

**Toronto Southeast Presbytery – Congregational Health/Nurture Team**

Notes for meeting

February 13, 2018

Apps Room, Presbytery Office

Present: Anne Hepburn, Susanne VanderLugt, Marg Walker; staff: Ian Manson, Anne Shirley Sutherland

Unable to attend: Joan McCalmont. Michael Cottrell has resigned from the Team for health reasons.

Marg opened the meeting with reading on Loyalty from 'God's Daily Promises.'

Visiting Team Report to Fairlawn Avenue United Church

The CH Team received the report of the Visiting Team to Fairlawn Avenue United Church. The Team felt it was an excellent report which should be used by an Interim Minister and Transition Team in the future.

The Final Report and a summary report with recommendations will be forwarded to the Governing Council of Fairlawn.

The Team expressed thanks to the Visiting Team and to Anne Shirley for her support to the Visiting Team and to Fairlawn.

Review of congregations

Anne Shirley responded to questions about a few congregations.

Mission Animation

Ian reported that the terms of his appointment have changed and he will not continue into 2019.

Plans to support congregations towards the transition to Regional Councils are developing. These could include opportunities to learn about connecting with neighbourhoods, branding, ideas for new missional opportunities; how to be more effective, welcoming, and stronger congregations: and a Congregational day, later in the fall.

Review of previous minutes

Minutes will be forwarded to Wendy for posting.

Remit #6

20 congregations had not submitted ballots for Remit #6 before January 16. Most have since submitted their ballots. If no ballot is forwarded, it is considered a 'no' vote.

Exit Interviews

There was an update on Exit Interviews conducted with members of the Pastoral Relations and Ministry Support Team.

Next steps

There was discussion about visiting congregations, ministry personnel and Councils. When members of the Team worship with congregations, we should continue to look for best practices and listen to their joys, concerns and struggles. There may be a need to ask some hard questions about the future in these visits.

Susanne will pursue an idea for meeting with a congregation.

Next meeting

April 3, 2018 from 1 to 3 pm *is this a good time??*

Marg Walker: Chair & note-taker