

Bay of Plenty Regional Committee

Report to Synod 2013

Meeting by teleconference

The committee decided early in 2012 to meet face-to-face at least once a year in Rotorua and subsequently by teleconference to save time and money. This has proved a successful way of meeting.

Revision of Canon

We discovered that the Canon on Regions is unclear on the question of election of parish representatives to Regional Conference and have requested that the Registrar bring to the next Synod a clarifying amendment to the Canon.

Supporting Youth

The committee spent a good bit of time supporting youth ministry in the Bay of Plenty and Diocese:

- we agreed to subsidise young people to Youth Synod by \$50 each and up to 2 parish representative at \$30 each
- we purchased a Regional first aid kit for the Regional Youth Facilitator
- we granted \$2,000 to subsidise the Top Parish Bus
- We purchased good quality new equipment for the games at Top Parish

Support of Missional activities

We granted \$600 to the West Rotorua parish to subsidise their 5 End-of-Life Seminars, an activity which was highly successful and attracted exceptional numbers of participants.

Grant-in-Aid

We gave a grant of \$600 to Gate Pa parish towards the ministry costs of an Associate Priest.

Regional Conference Planning

We decided not to invite an outside speaker to our Regional Conferences in 2012 and 2013 but rather to rely on our own input. This proved highly successful with high energy small group discussion.

Brian Hamilton
Chairperson