

Northern Regional Council Annual Report for 2006

(A report from the Northern Regional Council.)

Introduction

1. The Council met five times during the year, four times at St Stephen's, Willoughby and once at St Luke's, Mosman.

Membership

2. The membership of Regional Council consisted of –

Bishop Glenn Davies (Chairman)	Archdeacon Terry Dein
The Rev Roger Bray	The Rev Ian Millican
The Rev Ernest Chau	Mr Andrew Mitchell
Mr Fred Chilton	Mr Jim Peet
Ms Stephanie Cole	Mrs Pru Selden
The Rev Andrew Graham	The Rev Adam Street
Mrs Jan Hall	Mr Ian Steward
The Rev Richard James	The Rev Rick Smith
Dr Rob Mackay	The Rev Lyndon Sulzberger
Ms Jane McNamara	Mr Andrew Tong

3. During the year Mrs Samantha Biggs and the Rev Neil Flower resigned. They were replaced by Ms Jane McNamara and the Rev Ian Millican respectively.

4. Council places on record its appreciation of the services of Mrs Biggs and the Rev Neil Flower, and warmly welcomes Ms McNamara and the Rev Ian Millican. Mr Flower had served on Council since its inception. Through his active membership he has made a significant contribution to the region. His experience and wisdom will be missed.

Regional Events

Archbishop's Lectures

These have been conducted in February for the last four years at Abbotsleigh School, Wahroonga. They are held over three weeks in February and consistently attract about 250 people, mostly from the region. The 2006 lectures were on the Cross of Christ.

Regional Dinner

5. This was held on 14th March at Christ Church, St Ives. It was well supported by a large number of parish representatives. This is a valued opportunity for sharing and fellowship.

Regional Conference

6. Merroo Christian Centre was again the venue for this

conference held 22nd-23rd May. There were 57 of 64 parishes represented by 119 full time delegates and 35 who attended part time. The Rev Les Scarborough of John Mark Ministries led a number of sessions and workshops upon team ministry. His input embraced the concept of lay leadership as well as full time ministry teams. The conference was a valuable time of learning together, sharing and interacting upon practical issues arising from the theme.

Ministry Recruitment Dinner

7. This was the third such dinner designed to encourage young people to consider ministry as a life vocation, to inform them of the various ministry opportunities that exist and how they could proceed to obtain more information about training. The dinner was held at Christ Church, St Ives on 27 November and was attended by 46 young people and ministers. The Rev Warwick de Jersey gave a challenging address upon the importance of gospel ministry when considering career choices as a young person.

Risk Management Seminars

8. Seminars were held at three centres throughout the region and were well attended by parish representatives.

General Matters

Ministry Initiatives

9. Initiatives in new ministries continue to be taken across the region. Recent church plants at Bobbin Head, Kirribilli and Warriewood continue to consolidate. The ongoing support of their 'home' churches is a great encouragement. Other parishes have planted new congregations and demonstrate a creative approach to ministry in their evangelistic outreach and growth. Not all ministry initiatives survive the test of time but lessons can be learned and integrated into future ministry strategies.

English Second Language Ministry

10. Mrs Rosemary Anderson worked 2 days per week encouraging 17 parishes in their ESL ministry and training ESL teams. She consults with parishes enabling them to reflect upon multi cultural ministry opportunities and presenting programs like 'Living in Harmony' as requested. The ESL version of Simply Christianity has been trialled with an ESL class and will soon be in its final form.

11. Rosemary has organised two Regional training mornings and worked with Anglicare as a resource person in the production of ESL teaching material. She serves on two Anglicare committees and one regional committee.

Review of Regional Grants Procedure

12. At the August meeting of the Regional Council it was decided to prepare a discussion paper in order to review the existing grants

procedure. A substantial report with recommendations was presented to the November meeting. This review resulted in new guidelines for future grant applications.

Regional Grants

13. Funds from Synod to be applied in 2007 are as follows –

Parish/Organisation	Ministry to be Funded	GRANT 2007
Artarmon	ESL	10,000
Asquith	Loan repayment-interest	20,000
Avalon	Reinvent 6.30pm	20,000
Beacon Hill	Children/Youth Ministry	15,000
Berowra	Family Worker	18,000
Eastwood	Chinese Ministry	8,000
Harbord	MTS Worker	15,000
Hornsby Heights	Youth Worker	15,000
Macquarie University/Mars Hill	Chaplain/Mars Hill	20,000
Manly Vale	Youth worker	15,000
Narrabeen	Warriewood church plant	40,000
North Epping	Youth Ministry	10,000
Putney	Minister Stipend support	5,000
Turrumurra	Church plant – Nth Turrumurra	20,000
Waitara	ESL/catechist/AM	12,000
Willoughby East	Youth worker	5,000
CCM Consultant	Rosemary Anderson	30,000
Hornsby Mandarin	Hooi Wan Cheng	80,000
TAFE		15,000
Insurances, misc		3,000
Bishop's Discretionary Fund		5,000
	TOTAL	381,000

For and on behalf of the Northern Regional Council

TERRY DEIN
Archdeacon of North Sydney

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