



“THAT ALL MAY BE ONE”

Rural Life and Small Church Membership Committee

MANDATE: To support and encourage the Rural and Small Membership Churches of London Conference to become progressive Rural Churches of the 21st Century. The Rural Church represents the majority of United Church Congregations, and the United Church has always been known as a "small membership" Church. The world changes so quickly, that the church is challenged to keep up. Let's quit blaming ourselves and take control of our destiny. After all with God, anything is possible!

Duties:

1. To explore ways to provide new opportunities for Churches to reinvent themselves to be relevant and important visions to their communities.
2. To support and educate Rural and Small Church Ministries by offering one "unique" learning event per year.
3. To network with Canadian and International Rural Church Networks.
4. To meet 3 times annually (usually in the London Area) and to network with the Committee by email.
5. To prepare the report for the London Conference Annual Meeting Report Book.
6. To present annually a budget for the committee's work.

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP: The committee is made up of a least one member from each of the eight Presbyteries of London Conference and from the Conference UCW. Membership is open to those with a passion for Rural and Small Membership ministries.

SKILLS AND GIFTS:

- A passion for Rural and Small Membership ministries.
- Open mindedness and a sense of hope.
- A willingness to be part of the "larger church".

EXPECTATIONS & TERM OF OFFICE: Three year term, renewable.

NUMBER OF POSITIONS CURRENTLY OPEN: Presently we are looking for representatives from Algoma and Lambton Presbyteries.

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