

Report for DUCC National Gathering June 21-24, 2011, Winnipeg

from: London Conference DUCC- Communication Cluster of National Organization

London Region Diaconal ministers have been able to meet about 2-3 times a year. We share as well, a meal together at our London Conference Annual Meeting each year. We usually spend a half day together, with this invite going out to anyone we consider may have interest.

There is a group of folks who meet about 5 times a year in London Conference and we call ourselves the London Conference DUCC (Diakonia of the United Church of Canada). We are a mixture of Diaconal, Ordained, Student Ministers, and church leaders who consider themselves to have a diaconal approach to ministry.

We invite you to join us in the work and shared interest we gather to do. As a region, London Conference DUCC is known as the Communications Cluster of the larger national group of DUCC. (See website www.ducc.ca for details). Along with the business of communications, at our gatherings, we share in worship and updates on our various ministries.

Thanks for your time and please feel welcome to come along or contact us about these gatherings.

We have been usually a small group of 3-6 who gather and with busy schedules we worry that our gatherings may become more difficult to manage. One of our hopes is to try and meet via Skype but to date that has not happened.

We have been pursuing our work as Communication Cluster, doing our best to fulfill our role and duties. After the last National Gathering (April 2009), we took over this task from Manitoba group. Listed here are the duties we manage and the name of our member who takes responsibility for the specific task.

Emailed UPDATES

As we gather information that is sent to us, we compile it and email it out to all the members we have listed in our data base. We have found that this needs to be done about every other month. Updates include, announcements (celebrations and sadness in the diaconal community), newsletter announcements, notifications, etc. We have found it better to post job opportunities on the website, as they are often too time sensitive to wait for our updates.

(Cheryl Kirk with help from Kathy Douglas)

NEWSLETTER

We help to be sure this is sent out when ready and keep the data base updated through Deb Kigar of Hamilton DUCC. We work hard at getting this spread far and wide. We offer input for design and content if requested.

Our job includes being sure the Newsletter Editor receives an honourarium for this job.

(Carolyn Wilson-Wynne)

CARDS

When we receive requests or notifications that a card would be appropriate to be sent to someone, then we notify the card secretary Rolly ?? and ???.

(Michelle Owens)

WEBSITE

We keep in touch with website folks, sending information like job postings and comments. With help of website felt, we have been able to offer a Positions Post on the website for job posts. (A much more timely way to accomplish job postings) The web master is given an honorarium and reimbursed for expenses and we work at making sure that is accomplished.

Brochure for Diaconal Ministry was sent to Website for download.

(Joan Golden)

In behalf of the Communications Cluster, London Conference DUCC, I submit this report for the National DUCC Gathering.

Sincerely,

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