

**Report from The Rev. Daniel Velez Rivera on the meeting for the
Standing Commission of Mission and Evangelism
11/13/12 – 11/16/12
Look, lead, live**

II. Committee Meeting:

Members present: The Rt. Rev. Julio Holguín, Claudia A'zar (Interpreter), Jim Naughton, Denny Blauser, Susan Snook (Exec Council Rep), Molly Stevenson, Debbie Royals, Dabney Smith, Megan Anderson, Sam Dorr, Rebecca Roberts, Kai Alston, Ginny Doctor, Tom Brackett, Daniel Vélez Rivera (Representative for the President of the House of Deputies).

- 1) First day: Gathering question: what is most alive in me at this moment
Second day: Gathering question: "I dream of a church that..."

These two questions were foundational to the work that the committee was chartered to do. The committee determined that it might want to consider revisit the current mandate and assess its relevance.

Outcome of the discussion was to have representatives review carefully to ensure the mandate reflects what this committee believes it should be doing this triennium.

- 2) Chair Elections:

Co-chairs: Megan Anderson and Debbie Royals, Secretary: Jim Naughton

- 3) Report of last triennium's work: visitations to Dio MN convention to hear stories and visited VTS Escuela de Liderazgo program (Joseph Constant and Lisa Kimball) where much was learned from that lay leadership development program they offer in Spanish.

- 4) General Convention 2012

Discussion about resolution A071, how can we have a contemporary cross cultural training at seminaries? House of Bishops defeated resolution: seminaries are autonomous from dioceses and from convention resolutions. How to influence the practical learning that most seminarians complain about not receiving regarding outreach and mission in the diverse contexts where they will serve?

- 5) The commission assessed the passions of the members by pondering on current mandate and determining whether it serves church or not. Whom should we collaborate to create changes (Structure?, Communications?).

Response: We discussed the optimal way to impact the Church laity by working at the grass roots level in some of the following ways: Lay leadership development; make difference with simple structural changes; work in small teams to address the mandate and collaborate with other CCAB's by joining their meetings and following their reports. Some dioceses are doing this type of work already but it is not known throughout the church, can this be a model for others? Spanish language lay leadership formation programs (i.e. Diocese of LA's Insitituto de Liderazgo (Tom Callard) and VTS's lay leadership training in Spanish – Escuela de Liderazgo (language lay leadership development institutes).

Emphasis was affirmed on training laity in evangelism and mission. The church needs to ask the question to the laity, what is the Good News for you? How can you share your story and invite others to share theirs?

Trainings can be provided in a contextual and culturally appropriate manner. One model DOES NOT fit all but a boilerplate model where the frame is given is helpful.

Suggested provincial workshops for trainings so that they can disseminate in their contexts. This is still the committee's assignment and it needs to be readopted in this triennium. The challenge is not having a coordinator like we had at 815, when the office closed the members of the commission weren't informed. This commission felt VERY STRONGLY that TEC reinstate a coordinator/facilitator staff person because without financial resources the five marks of mission will only remain on paper.

Budget for this Triennium: 14 people - Last triennium \$36,000, this triennium

This meeting: 1 face to face meeting @ \$1,100 for 2.5 days meeting = \$30,800
1 meeting is Blue Book preparation between April 2013 and Sept 2014
The Leadership group proposes that the 6 of us gather for a training
6 people * \$1100 = \$6,600

Does the *entire* standing committee need to meet again before the prep for the Blue Book? No. Use technology: Adobe Connect = \$425/yr * 2yrs = \$850; Interpreters \$200/hr, 10 meetings = \$2000.

