

Session Three – Moving Forward Together
REGIONAL MEETINGS
Diocesan Gathering 2010

What is our Vision for the Region?

Region:	BLACKBUTT	
Facilitator & Participants	Facilitator: Helene O'Neill Participants: Please see attached list	
PAST		PRESENT
Where have we Been?		Where are we Now?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ World Youth Day – special moments at St Therese; ▪ Two PPC's meet to form Regional Council; ▪ A lot of change very quickly; ▪ Six parishes down to two – still catching up – emotionally not there yet. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Lacking one identity – 3 separate faith communities; Holy Trinity Parish – good music, but disloyal; ▪ Do we see ourselves as a region? Not for the average person – WYD gave a great perspective; ▪ Leadership – need to listen not push our agenda – clergy needs to be supportive; ▪ Lay leaders – not enough. Need to answer the centrality of the Eucharist – radical change?
FUTURE		
What Are Our Hopes for the Future? Where Would we Like to Be?		How Are We Going to Get There?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Lay leadership; 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Qualified people who want to work in parish – paid positions? Fund money for seminarians, why not laity?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Action to get money; ▪ Community of the faithful 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ One Church in Newcastle 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ New Church – exciting! Signs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ stronger lay movement; ▪ conversation regarding Gathering;

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Clergy open to ideas;
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ How to build up community? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Reach out to those not here; ▪ Jesus All About Life – evangelisation/talk about Church
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Need priests for Eucharist 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Different communities
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Deacons 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Women deacons; ▪ Church needs to grow.