

CIC Minister's Report – Ton Hall, March 13th 2016

Hoorah for us all and a special nod to the selection committee. Corey is hired and the Selection Committee will have the details.

We have the grange hall reserved and paid for Easter, 27 March. Jan, bless her, has gone over the sign up sheet and created what we need folks to sign up on.

Passover, April 22 this year, is in the works as well. I have spoken with Hilarie and Miriam about leading and will host at my home if no one else is wanting that pleasure.

Shelly Bentley has confirmed that Circle Hawk Is available to celebrate the Summer Solstice on June 19th, which is also Father's Day.

Hilarie is our new Call Shepherd and is also taking over maintaining the Roster of CIC members for us. We will have our call celebration this year quite late, 10th April.

Website, we checked this month and it turned out that Wavelinks was visible on line and Scott has taken measures to mask that visibility. We have been very blessed to have Scott step to maintaining our Web site and we also notice that if anything came up and he was not available, we might have a hard time accessing and working with it.

A heads up re my availability. I am happy to stick around AND will be taking Sunday the 20th off this month to spend with my kids. Jo and I are planning to go to the United Churches Conference on 29 of April and thus miss the celebration May 1.

Currently we have celebrations planned through April 10th.

I expect to be ending my paid work for CIC by the end of June. I am completely willing to help with the transition after my employment ends but will be taking time off. I never knew how much I would resist being tied down every Sunday till it happened!

I am available to any one to process this transition and the retirement of Kathleen. We announced this last town hall and I have not gotten any "takers" at this point. If anyone would like more to ask me about my process in retracting my application I am happy to talk to you, just ask. I can go for a walk with you, answer e-mail or phone call meet, what ever your druthers.

Just so folks know, there are members of our community that recognize our financial challenges. We have for several years running not gotten enough pledges to cover our budget. Fortunately for us we have each of this years had role over moneys and used them. Having Jan and I has been a financial boon to CIC and thus is buying us a bit more time but there is a distinct and substantial shortfall in our finances. We will not at this meeting solve this. It is a "fresh new year" once Corey comes on board and this will need to be a focus is the months ahead. I fully expect that growing our numbers, growing the size of folks pledges and growing our youth program will all be vital parts of the discussions in our near future.

As usual would like to encourage folks to suggest topics/celebrations they are craving. I would love feedback on what is working well for you and what you feel needs support. It is a blessing to work in this community and I am so very pleased to have had this position and to continue in it.