

2006 A.C.P.O. REPORT
ECCLESIASTICAL PROVINCE OF CANADA
Grand Falls - Windsor
Diocese of Central Newfoundland
May 4th - 7th
Submitted by: The Rev. Randy Lockyer (Secretary)

It is a pleasure for me, as your ACPO Secretary, for the Province of Canada, to submit my report to you. This was my first year as the ACPO Secretary, and to say I didn't realize the amount of work and detail would be an understatement, and, at the same time it was a very enjoyable experience. I want to begin by extending my gratitude to the outgoing Secretary, the Rev. Jotie Noel, the Provincial bishops, their office personnel, and an excellent team of assessors. Their experience and support was most helpful.

This report mainly deals with the **Grand Falls - Windsor Conference**, as I am still awaiting a report from The Rev. Marian Conrad, who acted on my behalf again this year as the Secretary for the Halifax Conference. I have been in communication with Marian and she is also preparing her report.

The Conference was held May 4th - 7th, 2006, at St. Catherine's Renewal Centre, Grand Falls - Windsor, Newfoundland. This Centre is owned and operated by the Roman Catholic church, and I must say that the Sisters who run the Centre were very helpful, kind and hospitable to us. Both assessors and candidates were billeted at the Centre, where the entire activity of the Conference took place. The atmosphere of this Centre was certainly conducive to the type of Conference held. It was a top notch facility.

Assessors

The assessors came from throughout the Province of Canada and were as follows:

Diocese of Eastern Newfoundland & Labrador: The Rev. Frank King, The Rev. Stephen Adkins,

Diocese of Central Nfld: The Rev. Chuck Lockhart, Mr Terry Brown, The Rev. Yvonne Thistle,
Sr. Genevieve Bouzanne, Mrs Gerry Poirer, Mrs Marian Bishop

Diocese of Western Nfld: Mr Ed Humber, The Rev. David Sissmore

Diocese of Nova Scotia & PEI: Mrs Pamela Williams

Diocese of Fredericton: The Rev. Walter Williams

Diocese of Montreal: The Rev. Gwenda Wells

Diocese of Quebec: Mr Graham Jackson

As I already indicated, this group was excellent. There was a strong spirit of understanding and cooperation. It would be my request from the Provincial Diocesan Bishops that they forward the same list of assessors for the next Conference, in as much as it may be possible to get them back. There was quite a lot of positive feedback from the group relating to how well they bonded and

how well the Conference went. I could not have asked for a better group.

Assessor Preparation

The preparation was done by the Rev. Dr. Dana Mellis, professor from Queen's College, St. John's. Dana had been to the 2005 ACPO as an assessor, and came well recommended by the outgoing Secretary as a possible facilitator for me to consider in 2006. I took this advice and, again, it was an excellent choice. Dana led the assessors in an evening and morning of preparation. In their evaluations practically all the assessors rated Dana's presentation as excellent, both in delivery and substance. It no doubt added to the overall success of the weekend, and the bonding together of assessors.

Candidates

14 candidates were assessed at the Conference in Grand Falls. Each diocese was represented in the candidates. The following is a breakdown of the candidates from each diocese:

<u>Diocese</u>	<u>Candidates</u>	<u>Recommended</u>	<u>Not Recommended</u>
Eastern NL	1	1	0
Central NL	1	1	0
Western NL	1	0	1
N.S. & PEI	5	5	0
Fredericton	4	4	0
Montreal	1	1	0
Quebec	1	1	0

Another 14 candidates were assessed at the ACPO Conference in Halifax, at AST. Rev. Marian Conrad will report on them in her report. It was again this year a great number of candidates, 28 in all.

Feedback

In terms of feedback, there is very little negative to report, both candidates and assessors were very pleased with the accommodations, food, and overall organization of the conference. We did have a married couple as candidates, who felt that they should have been assigned to a room together. This was deliberate on my part in assigning the rooms, I felt it might be better, given the nature of the weekend, to have their own space. Some candidates would like to have had information sooner on the conference and location, etc., which I will keep in mind for 2007. However, in order for the candidates to get the information well in advance of the conference, it will be necessary for me to receive the documentation for each candidate from the various

dioceses in a timely fashion.

Bishop

It was wonderful to have Bishop David Torraville, bishop of Central Newfoundland, present for the first evening, and a great portion of the next day. His welcome and reflection was much appreciated by both assessors and candidates. As we do the work of discernment it is good to have a bishop of the church among us. Bishop Torraville did a great job, not only on behalf of the host diocese of Central Newfoundland, but also in representing all the bishops of the Province of Canada.

Chaplain

Our chaplain for the Grand Falls - Windsor conference was the Rev. Daphne Parsons, rector of the parish of Twillingate, diocese of Central Newfoundland. We could not have made a better choice in my opinion. She was well received and respected by all the candidates, and they gave her an extremely positive evaluation. She was very much in tune with how each of the candidates were doing, especially during the stressful time of interviewing. She also did a great job of helping them to organize and lead the worship. She also took the candidates out to an evening of bowling.

Transportation

This worked out very well, with the exception of one assessor who traveled into and out of Deer Lake, the other assessors and candidates outside of Newfoundland traveled into Gander. We did have one candidate who met some difficulty in getting from St. John's to Gander, because of a flight cancellation. Gander airport is approximately a one hour drive from Grand Falls - Windsor, and I was able to make use of people from my parish who picked up and dropped off assessors at Gander. It is worth noting that Gander was very much more expensive to fly to and from than Deer Lake. As an example, we had one assessor who flew to Deer Lake, rented a car and drove to Grand Falls - Windsor, and it was still about \$130.00 cheaper than another assessor who flew from Fredericton to Gander. Deer lake is about a two hour drive away but we can arrange local pickup and drop - off next time around.

