

North Burlington Churches united

“One church body in Christ which ministers to the needs identified by the North Burlington community”

Agenda

May 1, 2017

Tansley United Church

Start - 7:00 pm

- Sign In

- Welcome & Blessing & NBCu prayer

- Review & Acceptance of April minutes

- Review of joint services since April NBCu meeting.

- Update on developments at the four participating churches – 5 minutes each

Remainder of the meeting to be devoted to a facilitated discussion led by Jill Strapp on how best to focus the NBCu on joint activities moving forward, as per the April NBCu minutes.

- Review how the North Burlington United Churches are currently working together on various programs including:

- Partnering through North Burlington Dinner Night Out
- Ongoing partnering through the Worship Committees for shared services.
- Ongoing sharing of information via web sites
- First Nations Outreach initiative
- Shared music programs
- ???
- What can we do to strengthen these shared initiatives?

- Review of Feb 25th Visioning Day Output (see attached), and Rishia Burke's identified community priority themes, (Isolation/loneliness, Mental Health, Seniors, Access to Food).

- Is there something from the Feb 25th Visioning Day and/or Rishia's themes that could be taken on by a shared group from NBCu?
- Is there something else that is identified by NBCu as important to be worked on through a shared group?

- Next steps and reporting back to respective boards.

- Other Business

- Next Meeting date and location TBD

- Adjournment and closing blessing.

3. ACTION PLANS FOR CHURCHES

What are the next steps for your church to undertake to continue to develop a collaboration with the North Burlington united churches?

- All churches will continue to inform their congregations about the activities of the North Burlington Council united and about the Vision Day
- All church committees will consider how being part of a collaboration with the North Burlington Council united affects them and how they might partner with similar committees
- Participants endorsed the idea of continuing discussions with the North Burlington Churches united council.

St. Stephen: (in order of importance) Decide what we want to do about future development regarding a building Decide if we want one Church / new building Decide on staying independent or amalgamating with other congregations Stay connected to NBCu while we decide Decide to change location Decide if we want a meeting place for St Stephen on our property with a sanctuary and kitchen Explore available vacant building to lease or buy Explore new church development – cash? Head office Explore means to increase members

Lowville:

Continue to foster a relationship and ensure that it does not end at Highway 5 Explore the possibility of having a shared ministry Continue discussions with NBCu because we want to be at the table with you Make sure our congregation understands what the NBCu council is all about (5)

Tansley: Continue to seek out collaborations Volunteer at other churches' events Keep communicating about NBCu Have each committee look at how NBCu collaborations could affect them Request that other churches let us know their plans

Nelson: Inform everyone about changes until June 30 Inform everyone about what is happening after June 30