

To: Fredericton Youth Hockey Association Board Members

From: Chris Bennett FYHA Chaplain 2019-20 season

Re: Annual report

Date: May 4 2020

Dear teammates,

Another season has come to a close. I am grateful for the opportunity to serve the FYHA community. It has been another successful year of conversations and support to families in hockey.

This past season I had many conversations with parents and players. With the approval and support of FHYA I attempted to conduct regular chapels for the FYHA community at large. These gatherings were intended to engage conversation in spiritual health; a key component of one's overall health condition identified by Health Canada.

There were some great discoveries made during this trial of chapels. As the chapels got underway concerns were raised about "religion" and its place in the game of hockey. The purpose of a chaplain in any program is not to convert or persuade. It is a place for listening and sharing. It is in listening that conversation begins. Every time I was present at the rink one on one conversations would take place and I was able to offer support where needed.

Chaplaincy is presence. Being present for people is a great need. I am thankful for the recognition of this by the FHYA board.

With the approval of the FYHA board I am open to continue serving as Chaplain for the 2020-21 season making team chapels available for coaches, players and parents and continued conversation(s) around spiritual health.

Respectfully submitted.



Chris Bennett

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