Technology

It was wonderful to make use of modern technology in the typing of reports and assessments on Saturday, which helped make us more efficient in the use of time. Next door to St. Catherine's Renewal Centre is the College of the North Atlantic, where members of my parish work in the computer department. They graciously allowed us the use of their Power - Point equipment, where Mrs Betty Mercer served as our secretary for the day. Everything was set up right in the room where the assessors were, and any necessary changes to be made to the assessments were made on the spot. All the assessors really appreciated this luxury. Many thanks to Betty for her understanding, and for being so professional during a long and busy day. This proved to be something we will definitely do again in 2007.

Holy Trinity

Many thanks to the parish of Grand Falls, for allowing me the time to carry out the task of being the ACPO Secretary, and also allowing me to use the church facility and equipment to get the work done. Also to the ACWA which catered an evening dinner for assessors and candidates,

which was a nice change for us after a busy time at the Centre. As well, to the members of the parish that offered themselves as drivers to and from the airport in Gander. They were most anxious to help, and I am appreciative of that.

Financial Report

Please bear in mind that the full details of this will be available when I receive more information from the Halifax Conference. Their diocesan finance officer is getting that ready for us. It does appear that there will be a balance of about \$500.00 from the 2006 Halifax Conference, which will be forwarded to me very soon. In addition there is a balance of \$835.20 in the 2005 account for the Halifax Conference, as a result of HST issues. So I am expecting approximately \$1335.20 to be refunded to me by Rev. Marian Conrad. When this money is refunded, added to the balance from the Grand Falls - Windsor Conference, I will hold back \$1500.00 for the 2007 ACPO and forward the remainder to the treasurer of the Provincial Synod.

The following is a financial report of all income for the 2006 ACPO Conferences

INCOME

\$1500.00	(Forwarded to me by the outgoing Secretary)
8000.00	(Received from the Provincial Synod)
8000.00	(Received from National Church)
2800.00	(Candidate Registration from dioceses. \$100 per Candidate)
200.00	(Additional grant from diocese of Montreal)
Total	<u>\$20,500.00</u>

- \$ 9,500.00 (Forwarded to Rev. Marian Conrad for Halifax ACPO)

Balance \$ 11,000.00 To be the budget for the Grand Falls - Windsor ACPO

The following is a list of expenditures for the 2006 Grand Falls - Windsor ACPO

Budget of \$11,000.00

Expenditures

St. Catherine's Renewal Centre	\$4922.90
(This included rooms, meals, snacks, photocopying at the Centre, rental of chapel, meeting rooms & interview rooms)	
Assessor Preparation	100.00
(Paid as honorarium to The Rev. Dr. Dana Mellis)	

Assessor Travel	1732.40
(all claims submitted have been paid to assessors. This amount includes air travel for 2 assessors and car travel for in-province assessors)	
Conference Chaplain	91.00
(This amount represents the chaplain's travel to the conference)	
ACPO Secretary	1500.00
(This is the same amount as received by the past ACPO Secretary)	
Local Secretary	75.00
(This is the honoraria paid to Mrs Mercer for her work of typing reports and assessments.)	
Holy Trinity ACWA	300.00
(This amount is for an evening dinner hosted by the ACWA at the church hall. A lovely roast beef dinner for 30 people at \$10.00 per plate. It was also a cost saving measure, as evening dinners are \$15.00 per plate at the Centre)	
Postage -----	171.34
(This amount represents the mailing of letters and packets to assessors, and correspondence to dioceses and candidates)	
Memory Lanes Bowling alley	80.00
(This amount was for the chaplain and candidates to enjoy an evening of bowling at the local alley. They had a great time)	
Photo-copying	77.82
(This amount was to help with the cost of copying materials, etc., to be sent to assessors, and other correspondence. Most of the time I used the parish copier. Twice I needed to use an outside copier)	
Other Supplies	81.75
(This amount was to pay for materials such as envelopes, paper, clips, computer cartridge, etc.)	
Telephone	55.00
(This was to communicate with assessors/candidates/ diocesan offices, etc)	
Social Hour	239.09
(This amount was for the evening social hours held on Friday and Saturday, for both assessors and candidates. It also included snack foods, pop, water, etc. to supply the candidates' socializing room. It also included snacks for Their arrival on Thursday night. For the social hours I purchased items at The grocery store and my wife (Ada) prepared the dishes. When the work Of the assessors was complete on Saturday night there was a wine and cheese celebration of a job well done)	

Local Travel 399.10
 (This amount was to pay the cost of picking up candidates and assessors at Gander airport on Thursday & Friday, and returning them to Gander at the conclusion of the conference on Sunday. Because of the limited flights into Gander, it required extra trips. Members of the parish were used to Provide the transportation, and they were extremely helpful)

Total of all expenditures for the Grand Falls - Windsor ACPO \$ 9825.40

Grand Falls - Windsor ACPO Budget \$ 11000.00

Expenditures 9825.40

Balance \$ 1174.60

Anticipated amount returned by
 Rev. Marian Conrad \$ 1335.20

Amount on hand \$ 2509.80

When the funds are received from Marian I will hold back \$1500 for the 2007 ACPO and forward the expected balance of \$1009.80 to the Provincial treasurer.

Again, I thank you for the opportunity to serve as ACPO Secretary in the past year, working with the assessors and candidates was an honor and a blessing, and, I look forward to preparing for the 2007 ACPO. I wish the Provincial Synod every blessing as you meet .

The Rev. Randy Lockyer
 Secretary