

St Hugh of Lincoln, Bishop's Committee Meeting

March 15, 2016

Present: Jacque Swerdfeger (2017), Sr. Warden; The Rev. Daniel Rondeau, Vicar; Joy Woodman (2017), Jeff Turner (2017), Chris Knutson (2018), Carol Rondeau, Clerk; Neil Passage, Treasurer

Junior Warden-Jim Sales (2018), excused

Parishioners in attendance-Terry and Diana Kurr

1. Prayer

Almighty and everliving God, source of all wisdom and understanding, be present with those who take counsel in this Bishop's Committee Meeting for the renewal and mission of your Church. Teach us in all things to seek first your honor and glory. Guide us to perceive what is right, and grant us both the courage to pursue it and the grace to accomplish it; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. BCP 818

2. Call to Order **-10:12 am**

3. Review and Update Agenda (add items to New Business as necessary) **-no additions**

4. Approve Minutes from February 9, 2016 Meeting **-Joy made the motion to approve the minutes and Jacque seconded this. All were in approval.**

5. Reports [BC Members: do you have questions for any of these persons?]

- a. Senior Warden's Report (Jacque) **no report**
- b. Junior Warden's Report (Jim) **no report Note: Report received later via email; attached to Minutes**
- c. Seminarian's Report (Patricia) **-report submitted**
- d. Music Ministry Report (Ed) **-report submitted**
- e. Vicar's Report (Fr. Dan) **-report submitted**
- f. Treasurer's Report (Neil) **-report presented**
 - i. **Online report available. Ask Neil for access.**

6. Old Business

Deck is moving along and the deck will wrap around the side of the building and connect to the so as to allow wheelchair and walker access.

Work party is to be planned by Jr. Warden.

7. New Business

- a. Approval of the 2015 Parochial Report. **-Unanimous approval.**

- b. Discussion of the Easter Ad –**Unanimous approval**
 - c. Items added at No. 3 (above)
 - d. Calendar planning (March 2016 – January 2017). **Planning through June accomplished. Discussion about Memorial Day Sale will be taken up in April Meeting if no Coordinator volunteers or agrees to serve.**
8. Closing Prayer and Adjournment-next meeting April 12 -**Fr. Dan lead us in prayer-the meeting closed at 11:03 am**

People's Warden Report for March 2016

via email to entire BC dated March 16, 2016

1. The new railing on the South Circle side of the property is complete. I spoke with Terry Kurr this morning and was told that he has (graciously) volunteered to paint it.
2. The large coffee pot that was not working correctly has been replaced, used on Sunday and produced a great brew.
3. Thank you to Neil for dealing with the office wall heater issue while I was out of town. Turns out it is cracked and needs replacing. I am in the process of getting three bids (via Home Depot) for the work.
4. My plan is to do a garden cleanup and planting of flowers this Friday starting at 10AM (since the weather has improved) so that all is "pretty" for Palm Sunday.

If anyone has any questions please let me know.

...Jim

ST. HUGH'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
MARCH 15, 2016 BISHOP'S COMMITTEE REPORT

Patricia Horkey – Postulant's Report

- I. Continue to meet with Fr. Dan as my spiritual and pastoral care advisor.
- II. The Commission On Ministry assigned a COM shepherd to me for the duration of my postulancy.
- III. Continuing St. Hugh's Pastoral Care Ministry, by bringing Holy Communion to our congregants and our neighbors.
- IV. Continuing to service our elders here in Idyllwild through the Precious Elder Ministry/Mountain Community Alliance Team.
- V. Meeting with the supervisor from the Riverside Counting Office on Aging, on Thursday, March 31, 2016. In regards to having a Case Worker assigned up here on the hill once a month to assist our elderly with receiving the appropriate benefits that are available to them.
- VI. Will be assisting Fr. Dan, at the Wednesday Healing Service.
- VII. Continue to assist with the Liturgical Service on Sundays.
- VIII. Continue to be a part of St. Hugh's Prayer Team.
- IX. Continue to write and send prayer cards to the members of St. Hugh's.
- X. Taking a member from St. Hugh's to the doctors.

Thank You!

