

Convocation Minutes

Meeting: Tuesday June 7, 2011
St. Andrew's in the Valley, Tamworth
MINUTES

The meeting opened with prayer said by Rev. Heidi Franz-Dale

Attendance: Ashland, 4; Laconia, 5; Meredith, 8; North Conway, 4; Plymouth, 3;
Sanbornville, 7; Tamworth, 4; Tilton, 3; Wolfeboro, 3;

The minutes for the Apr. meeting in Ashland were approved.

Diocesan Council: We approved the grants at their April meeting.

Program: Focus Group for the Bishop Search presented by Rev. Sue Poulin and Andre Garcia. A two page packet was passed out. There were two set of questions for discussion one on a Diocese level and the other about the Bishop. Some of the answers are under each question.

Diocese

(1) What message or example does the Diocese of NH offer the world?

Inclusive, hospitality, community

(2) In what ways has our diocesan culture and character changed over the past decade?

Open minded, folks of color, drop in the 20, 30 age group, functional family.

(3) What is our greatest opportunity as a diocese? What is God calling us to become?

(A) What is church? Joy, Non-tradition.

(B) Think out of the box, increase outreach, living out the gospel.

Bishop

(1) What sort of individual (personality, skills, and experience) is best suited to help us carry through with #3 as identified above (greatest opportunity, where is God leading us?)
Risk taker, good sense of humor, flexibility, wisdom & communication, leader & team player, small church experience, person of prayer, inspire/challenge us, wants to be here.

(2) What should be the primary focus of our next bishop?

Children, increase our membership, pastoral leader (clergy) congregational support, ecumenical work.

(3) What should our next bishop NOT be expected to do?

Rigid, not expected to fix everything, rubber stamp, strict traditionalist.

Compline: by Rev. Heidi Franz-Dale

Next Meeting: Tuesday Sept. 6 = Laconia, Meeting at 7 p.m. with refreshments at 6:30 p.m.

Meeting Schedule: Oct. 4 = Tilton

Respectfully Submitted,
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Secretary