

CACS Report

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The Covid 19 has affected everyone this year and CACS secretariat is no different. The CACS meeting planned for March 18th -21st in Halifax was cancelled due to the pandemic. Marion set up a site for us to use for a virtual meeting in June, but we had difficulty connecting with one site and eventually switched to Zoom. The bishop had a site and we were able to use it for our seven-hour meeting.

We realized that we would not be meeting face to face until sometime next year and knew that it was important to meet as a group. It was decided to purchase a zoom licence for CACS for one year with 9 people having access to the site. The next CACS virtual meeting is scheduled for October 3rd.

One of the major items on our agenda is the next CACS Triennial Conference scheduled for in Halifax Nova Scotia June 25th -27th 2021.

There was some discussion about holding the triennial because of Covid 19 but felt we should go forward with planning for the conference. The site would be adhering to the Covid 19 guidelines and distancing would be built into their meeting sites etc.

We will be discussing this at the October meeting, and I will report back to secretariat after that meeting.

This is my last year on CACS Secretariat and we will need to prayerfully consider finding someone to represent our diocese on CACS. I will be happy to answer any questions persons considering filling this position may have.

I would like to finish this report with this reflection Life after Covid 19

As I think about how our lives have been changed due to Covid 19, I cannot help but reflect back to the book **The Shack**. Covid 19 has played havoc with our life garden, both physically and spiritually. Destroying the well manicured garden of our lives. Upturning it and leaving it with no form or structure. Needing to be replanted, nourished, and watered to produce a renewed life.

But, when we plant this **new** garden, it will not be like to old one. Our spiritual lives have been tested and changed forever. We have been stretched in new ways. Our priorities may have changed, and communication with those close to us may outweigh work or other activities.

We will come through this with renewed energy, hope and an appreciation of the small things in life. We may take more time to meet our neighbours and to adapt a less hectic lifestyle. Meeting one another in small groups, isn't that how the early church started? By caring for the health and welfare of others, we are being good stewards of this, God's Island home **Earth**.

I am looking forwards to next summer when we will all be able to meet in Andrew Hayden Park and hold a spirit filled ultreya with a multitude of our faithful friends.

Keep safe.

Blessings. Bev Hatt