Blessings,

Patricia

Music Minister Report

March 15, 2016

Holy Week, the week preceding Easter and the last week of Lent, commemorates the Passion of Christ and begins on Palm Sunday and includes Spy Wednesday, Maundy (Holy) Thursday, Good Friday, and concludes on Holy Saturday. Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday are known as the Easter Triduum.

Palm Sunday recalls Jesus' triumphal entry in Jerusalem, an event mentioned in the four Gospels. The Procession includes the people carrying palm branches and chanting, "Hosanna!" We will begin the Sunday Service on Palm Sunday at the labyrinth, read the Gospel account of the entry into Jerusalem, recite a Psalm, and process into the Church.

Spy Wednesday is used in reference to Judas Iscariot's intent to betray Jesus. The word, "Spy," means to ambush, to deceive. Spy Wednesday will be commemorated by participating in a "Way of the Cross in the Taizé tradition."

Maundy (Holy) Thursday re-enacts the Washing of the Feet and First Institution of the Holy Eucharist by Jesus Christ to his Apostles. The music includes the famous, "Ubi caritas est vera, Deus ibi est." ("Where true charity is, there is God.") After celebrating the Eucharist, the Altar is stripped in silence and the Blessed Sacrament is retired to the Altar of Repose.

Good Friday commemorates the Passion and Death of Our Lord, Jesus Christ. There is no celebration of the Holy Eucharist. The Service contains soft, contemplative hymns, Psalms, and the Reproaches, intoned during the Veneration of the Cross.

The Great Vigil of Easter begins in complete silence and darkness while the Easter Fire is lit. The *Exsultet* is proclaimed. There are several Readings and Psalm Responses which very gradually increase in volume and intensity. Before the singing of the *Gloria*, the priest proclaims, "Alleluia! Christ is risen!" Our response: "The Lord is risen, indeed. Alleluia!"

Happy Easter!

Ed

Vicar's Report | 8 March 2016

Thank you for your leadership and service to this community.

Note: Items in bold are new or suggested for further discussion and/or evaluation

Communications

1. Directory distributed at the Annual Meeting
 - a. Additional copies are in the Church Office
2. **Pictorial Directory in process**
 - a. Using Communication Resources (handout)
 - b. \$120 (annual fee) expensed to Fellowship
3. **Featured congregation in the Diocesan Messenger. Well done!**
4. Maintaining our website
 - a. Use the site yourself. Your feedback is valuable.
 - b. Encourage others to use the site.
5. Maintaining our Facebook Page (**seeking other "editors"**). In addition I maintain:
 - a. Hear what the Spirit is saying (Christian Formation)
 - b. MC Alliance Against Gender-Based Violence
6. Send: Weekly E-newsletter and other occasional all-members-and-friends emails
7. Continue: Regular phone conversations
8. With Patricia's help: Note cards and E-cards sent to members and friends

New Member Updates

1. **Need your help with Guests**
 - a. SEEK OUT AND WELCOME GUESTS
 - b. **Help them sign Guest Book or Guest Card**
2. Guests in January and early February (**potential new member**)
 - a. **Andrew Chase and Taylor Castillo (2/14)**
 - i. Invited by Rick Martinez
 - b. **Jeri Wilcox (2/14)**

Membership and Attendance

Total Active Baptized Members (31 December 2015)	78
Total Active Baptized Members (28 February 2016).....	83
Friends of St. Hugh's (31 December 2015).....	115
Friends of St. Hugh's (31 January 2016)	119
Total Attendance 2015 through February 28	360
Total Attendance 2016 through January 31	389
Sunday Attendance 2015 through February 28	304
Sunday Attendance 2016 through January 31.....	322
Average Sunday Attendance 2015 through January 31	38
Average Sunday Attendance 2016 through February 28.....	40

Ordination Process

1. Patricia Horkey continues her journey to ordination. She is a Postulant, “Our Seminarian”
 - a. Patricia back in school

