2014 10 Report to Dio Council

Fracking:

           I attended the public consultation on Fracking in the summer.

The response to the presence of the church was VERY positive. And we have since been included in the No Fracking Email group.

As a result of our involvement the Ecology Action Centre has offered to work with some of our parishes in saving energy use in the building and making the buildings greener. (They need an answer by Monday.)

Greening Sacred Spaces:

Thanks to The Rev. Margaret Collins and her husband Rev. Eric, a Greening Sacred Spaces was held this week in Charlottetown.

        It was a joint United Church/Anglican effort and drew 40 people from the island.

        Thanks to the organization Greening Sacred Spaces for sending (free of charge) Stephen Collette who was a dynamic speaker and who is an expert in green churches.

There is presently a significant grant from the national church for any parish that would like a green audit.

DYC:

          I’m attending DYC this weekend as a resource person.

The conference this year focuses on the new baptismal vow: Will you strive to safeguard the integrity of God’s creation and respect, sustain, and renew the life of the earth?

Allie Colp and Lindsay Workman from the environment network were involved in the planning of the conference.

Eco Challenge:

        Allie Colp and Lindsay Workman have also been working on the Eco challenge.

We need everyone from Diocesan Council to promote it in their parish and to ask their parish council to register. (Send to my Email)

Difficulty: We are only just learning the ropes re disseminating information through the diocese.

Creation Matters:

I still represent the diocese on the Creation Matters Task Group (all conference calls) and as a result on the Kairos Sustainability Circle. (Meeting coming up in Nov.)

Other:

I was interviewed for Christian Week Magazine this week. They are doing an article on what Christians are doing in relation to caring for creation. See Nov. edition.

Respectfully submitted,

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