

**Congregational Development/Stewardship Education  
for the Diocese of Western Newfoundland**

We have begun a journey into renewing our commitment to building up the Body of Christ. Thanks to the encouragement from the National Church, from Bishop Percy Coffin, and from you, the people of this Diocese, we are moving forward with excitement as we become better stewards in Taking Care of God's Business.

This initiative will help us grow so that we are using, to its full potential, all the gifts God has blessed us with: people, time, talent and treasure. Through this process we will share resource materials and skills, learning from one another in a supportive and caring way. For each parish the building up may look different. Some may want to work on youth ministry while others may want to focus on ministry to the sick, the elderly, or the dying. Some parishes are at present preparing for a Covenant in Ministry which will enable them to develop a Strategic Plan.

To do this work, a Task Group has been called together to work as representatives from each deanery. Included in this Group are:

The Right Rev. Percy Coffin

The Venerable Edward King

The Rev. Canon Roberta Woodman

Mr. Ren Cunard, Chair

Ms. Shirley Frost, Deputy Chair

St. Barbe Deanery:

Rev. Kristen Gosse

Ms. Fran Gros

Deer Lake Deanery:

Rev. Hannah Dicks

Mr. Glenn Granter

Humber Deanery:

Dean Michael Rice

Mr. Larry Renouf

Bay St. George Deanery:

Rev. Andrew Nussey

Mr. Doug Fowlow

Parish of Plum Point

Parish of St. John the Evangelist

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Parish of Flower's Cove

Parish of White Bay

Parish of Bonne Bay North

Parish of St. John the Evangelist

Parish of St. Michael and All Angels

Parish of Rose Blanche

Parish of St. Augustine, Stephenville

When requested the Regional Deans will attend some of the preparation meetings.

At Synod, there will be detailed brochures, bookmarks and other information available for parishes. During the Friday afternoon of Synod [May 30], there will be workshop sessions in which anyone is invited to attend and participate in.

As the Coordinator for Congregational Development/Stewardship Education I look forward to working with you and sharing in this ministry. You may contact me at 709-639-8712 or by email at [program\\_dsown@nf.aibn.com](mailto:program_dsown@nf.aibn.com).

Blessings,

The Rev. Canon Roberta Woodman

*Matthew 16: 13-18* – “Who do people say that I am?” “You are the Messiah, the Son of the Living God” ...

“You are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church,  
and the gates of Hell will not prevail against it.”

*1 Peter 2: 2-10* – “Like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house...”... “But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.”

**Build your church Lord, make us one Lord,  
in the body of your Son!**