

Atlantic CLC reaches consensus in Regional Common Mission discernment...



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and

Pamela Daigle, (River of Life CLC) N.B. Group Guide hold up the unanimous consensus language approved by the delegates at the ARC (Atlantic Regional Council) meeting closing Eucharist flanked by Fr. Trevor Scott, newly appointed Atlantic and National CLC Ecclesiastical Assistant and the Process Guide for the Council meeting.

The Atlantic CLC Regional Council gathered at the Sr. Margaret Bourgeois 'Home of Hospitality' in Summerside P.E.I. on October 24-25th to continue their communal discernment searching for a Regional Common Mission.

The process went back to 2010 when the initial 'inquiries' began in the search for a regional common mission. In preparation for the Atlantic Regional Assembly in 2013 prayer and reflection materials were sent out to all local communities to help all prepare for the upcoming assembly. From the information collected and collated by ExCo three areas for discerning a Regional Common Mission emerged – Evangelization, CLC Development and Poverty.

At the 2013 Assembly, the delegates working through a consensus building process, were brought to the following level of support – CLC Development - 6 (tables) and Poverty – 3 (tables)

Our fall 2013 and spring 2014 Regional Council meetings focused on needed formation related to communal apostolic decision-making, especially spiritual freedom and approaches to consensus. This brought us to this 2014 fall Regional Council meeting. The delegates were led through a consensus

building process where everyone was engaged in a process that allowed individual voices and communal voices to come together in a consensus with the following statement:

“As the CLC Atlantic Region, we are called to place our gifts at the service of the poor, assisted by ongoing CLC development for this mission.”

There were ten delegates represented in the discerning circle which represented 77% of our Atlantic communities. Julia and Pam led us gently through the process which unfolded over a period of four hours. When the members were polled the final time it was confirmed a unanimous consensus was reached. Truly an extraordinary listening of the Holy Spirits’ led and a decision made with the Trinity for the Magis.

Our Atlantic ExCo is tasked with the job of identifying the way forward as the mission unfolds.



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The ‘inner circle’ held the delegates’ who were supported in prayer throughout the process in an ‘outer circle’ with the remaining Council members in attendance.

Submitted by,

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