

OUTSTANDING LEADERSHIP FOR MINISTRY

The leadership petal has met eight times since last Synod. We spent a significant period of time talking about the different dimensions of leadership in the church. A lot of our work focused on what made church leadership different from other forms of leadership. We shared those reflections with those gathered on October 1st for the Diocesan Vision day.

The strongest piece that has emerged for us is the fundamental need to be forming and creating disciples in the name of Jesus Christ. All of our work from here must be focused on following Jesus so that our leadership is Christ-centered.

One of the other things that has emerged is the renewed need to focus on the development of lay leadership as a key priority for the vision. We also heard the need to discuss ways to help clergy and laity dwell in “safe spaces” in ministry together.

We have spent some time revising the goal for the leadership petal and have worked on new indicators for the vision to be presented to Synod council.

We have been discussing ways in which the best practices of Christ-centered leadership can be shared throughout the Diocese and more information is coming as these conversations are ongoing. Essentially it involves creating a network of clergy and laity in a region to meet together to celebrate successes and support difficult initiatives. This will create an environment of risk-taking and innovation in safe communities of leaders.

We discovered the limited nature of our work due to resources and are delighted with the hiring of Terry and Bill and note that there are staff people for three areas of the petals. We anticipate the difference that having Bill and Terry as staff persons will make on the vision. We are excited to move forward with greater resources.

Current team members

The Reverend Tom Vaughan (Team Leader)

The Reverend Kevin Bothwell

The Reverend Dr. Nigel Bunce

Mr. Bill Connor

The Reverend Renée Desjardins

The Venerable Dr. Steve Hopkins

Mr. Andy Kalbfleisch

The Reverend Canon Terry DeForest (Vision Advocate)