

THE ANLICAN PARISHES OF THE CENTRAL INTERIOR
LAY MINISTER OF WORD AND SACRAMENT REPORT
Assembly May 26-28, 2017

Oct. 17, 2015 – Study day at St. John the Divine, Quesnel

- O'Della Grundy shared with the 25 laity in attendance on how she conducts services at care homes, using reserve sacrament, as well as monthly memorial services.
- Betty Long gave instruction on taking communion to those still in their homes.
- Caroline Sharpe spoke on using listening skills – short video on empathy vs sympathy.
- Rev. Keith Dobyns spoke on dementia, a topic on which many felt we could spend a whole day. Keith also spoke on prayers for the dying.
- The day ended with a question period on the day's presentations.

The leadership team consisted of Caroline Sharpe, Denise Boulanger, Betty Long, O'Della Grundy, and Rev. Len Fraser. Rev. Len stated that each licenced LMWS and parish, should have a handbook.

April 22 - 23, 2016 – Report to Coordinating Council

- The planning committee, Bishop Barbara, Rev. Len Fraser, Caroline Sharpe, Denise Boulanger, Betty Long, and O'Della Grundy met by WebEx in early May and decided that short presentations be made on the different roles of lay ministry, while at Equip.

May 27-29, 2016 – Equip 2016 - *Listening with the Ear of our Hearts: The Art of Engaged Leadership in the Parish* – The Rt. Rev. Melissa Skelton at St. Paul's Cathedral, Kamloops.

- LMWS were given a workshop time of 45 minutes, not enough time to even scratch the surface. The questions to be answered and shared related to "This is my story! What's yours?" O'Della Grundy had laity share their stories as it related to their special gifts of ministry; a good cross-section of ministries were shared to a packed room.
- It was decided at that time that the leadership team would work toward a workshop on spiritual gifts, possibly at Quesnel in the fall.

Report to Coordinating Council – Nov. 18-19, 2016 at Shrine, Cache Creek

- WebEx meeting in September to determine the next study day. Bishop Barbara was available October 22nd, so it was decided to ask the Rev. Alexis Saunders to give a presentation on "The Rule of Life", a criteria of the Benedictine order. This event was hosted by St. Timothy's, 100 Mile House and was open to all interested persons. There were 31 participants.
- Listening for God, leading Bible study, and communication, were topics suggested by some at 100 Mile, for the next workshop.
- Rev. Len Fraser resigned from the planning committee and was thanked for his leadership as committee chairman over the last two years. Denise Boulanger stepped down due to ill health.
- Bishop Barbara always shows her support for the laity and we recognize the clergy who mentor us.

Feb. 2017 – Bishop Barbara’s Bulletin:

Bishop Barbara announced that O’Della Grundy had accepted the appointment as Chair of the Lay Ministers of Word and Sacrament leadership team, and Kris Dobyns accepted as clergy representative.

Feb. 1st, 2017 – Teleconference of newly formed team: (Bishop Barbara, Caroline Sharpe, Betty Long, the Rev. Kris Dobyns, and O’Della Grundy)

The newly formed leadership team discussed dates for a spring and fall workshop. Caroline Sharpe, as scribe, noted that the north was not represented. Much time was spent on the focus of each workshop as parishes are unique in their service structure. After much discussion, it was decided that each member would formulate questions for laity, licensed and otherwise, that informed us of how they performed their ministry within the parish. This would assist the leadership team in determining the topic for the next workshop.

At present: Carolyn came up with a great questionnaire soon after the meeting. Unknown to us at the time, each of us were dealing with very different issues. Time passed. With two new persons on the team, more questions arose than answers.

With the busy spring events in APCI such as Coordinating Council and Assembly, it was felt the spring workshop should be set aside for this year. A questionnaire will be going out to all parishes in the near future, and anyone licensed or wishing to be licensed, will be requested to complete the questionnaire, send the information to us and the workshop topic will be determined from there. Caroline Sharpe has offered St. Timothy’s, 100 Mile House as the host of the fall workshop, possibly Oct.10th.

Respectfully submitted,
O’Della Grundy.