

REPORT ON MACKAY REGIONAL PARISHES MEETING.

Held at St Charles Anglican Church Hall,

On Sunday 13 September, 2009.

Fr Patrick Doulin welcomed the 46 participants from the five Mackay Region Parishes. He said that we had been discussing a range of issues for about three years now; not a great deal had happened; Bp Bill has indicated that it is our responsibility to initially develop a way forward and then to inform him. There were approximately 20 apologies received.

The following actions took place:

- Parishes met in groups of 8 to 10 people and listed “What is happening in our parish.”
- These lists, on OHT sheets, were shared with the full group.
- P’copies of all Parish data and Whitsunday Anglican School data, were given to each new mixed Parish group.
- Mixed parish groups then listed **5 or 6 goals to be achieved in the next 5 years**. People were asked to **dream about the future**.
- These dream goals were again shared using OHT sheets.
- P’copies of these dream goals were then made and given back to each group.
- Mixed parish groups then made a **prioritised list of goals for the future**.
- These **prioritised lists** were then shared with the total group.
- The full group then agreed on the **final priority list of goals**.

Copies of the following are included with this brief report:

- “What is happening in our parish” lists and the list from WAS. (Nth Mackay – 2 groups)
- Dream Goals from six mixed parish groups.
- Prioritised Goals from six mixed groups
- Final Goals from total group.

Carilyn Kennell said that she would immediately co-ordinate a prayer group and asked for a representative from each parish. Volunteers saw Carilyn and the list and days are below. Next week Carilyn will have a list of prayer points related to scripture for each week.

Monday: Rainbow Ministry, Carilyn Kennell
Tuesday: West Mackay, Margaret McAuley
Wednesday: Sarina, Sandy Berardi
Thursday: Pioneer Valley, Ros Cave
Friday: Holy Trinity, Jess Wickins
Saturday: North Mackay, Margaret Bonham
Sunday: All

Copies of this report and all associated lists will be emailed to those for whom I have an email address. Hard copies will be posted to others.

The clergy and churchwardens earnestly seek the participation of parishioners in all parishes in discussing this report. I believe that Parish Councils should have a definite idea of their action plans prior to Bp Bill’s Regional Consultation on Saturday, 7 November. Copies will also be sent to Bp Bill and other Diocesan staff.

With God’s blessings.

Ed Bray,
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Final Goals agreed to by total group.

- One Anglican worshipping community in the Mackay Region (in a number of worship centres called parishes).
- A centralised organisation and communication of all activities.
- Training of lay people for shared ministry
- Outreach ministry to young families, youth, and ethnic groups.
- Use of clergy and lay people across parishes.
- Visible presence in the market place.
- Co-ordinated prayer groups and bible study groups.
- Undergird everything with prayer.

From the six response sheets and comments on the day, I have summarised the final goals as above. It is my summary of what I heard you say.

Actions in the priority list, such as “have a full time co-ordinator” and “combine resources” are, I believe, discussion points which will arise as we work on implementing a “centralised organisation and communication system”.

Other goals can be achieved much more quickly, eg co-ordination of prayer groups. Please refer to Carilyn Kennell’s list in the Report of the Meeting.

I would invite people to comment on any aspect of the meeting by hitting the **Reply all** on your computer.

I will also investigate the possibility of placing all the data on the Diocesan web site.

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