

Bay of Quinte Conference

The United Church of Canada



Newsletter

Winter 2011

2012 Annual Meeting

The 2012 Conference Annual Meeting planning is well underway. The theme this year is "Turning Points".

The meeting will take place at Trent University and rooms will be available on campus.

Presbytery Secretaries will have more information at the January Presbytery Meetings and look for details on the Conference Website in the New Year!

Resources Available and Stories Requested

Please be aware of some resources available to you from The United Church of Canada. There is a new "Weekly Advent Guide for Minutes for Mission" available. If you didn't receive it at your church please contact the Conference Office and we will forward it to you. Philanthropy Unit of The United Church is also looking for your stories that could be included in the next "Minutes for Mission". Please send your stories to David Armour at ms@united-church.ca.

The United Church of Canada would also like you to follow this link: www.surveymonkey.com/s/uccAccess to complete a short survey about what your congregation has done or is planning to do to be a more accessible and welcoming space. Any stories, large or small, are welcome.

Video Licensing and Copyright

Bay of Quinte Conference is pleased to be able to offer you the opportunity to obtain a Public Performance Video Licence at a great cost savings for your church!

We have again negotiated a video licensing agreement with Criterion Pictures (www.criterionpic.com) and Audio Cine Films (ACF) Inc. (www.acf-film.com) who represent most of the major distributors.

You need to have a copyright licence if you plan on using movies or video clips in any way in your congregation. Remember, without a public performance licence you are breaking current copyright laws! More information about copyright within The United Church of Canada can be found at: <http://www.united-church.ca/local/copyright>.

More information and forms can be found elsewhere in this mailing and on the Conference Website.



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Content of Winter Mailing

1. **Five Oaks:** Glossy Brochure describing programs for 2012. Please post.
2. **Christmas Card:** A Christmas card from Conference Staff.
3. **Presents or Presence:** A message from Rev. Dr. Bob Fillier, Conference President.
4. **Video Licence:** A letter and application form for applying for a video licence through Bay of Quinte Conference. Please pass this to the appropriate person.
5. **Young Adults Gathering:** Information on a gathering of young people between 18 and 30. Please pass this information on to the young adults in your pastoral charge.
6. **Church School Workshop:** Please pass this along to the youth leaders in your pastoral charge.
7. **Common Life:** A workshop to explore spiritual ideas. Please Post.
8. **Social Media and the Church:** A workshop to help congregations discover ways to use facebook, twitter, blogs, etc. in ministry. Please post.
9. **Greetings in this Advent Season:** A message from Interim Executive Secretary, Bill Steadman. Please post.
10. **Address Changes and Updates:** Please make note of these changes to your Conference Directory and please remember to let us know if you have any changes for us to be aware of.

Welcoming Communities

Please make special note that the deadline for compliance with the Customer Service Standard for Churches is January 1, 2012. For more information be sure to review the Welcoming Communities Accessibility Standards Customer Services on the Conference website.

Conference Communications

The November issue of "iNews" should have recently arrived in your email inbox. Also, don't forget to bookmark the Conference Website: www.bayofquinteconference.ca and remember to visit regularly for updates on what is going on around Bay of Quinte Conference. If you are the person in your pastoral charge who opens the mail please do take the time to go through this mailing and make sure that you pass along the information provided to any interested individuals or groups in your churches.

