



Rural Ministry Day Question Response

We would appreciate responses by May 15th – before the planning committee meets with Bishop Andrew.

Sample Questions:

1. What will the rural church landscape look like in 5 – 10 years?
2. Change is necessary – what does prune for growth mean for us?
3. Why are clergy unwilling to work in rural parishes? What can we do about that?
4. If our area is depopulated, how do we keep struggling churches open? Should we?
5. We know that closing a rural church has a disproportionate impact on the neighbourhood/community than closing a church in Toronto. Are closures taking this into account and can we more creatively deal with these situations – semi-closures, Chapels of Ease that stay as community hubs?
6. My ancestors planted my church during the Upper Canada Rebellion when times were risky and uncertain. How can you close my church?
7. We know how to love our neighbours – how can we make rural ministry sustainable when there is so much need?

Here are my Questions for Bishop Andrew:

1. If you had three (3) questions for Bishop Andrew about the future of Rural Ministry (not covered by those in the sample list), what would you ask him?

2. Which topics do you think the Bishop should address in his ‘State of Rural Ministry’ address at the Rural Ministry Day on Saturday, September 26?

3. What else should we do or include at the Rural Ministry Day?



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Please register me for the Rural Ministry Day, September 26:

Yes _____ No _____

Name: _____ Phone: _____

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Parish: _____

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