Pastoral Care and Serving Others

1. Healing and Holy Communion (Attendance: 195, Average: 5)
 - a. Through Patricia and others I have regular contact with homebound
 - i. Elliots**
 - b. Fr. Larry Bernier (continues on hospice and weakening)**
2. Precious Elder Ministry continues under Patricia’s Leadership
 - a. With my encouragement and participation Patricia continues to form a collaborative ministry—The Mountain Communities Elder Alliance—to the elderly in the Mountain Communities
 - i. The Alliance includes (so far) St. Hugh’s, Spiritual Living Center, Crossroads 243, Spirit Mountain Retreat Center, Idy-Elders, interested individuals, and local individual care providers.
 - ii. The next meeting of the Alliance will be scheduled after Easter
 - b. Patricia and continue a collaborative ministry to the elderly with the Pastoral Care Team of St. Margaret’s in Palm Desert.
 - c. Currently Patricia is coordinating efforts to provide for services to an elderly neighbor of Susan Simmons.
3. Mountain Communities Alliance Against Gender-based Violence
 - a. With my encouragement and participation Callie Wight has taken leadership of this local group.
 - b. To date we have enlisted the support of the Idyllwild Rotary, the Idyllwild Soroptimists, Spirit Mountain Retreat Center, and the Idyllwild Arts Academy and the **Idyllwild Library** (Shannon Ng).
 - c. Other organizations being approached include schools, the Riverside District Attorney’s Office, and other local, faith-based communities.
 - d. The work of the Alliance, with Callie as Convener, continues to explore next steps.
4. HELP Center support
 - a. I am grateful for the financial support offered by our BC/Members.
 - b. Monthly food delivery continues with the support of St. Margaret’s and Thrive On
 - c. Reminder: Callie and Conor now on the Board
 - i. Callie is Chair of a Fund Raising Subcommittee of the HELP Center Board
5. ERD support
 - a. The weekly item in our newsletter is my continuing small step in keeping awareness of needs and ministry in front of the congregation
 - b. My hope is to be a partner with ERD in healing a hurting world
 - c. This is a “Beyond-the-Hill” ministry effort
6. Camp Stevens support
 - a. The weekly item in our newsletter is my continuing effort to keep awareness of the work of the Camp in front of the congregation
 - b. My hope is to partner with Camp Stevens in ministry; the Camp would then become another one of our “Beyond-the-Hill” ministry partners
7. I continue to hope that we can partner with/support the Cheyenne River Episcopal Mission in South Dakota?

- a. The Rev. Margaret Watson (a former co-worker of mine) is the Vicar.
 - b. This would become another “Beyond-the-Hill” ministry partner.
 - c. Partnership will include prayers, communications between St Hugh’s and the Cheyenne River Episcopal Mission, and may include financial support (with BC approval).
8. Mountain Communities Interfaith Alliance (St. Hugh’s leads the way)

Education

- 1. The “Keep Learning” feature of our weekly newsletter is my attempt to extend our Educational Ministry to members and friends
 - a. I am about to invite others to sign up for Hear the Spirit newsletter and blog
 - b. Robyn has alerted me to an online lectionary study we might be able to use

Funding Ministry and Stewardship

- 1. Continuing work
 - a. Church Pension Fund (CPF) offers online/print materials
 - b. Episcopal Church Foundation (ECF) offers online/print materials

Bishop’s Committee

- 1. **Purchase Vestry Resource Guide for our use**

Worship Notes

- 1. Diana Kurr is directing the work of the Altar Guild (Susan Simmons, Neil Passage, and Patricia Horkey). Job Description is in process.
 - a. Diana has several new members who have expressed interest in working with her
 - i. Martha Lumia
 - ii. Mizzy Diamond
- 2. Listen to our members in order to help Ed and me evaluate and plan our worship
 - a. I have received compliments about the quiet before our Sunday Eucharist
 - b. I have received compliments about our reverent (and still vibrant) Exchange of Peace.

Calendar items

- 1. **Wed. 03/23/16.....6:00 pm Taizé Service | Way of the Cross**
- 2. Thu. 03/24/16Maundy Thursday (6pm)
- 3. Fri. 03/25/16.....Good Friday (Noon)
- 4. Sat. 03/26/16Holy Saturday (9am)
- 5. Sat 03/26/26Decorating the Church for Easter (after 9am prayers)
- 6. Sun. 03/27/16.....EASTER VIGIL (6am)
- 7. Sun. 03/27/16.....EASTER Festive Eucharist (10am)
- 8. Sun. 06/05/16.....Bishop Mathes | Celebrant and Preacher | Confirmation