Possible funding sources to sustain lay leadership development programs: Luce, Lilly, Trinity Wall Street

What other groups in the church have similar mandate to train/develop laity:

- a) Episcopal Evangelism Network can be an arm to be invited to partner
- b) Anglican Indigenous Network and Anglican Council of Indigenous People, and Episcopal
- c) Council on Indigenous Ministries': Toronto to Alaska
- d) Indigenous Theological Training Institute – lay and clergy
- e) Escuela de Liderazgo/Leadership School The Rev. Joseph Constant
- f) Instituto Episcopal de Liderazgo The Rev. Tom Callard

The five marks of mission underscore the work of this Commission in the following ways:

Proclamation

- ∞ Collecting and featuring story of what is working
- ∞ Online submission of stories
 - Feature best examples (done at 815)
- ∞ Discern core practices
- ∞ Displaying these stories might be enough

Leadership

- ∞ Development of lay people
- ∞ Training in evangelism
- ∞ Training for seminarians and lay leaders in mission and evangelism
- ∞ One model cannot fit all
- ∞ Develop church planting training
- ∞ Innovative leaders need formation
- ∞ Need consultant to deploy and organize trainings
- ∞ Organizations
- ∞ Compile, convene people with resources
- ∞ Gather and share best practices
- ∞ Develop training and program for church

Mission

- ∞ What do we mean by diversity? People? Ministry?
- ∞ Identify, celebrate, and affirm what existing ministry is doing well.

- ∞ Many different models, one size does not fit all!
- ∞ Display and spotlight in a variety of medias
- ∞ Identify where mission is in the church right now
- ∞ How do we quantify these ministries? Can find out through parochial reports but they aren't adequate in providing info.

Connections to other commission

- ∞ Parochial report – resolution
 - Work on reformatting it and having it provide meaningful information.
- ∞ How are we reporting and spreading?
- ∞ What's going well
- ∞ How are we telling our narrative?
- ∞ Measuring? Or noticing new life?
- ∞ Mapping and sharing stories
- ∞ Leadership develop facilitation and training
- ∞ Mission ⇔ proclamation
- ∞ Portal for lay leadership development – VTS project with Constable funds – we agreed to be a supporting Commission for this project which is going to serve as a curated hub of useful resources varied topics.
- ∞ Mission enterprise zones
 - How do we partner with organizations carrying out this work?
 - Forming leadership trainings
- ∞ Celebrate what already exists, connecting resources
 - Building best practices

Needs: Look and Live (Proclamation and Mission), Lead (Leadership)

I – Look and Live: Proclamation and Mission:

Website for story display, collecting stories, partnering with CCAB's potential partners Vital Practices, TEC Building Fund, Report-back from A073 2012

II – Lead: Leadership:

Collecting best practices
 Creating a common missional training
 Find partners to create a portal of best practices and experiences (VTS' work)

Who are our potential CCAB partners?

Small Congregations, Ministry Development, Lifelong Faith Formation

Small Group work distribution – Leadership group

1) Grant for additional funds for leadership consultation to gather leaders
 Funding for all participants to travel and stay
 Sub committee

2) Brainstorm who else is doing leadership development
 Find out who are the individual church planters practitioners, etc.
 Planning the event
 Spinning the mandate

3) Coordinating with other CCAB's

1) Meet with Lisa Kimball VTS, details about cost.

- 2) Decide Outcomes of the consultation: create a manual of best practices, communicating the work of the participants to the church, ask that the leadership participants provide their tools, curricula, etc to the world through the portal. The consultation will be the first step in creating a product that would end up being a curriculum that fulfills the requirements listed in A072.
- 3) Bp. Holguín wants to connect a program in DR, a 1 yr lay leadership development on Saturdays. 6 months: including Bible, LOC, Evangelism, Christian education. The participants choose a specific area for the second 6 months for a specialty area. He suggested that we ask what dioceses offer. This program is connected to the seminary. Presbiters, Vocational Deacons, Lay Leaders formation. He is willing to send a participant for this consultation.

Funding: to pay for participants to travel and stay

Michael Green, Resource: La Iglesia Local como Agente de Evangelización:

English and Spanish, another resource; “La Evangelización en la Iglesia Primitiva.

7) Include seminaries in the consultation.

Bp. Holguín suggested: Funds can be requested from the Executive Council, Church Pension Fund

Respectfully submitted,

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