

Church Management Meeting Report 20251214

■ Reports and Confirmation Items

1. Celebrations for parish students

Gifts from the parish have been given to elementary, junior high, and high school students at graduation. These gifts for junior high and high school students will continue after the Sunday school and religious education programs of the Hakodate district parishes are merged.

2. Visitor notebook

During the Ordinary Jubilee Year, a notebook for pilgrims to write in was placed at the entrance, but it has not been used very often. It was decided that this visitor notebook will no longer be placed after the close of the Holy Year.

3. Projector and related uses

The installation and placement of a projector, together with simultaneous online distribution of presentations, is under consideration. The projected materials would include the new Order of Mass and hymns for both Japanese speakers and foreign-language speakers.

■ Discussion Items

1. Church facilities for elderly and disabled

The choir seating will be reviewed and possibly replaced with a more stable design. A central handrail outside the main entrance is scheduled to be installed in the next fiscal year. During winter, anti-slip sand will be provided as a safety measure. There was also a proposal to install a handrail on the organ side for lectors, and the specific design is currently under consideration..

2. Streamlining church committees

Examples of how overseas churches organize their committees and groups were presented, and views were exchanged. It appears difficult to maintain the Evangelization and Welfare Committee in its current form, since its purpose is broad and no single person can take full responsibility for it. There was a proposal to form a service group that would continue some of the committee's functions.

3. Outreach to the kindergarten

Christmas invitation cards to neighbors and to Fuji Kindergarten were discontinued around the time of COVID-19, and there was a suggestion to resume them. Ideas included holding Masses that children can easily take part in, and inviting kindergarten children and their families to join a mini bazaar.

■ Other Announcement

The next meeting will be held on **January 11**.