



2010 Deacon Report ***Don LeBlanc***

Over the past year I have become more involved with Ben and Andy in NGM than I have been in the past (bus driving), not because I have a lot of patience with kids (especially when you can't discipline them). If we want to see NGM be as effective as everyone in the congregation seems to feel, then as a congregation we need to get more involved with Andy and Ben.

With *Plan to Protect* we are on the verge of having to put limits on how many kids we can minister to as we don't have enough adult supervision. Not only that, but there aren't enough adults to properly minister to or supervise with the activities. My kids have grown and we are on to grandkids now, I feel for a lot of these kids as some come from very rough backgrounds and need the boundaries set for them at NGM.

I recall last fall when one of the boys (perhaps 10 years old) would have to phone on the way home to see if he was supposed to go to his mom's or dad's. I don't help because I like the screaming kids on the bus or the craziness at the functions, but because Andy and Ben need the help and someone has to do it. We can't keep leaving it to people in the church with kids as 60% of these kids don't come from church families now.

However, our hope is that one day they will not only be church families but leaders in the church.

On another note, it has been a very busy year with the gym renovation and looking to the future of what the church's (congregation's) needs are. Both in Peachland and Westbank, some very big decisions are having to be made. We as your leaders need your prayers and input.

In Peachland it is encouraging to see the attendance keep creeping up, hopefully to the point that we can get our own building instead of a store front, so our congregation will feel more ownership and we will be able to better reach our community.

It has been an honor to serve this congregation and with your prayers and input I hope to continue being an effective leader.

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