**Ministry Training Opportunities** – Using the resources of the DCRF to enthuse ordinands and others about rural ministry, preparation of a DVD featuring people from different walks of rural life and ministry talking about rural life and ministry, an event where ordinands and others can come together to meet people from the DCRF and wider rural life, working up a CME day in conjunction with Diocese/PEMD on aspects of rural ministry – perhaps connecting with theological reflection, church responses to rural social issues, organising rural placements with a difference to incorporate learning about rural life in as much breadth as possible …

This has been a very slow process, however, contact made with:

 Venerable Mark Butchers Principal SWMTC, Met 11th May 2022

Basically cannot put any more into the 3 year training course than there is now, supportive of the idea, however, suggested that if anything is to be done then it would have to be done

post Ordination and post SWMTC course. Kim Mathers and Philip Sourbut are the key people.

Reverend Prebendary Kim Mathers, We will be meeting on 13th October 2022 responsible for phase 2 training of the newly ordained, positive about looking at some way in which rural issues might be included in the schedule hence the meeting in October when they look at the future structure of the courses

 Reverend Prebendary Philip Sourbut, Director of Mission and Ministry. We will be meeting on 2nd August 2022. Not averse to the idea of trying to find ways of encouraging ministers to broaden their horizons in rural settings.

 Reverend Sarah Hulme Rural officer for the Methodist Church discussions by email. She would like to be able to place new Methodist ministers in rural settings as a taster, looking at farming, rural structures, markets etc..

 The Market Chaplaincy Team – Holsworthy discussed at our Breakfast meetings

The team is very positive about trying to help. Andy Jerrard, leader, very much on board with this.

 Venerable Verena Breed – Chair RIG (Zoom meeting 13th July 2022)

Long discussion on aims, finance, support etc. very positive and really constructive but a long way to go.

Who else:

 Mark Bromell one of the directors of Kivells, Holsworthy Market very prepared to offer time and support.

 Local farmers need to be asked, the right ones are always prepared to show off their farms and discuss their experiences.

Aim:

 To give ordinands and the newly ordained a taste of rural ministry

What else:

* What do the potential users of this support want to gain from the experience and what do they want? Survey of those training?
* What is the offer?
* How is it going to be funded? This is being researched at the moment.
* How do we pass on our experiences and who does this?
* Are we replicating things that are being done elsewhere and can we plug into those experiences?
* Putting a structure together.
* Clergy and others need to identify those who are prepared to help.
* Needs to be set up in such a way that the processes are not lost and the project then ceases to be actioned.
* Are we going to do this in conjunction with the Methodist Church?