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The Calgary School for Mission and Ministry's 'Class of 2019' – a group of laity, faculty and board members who gathered in Calgary in November to try out the Workshop Weekend format.

Next stop, opening weekend!

The Calgary School for Mission and Ministry passed an important milestone in early November, with the successful conclusion of a trial run of a CSMM Workshop Weekend.

“As we work to stand this school up, we’re moving into uncharted territory in our Diocese. We want to make sure our programming is as strong, helpful and accessible as possible,” says the Rev. Elizabeth Short, a member of the CSMM’s Program/Design Committee. So we gathered our instructors with some ‘guinea pigs’ from the clergy and laity, for a bit of a ‘dress rehearsal’ of what a CSMM course weekend will be like.

Six students and three instructors spent three days at the FCJ Centre in downtown Calgary, studying the same material that will be presented to CSMM students in the future, presented by the same instructors. (If mission simulations are good enough for NASA, why shouldn’t the CSMM use them, too!)

The gathering was a trial run of the format as well as the curriculum, and Logistics Committee member Carol Tubman says it was well worth the effort.

“It was wonderful. It validated that we’re on the right track, and also provided great insights on how we can improve things,” Carol says.

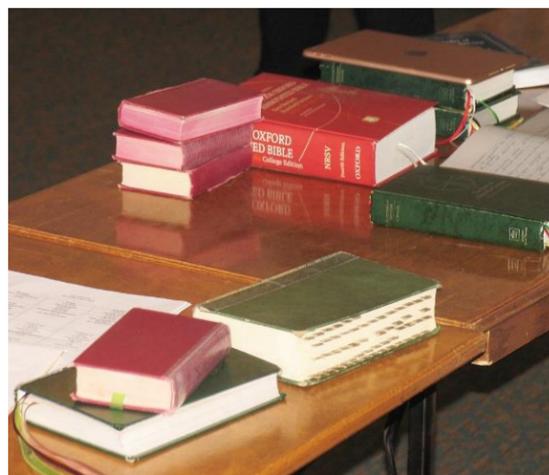
“We’ll incorporate what we learned and adapt our approach for our next weekend, where we’ll have actual students taking the courses.”

Registration deadline looming

The first CSMM Workshop Weekend for students is set for June 18-20, and while that seems like a long way off, the application deadline is December 31 – less than two months from now!

“Anyone who wants to attend in June should really [visit our website right away and get started](#) – even if you’re ‘interested but not sure’. There’s a discernment component to the application process that’s designed to help you explore your calling, so you don’t need to be a ‘definite yes’ before you apply,” Carol notes.

“There are a few forms to fill out and some essay writing to do, so don’t put this off. We won’t hold another CSMM weekend until fall 2020, so December 31 is a big day for our potential students.”



Bob Mummery, stepping back

Clara King, staying on

So long and thank you!

As the Calgary School for Mission and Ministry moves from the ‘planning’ stage to actual activation, it’s fitting that two of its most prominent members are stepping back from the school’s board.

The Rev. Bob Mummery and the Ven. Pilar Gateman – Executive Archdeacon for the Diocese – are both moving on from the CSMM board. The Rev. Clara King is staying on as co-chair to ensure continuity and to maintain momentum for the school.

“Bob and Pilar have been absolutely instrumental in the creation of this school, and we are very grateful for their many contributions. They’ve done an exemplary job of stewarding the vision they were given, and we thank them for their faithfulness,” says the Most Rev. Greg Kerr-Wilson, Archbishop of Calgary.

“Pilar and Bob leave big shoes to fill – but in the meantime, we have Clara and a strong board at the helm, and we’re confident they’ll guide the CSMM boldly and wisely in its next exciting chapter.” † † †