Minutes

November 28, 2024 1 – 2 pm

Attendance: Peterborough Cephas (Dan, Madeline), Trenton Ebenezer (Sonja), Kingston Westside (Didy, Margie, Mark), Kingston First (Nancy, Carolyn)

1. Welcome and Prayer
2. Oct. 27th Abuse Awareness Sunday outcome
    a. Of the churches represented on the call, Abuse Awareness was done with positive feedback.
    b. Appreciated the service resources which helped pastors and teams share the importance of raising awareness.
3. Annual Refresher training progress, issues, etc.
    a. Going well.
    b. Still need to track Police Checks and people completing Refresher Training
    c. Some clarification of online vs paper quiz. Some may do online for convenience; some may use paper copy of quiz due to lack of access to technology. Either one is fine, if there is a record of completion.
4. Leading with Integrity – A Guide to the Code of Conduct (Orientation for Church Leaders in the Code of Conduct) was introduced by Carolyn.
    a. Council liaisons can lead each section at council meetings (1per meeting).
    b. Suggested that this be made available for all ministry leaders within the church, not just Council.
5. Reporting Safe Church progress, activities at Jan. Classis Meeting
    a. Each January is Ministry Reporting at Classis Quinte meetings. Carolyn will be reporting an update on the work of this team since last January. This report will be made available on the Classis Quinte website (Safer Church tab). Carolyn will also post it on MS Teams for members to review and offer suggestions.
6. What's next?
    a. Initial Training package – online video and quiz
        i. Carolyn will be starting to build this training in January with hopes to have available by May 2025. The training video will be longer than the refresher training as it takes in the entire Policy, thus it will take longer to create.
    b. Review / Update Policy Guidelines
        i. Collaborate on this.
            1. Send your church Safe Church or Abuse Awareness Policy to Carolyn.
            2. Carolyn will review each section of all Church's policies and add new/important information to "template".
            3. Draft will be posted for Teams to review and make suggestion for changes.
            4. End product, we all use the same policy for our Classis, with understanding that any forms/processes unique to your church can be added as required.
7. **The Power to Do Good: the Use and Misuse of Power in the Church**
    a. Madeline reminded us about Church Leaders requiring to complete this online Training which is a free online course through **CRCNA**.
8. Next Meeting: TBD – most likely in March, online, during the evening.