

**CCP and ARCCC Joint Conference Committee Meeting**  
**Minutes**  
**December 20, 2017 - 1:30 p.m.**  
**Bishop Farrell Library and Archives**  
**Diocese of Hamilton – 700 King Street West, Hamilton, ON**

**Present:** Pam Aleman, Bill Fledderus, Ken Ramstead, Joe Sinasac and Sue Newbery

**Regrets:** Aurea Sadi

**Opening Prayer:** Pam opened the meeting in prayer.

**Conference Theme Ideas:**

- Truth today
- Where do we find hope in a dark world? - where do we find strength in the business we are in and the people we serve?
- Market your Message - how do we promote the message? - how do we make this message marketable?
- Technology - ever changing - growing concern on the effects of technology - what does all this technology use do with the heads of people?

After our brainstorm session, we decided to go with the theme of:

- Uncovering Truth in an Uncertain World

**Structure of Conference:** The following suggestions as to how the conference would unfold were made:

**Wednesday, May 2:** Begin in the afternoon with registration, an opening keynote address followed by a reception.

**Thursday, May 3:** Morning plenary (perhaps a panel in structure?) followed by workshops, keynote at lunch and workshops after lunch. Bishop Crosby is willing to lead evening prayer at the Basilica of Christ the King and has invited registrants to a dinner hosted by the Diocese. We discussed holding the service at 6:00 p.m. followed by dinner at 7:00 p.m. It was felt it would be fitting to present the ARCCC Award at this dinner. Scheduled events would end intentionally early (e.g., 8:00 p.m.) to allow people to plan their own external social gatherings or activities.

**Friday, May 4:** AGM's for both associations in the morning at separate times. While one association is holding their AGM the other could hold roundtable discussions. It was suggested we hold the Awards Banquet at the Hamilton Art Gallery. We discussed the idea of presenting the awards during dinner (perhaps shortened from the usual by having most or all winners wait until the end of the evening to pick up their awards in a semi-organized photo opp with presenters remaining to participate) and finish the evening with a keynote address.

**Brainstorming of Keynote Speakers and Workshops:**

**Keynote speakers and plenary session suggestions:**

- Anne Jamieson, Director of Catechesis at the Diocese of Hamilton and author of *Recipes of Faith* could speak on finding hope and strength

- Michael Higgins, Catholic academic, formerly of St. Jerome's College, Waterloo (now VP at a Connecticut university)
- David Pfrimmer, Centre for Public Ethics, Waterloo Lutheran Seminary
- David Novak, Jewish prof of religion and phil at U of T, expert on religious freedom and Jewish-Christian relations
- Dr. Timothy Gianotti (associate professor of Arabic and Islamic Studies at Renison University College, University of Waterloo)
- Mary Jo Leddy, veteran Canadian Catholic social activist (refugees, Romero House)
- Wab Kinew, leader of Manitoba NDP, indigenous leader and author
- James Bartleman, former Lt. Gov. of Ontario
- Michael Enright, CBC journalist
- Steve Paikin - host of *The Agenda* (TV Ontario)
- Susan Clairmont or other *Hamilton Spectator* journalist/editor
- John Milloy, Former MPP for Kitchener Centre, Assistant Professor of Public Ethics, Waterloo Lutheran Seminary; Director, Centre for Public Ethics, Waterloo Lutheran Seminary; Practitioner-in-Residence, Department of Political Science, Wilfrid Laurier University
- Bruce Clemenger, president, Evangelical Fellowship of Canada
- Joe Gunn, head of Citizens for Public Justice
- Faculty from Ryerson Journalism program or leaders from Canadian Association of Journalists
- Fake news panel - applied side to faith and reflect a Canadian reality
- What is Truth? panel of journalists and/or panel of ministry leaders (multi faith) - Suggestions for panelists: Bishop Mark MacDonald, Karen Hamilton (Canadian Council of Churches, Aileen Van Ginkel (EFC/Interfaith Conversation)

### **Workshop suggestions:**

- Social media - not everyone familiar with it - still have questions - Suggestion of facilitator: Father Toby Collins
- Meditation - Healthy Living, self care - time management etc.
- Marketing - Can you market your content and how do you do it? - Suggestions for facilitators: Alexandre Sevigny/Joe Sinasac
- Restructuring, effective multitasking, facing the communications challenges of today and how do you keep your head above water and budget for less - Suggestion of facilitator: Matt Schiller
- St. John's Bible - Visio Divina (perhaps Thursday morning)

It was suggested for worship we hold either a smudging or blanket ceremony. Perhaps Shari Russell of the Salvation Army could be invited to lead?

**Cost:** Once we have a budget in place of what the conference will cost, we can then set a registration cost for the conference.

The meeting adjourned at 2:40 p.m. The committee left to meet April Horrigan to tour the Sheraton hotel's facilities.