

To: Ven. Charlene Taylor - Clerical Secretary of Provincial Synod.

From: Ven. Terry Caines

Subject: Provincial Synod Report

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1. Please provide a brief description of your diocese at this time, including statistics for Baptisms, Marriages, and Burials for the most recent year for which you have prepared statistics.

- The Diocese of Central Newfoundland is a rural Diocese with no capital city located within its boundaries.
- The Rt. Revd John Watton is the current, and fifth Bishop, of the Diocese.
- There are 28 parishes and 86 congregations found within the six Deaneries.
- There are 19 fulltime clergy, six deacons and three hospital Chaplains.
- Synod office has three fulltime employees; Bishop, Archdeacon and Diocesan Treasurer.
- There 282 Licenced lay Ministers
- Total number on parish rolls: 9,324 and the average Sunday Attendance: 2,852 in the Diocese.
- Regular identifiable givers: 6,945
- Baptisms 47; Marriages 14; Burials 132
- 2. Describe in detail any initiative by churches and members of the diocese that is producing real hope for the time in which we live.

The following minsters take place within the Diocese and trust that they are all providing hope:

- ACW
- LLM/EA
- Choir Men/Women.
- Readers
- Biblical Studies weekly
- Coffee Hour Weekly
- Along siders
- Flea Market
- Food Bank weekly
- Personal Care Homes, LTC, Six services per month.

- Parkinson's group weekly
- Sewing Group weekly
- Altar Guild
- Servers
- Sides persons
- Camera and Sound
- Home Communions
- Counters
- Ways and Means
- Prayer Chain
- Telecare
- World of Gifts during the Christmas Season.
- Food Vouchers to people in Need.
- CLB
- 3. Despite our limited resources of time, energy, and money, our relationships among dioceses of the Province continue to be important. Have you any thoughts about ways to gather and support one another within our Province?

Needless to say, all Dioceses within the Province have their own unique ministries and ministry challenges. Finding common ground and joint ministries is challenging because of the community demographics.

From an administration point of Diocesan operation. The Province could engage in learning from the Tri -Diocesan committee in NL.