

Transition Team Report

As we transition from one Minister to another in our congregation our Board has decided to address this change through what is referred to as an Intentional Interim Ministry. This has become a fairly common practice when a congregation has developed an attachment to one minister for a long period of time. What this means is that for a period of one year we will be served by a minister who is trained in leading a community of faith such as ours through an intentional time out to seek spiritual and organizational renewal, rediscover its identity and to revitalize its mission. This minister will come from a group of United Church ministers who are specifically trained for this purpose and will not be eligible to become our permanent minister.

To enable this process the Board has appointed a Transition Team which will select the interim minister and work collaboratively with him or her to achieve the goals set for that individual. The members of that team as posted on the church website are Doreen Cave, Gillian Corbett, Rosalind Foley, Allan Parsons, Colin Perry, JoAnn Stone and myself, Max Robbins. In addition we have, as consultants, two representatives designated by Church office. To date the transition team has met 2 times and plan to meet twice monthly into the near future, We have determined as far as possible the attributes we would like to see in our interim minister and are ready to post the position on the United Church Hub. That is the website where all positions in the United Church are advertised.

It is the hope of the team to have someone in place by early July. This may be overly optimistic since the number of designated Interim Ministers is not large. In the meantime if you have questions or comments would you please make them known to our group. Please feel free to approach any of us at any time with any input you may have.

Again the whole purpose of this endeavour is to provide a time for our congregation to reflect on past practices, see where we have excelled, see where we might need to change, and to reaffirm our commitment to the future vitality of our congregation.