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Minutes of the East of Eden Mission Community Steering Group Meeting 29/05/2018

Present : Revd Stephen Pye, Bryan Gray (Chair), Jim Butterworth, Kathleen Doidge-Harrison, Revd Keith Speck, Ray Wager

EEMC Leader Appointment

Katharine Butterfield, the new Mission Community leader and Rector of the KO benefice, will be inducted at St Oswald's, Kirkoswald on Monday, 3 September, at 7.30pm.

Circuit Update

Helen gave an update on discussions with the Penrith circuit and the appointment of a successor to the Revd Les Wallace when he retires in 2019. There is to be a KO & Alston Moor circuit meeting on 9 July. **BG** offered to attend if this is thought to be helpful.

Budget Consultation

Representatives of the six Mission Communities in the diocesan Parish Share pilot scheme met in Kendal on 8 May. Bryan, Jim and Ray attended. The purpose was to confirm to relevant Parishes that they are part of the Pilot and that the co-ordination of parish offers would be by the Mission Community, rather than the Benefice and Deanery Co-ordinators. Derek Hurton, Diocesan Secretary was asked to write to parishes with a 'mandate' for Mission Communities. This was agreed.

The Steering Group needs to communicate with parishes explaining the need for each Parish to think more broadly about the future and about what we want to achieve as a MC when making our offer.

Action: JB, as co-ordinator of the KO Benefice, to inform treasurers and wardens of how we would like them to approach the Offer this year. Stephen has started this in the Cross Fell group, advising an increase of 3% in the parish offer to keep pace with inflation.

Finance

Geoff Anderson, who set up the EEMC website has told Ray that, by sharing the hosting, the cost to the EEMC can be reduced. This was agreed.

EEMC Annual Meeting

Monday, 17 September, at 7pm, at Great Salkeld village hall.

Action: **BG** to draft the annual report for the next steering group meeting. **JB** to notify Katharine.

Training

Cumbria Christian Learning provided training sessions in April and May at Great Salkeld VH. Stephen is meeting Revd Nicky Pennington to talk about commissioning those who attended the training.

'Critical' Friend

Outstanding.

Action: **BG** to speak to the Archdeacon about the specifics of the role of a Mission Community Friend.

Gamblesby Chapel

Mention of the chapel development led to the suggestion that, to open a wider discussion about the use of/development of buildings within the EEMC, there could be a suitably-worded item on the agenda at the AGM in September.

Lent Lunches

It was generally felt that the Lent lunches should primarily be a social occasion, giving people a chance to meet and focusing on community service and fellowship. Lydia Gray, who has co-ordinated the Lent lunches for some years feels that it is time for someone new to take on the role. The steering group hope to identify someone in the autumn who will take over the organising of next year's lunches. **Action: All**

Quiet Day – 19 October 2018

It was decided that Rydal Hall is too expensive and that one of the village halls could be used. **Action: KDH** to book Melmerby VH if it is available. **SP** to speak to Bishop James Bell about the format of the day. The suggested theme is Facing the Future, with a focus on personal spiritual growth and growth in community.

Newsletter

This will promote the AGM; contain the Annual Report, and advertise the 19 October Quiet Day.

Action: KDH to prepare an item about the 19 October day for MEMO and The Raven for publication in August. **SP** to provide a "core message".

Curate

Mark Houston will be ordained at Carlisle Cathedral on 30 June. Stephen is unavailable because he is conducting weddings. Katharine will represent him. Mark's appointment is unique in that, although Stephen will be his training minister, Mark's licence will be to the Mission Community.

Date of next meeting: Monday, 23 July, 4pm, at Langwathby Methodist Church.