membership focused upon concern for representation from the following areas: win, ohio, maine, ny central/upstate, mass, south east. It was also emphasized that the mandated makeup of ECIM is to include membership of Alaskan and Native Hawaiian participation which are located in province viii.

New ministry Grant committee for 2006

A letter should go out by end of January announcing the new grant period so a decision could be made by spring of 2006. The letter is to go out under the ECIM letterhead. The Rt. Rev. Mike Smith (convener), The Rev. Debbie Royals, The Rev. Robert Two Bulls will serve as committee members. They will review proposals sent to Mrs. Janine Tinsely-Roe and they will forward their recommendations to the executive committee of ECIM for final recommendations.

Discussion then centered upon the 3R grants formation. It was noted that not all the committees were convened and that the wording for some of the areas might have changed, and that there was no listing for youth. The matter was tabled until Mrs. Janine Tinsely-Roe would return to the meeting.

The subject of holding a national service at Washington Cathedral was brought up for 2006 and 2007. The Rt. Rev. Carol Gallagher would check on availability and confirmation with Cathedral staff for October, 2006 for the Sunday closest to the Columbus holiday. It was noted that the sum of \$20,000 has been allocated for these services. Oct 8, Sunday. In light of this topic the discussion proceeded to consider the ECIM meeting schedule for 2006. The Rev. Ann Karoly noted that ECIM might be involved in a larger group meeting of committees and commissions during the month.

This brought up the subject of the upcoming General Convention. It was noted that several Native Americans are running for offices and that an information and assistance in getting word about their candidacy needs to be coordinated. It was noted that ITTI would have a booth/stall at general convention. It was also noted that ITTI's board would be meetign during general convention and their members would be present with some cross over to ECIM.

The meeting was adjourned until Saturday morning so members could prepare for the Minn. Diocesan convention dinner.

Saturday 9 -12pm

Attendance: The Rt. Rev. Carol Gallagher, The Rt. Rev. Mark MacDoanld, the Rt. Rev. Mike Smith, The Rev. Debbie Royals, Mrs. Linda Sproat, Mr. Malcolm Chun, Mrs. Cornelia Eaton

Staff: The Rev. Ann Karoly and Mrs. Janine Tinsely-Roe

9:15 am – The meeting began with morning prayer led by Mrs. Cornelia Eaton and The Rev. Debbie Royals.

The discussion returned to several topics that had been tabled until the return of the missioner, Mrs. Janine Tinsely-Roe. It was confirmed that 3R funds could be used to cover some of the Witner Talk programs. There would be a \$100 registration fee for Winter Talk. The missioner will review available funds and then contact the executive committee of ECIM through a conference call to determine the possible number of participants for Winter Talk. Mr. Malcolm Chun will prepare a flyer about Winter Talk for Nov 14 distribution.

The Rev. Ann Karoly will be sending a data base to ECIM members to check and review with any corrections to be returned.

Mrs. Janine Tinsely-Roe will send the mailing list of new opportunity grants to Mr. Robert McGhee and to the Rt. Rev. Mike Smith, convener of the grants committee.

An announcement will be sent by December 1, 2005 with a three month wait period for proposals. March 31 2006 is the submittal deadline and by April 11 the proposal will have been collaction and send to ECIM grant review committee. They will meet after the Easter week to make recommendations to ECIM executive committee. The notification of grants will be made on May 1, 2006. It was moved by the Rt. Rev. Mike Smith to authorize ECIM's executive committee to make the final recommednations and this motion was seconded by the Rev. Debbie Royals. There was no further discussion and the vote was unamious in favor

The Rt. Rev. Carol Gallagher will put in writing data on nominations and positions.

It was discussed as to ECIM participation in the installation service of the new Presiding Bishop to be held at National Cathedral and also of the possibilty of sending native preachers to England as part of the 3Rs program in the spring and summer of 2007, as well as participation at the Jamestown celebration in 2007 with a service at National Cathedral on the following Sunday.

It was decided that ECIM would participate in the installation service on November 4, by holding its meeting after the service. The meetign would be held on Sunday, November 5 and Monday, November 6 with travel departure on Tuesday, November 7, 2006.

It was decided that the ECIM meeting will be held on Thursday, January 12, 2006 before Winter Talk. ECIM members will travel to the meeting on Wednesday Janaury 11, 2006.

Any business and follow up on general convention 2006 is to be referred to the executive committee of ECIM

Concluding discussion concerning the 3Rs lead to the decision that all committees communicating through email must cc to Mrs. Tinsely-Roe and to the Rt. Rev. Carol Gallagher. There must be an end of the year progress report submitted by each convener.

IT was determined that The Rt. Rev. Mike Smith, Mr. Robert McGhee, Mrs. Cornelia Eaton should attend the up coming youth gathering in New York.

The concluding discussion dealt with native ministry work in province viii and the need for more funding for positions and programs. A historical perspective was given as to the develop of native ministry in the western areas and their funding sources. It was suggested an open, large group discussion be convened at Winter Talk to talk about the future of native ministry and perhaps the development of strategic plan.

The meeting was concluded at 12:13 pm on Saturday, October 29, 2005

Respectfully submitted by Malcolm Chun, Secretary to ECIM