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Minutes of the East of Eden Mission Community Steering Group Meeting 8/1/2018

Present : Revd Stephen Pye, Revd Les Wallace, Bryan Gray (Chair), Jim Butterworth, Kathleen Doidge-Harrison, Ray Wager, Helen Armstrong. Joined by Archdeacon Lee Townend

1. Matters Arising

The meeting agreed that the MC would be a pilot for changes to the Parish Offer

Moving Mountains dates to be advertised in local magazines

LW and SP

Formal Commissioning of the EEMC –this can be done on a pro forma but we do need a critical friend/consultant.

Lee has asked Mike Talbot

Lay Leadership. There have been various discussions around lay leadership and commissioning with disparity between Methodist and Anglican processes. **SP to invite Nicky Pennington to a meeting to clarify positions. Peter Bowes to be invited.**

Finance – total funds are £3,351.53 spread over general, Messy Church, Godly Play and Christmas and Easter Journeys. Recent expenditure has been on the study books ‘Discipling Presence’.

‘A Church Near You’ – on line presence. Jim Steele is coordinating this. **John D-H’s contact details to be passed over as John has been involved**

Worship Patterns – working on this but will take time

Staffing – Mark Houston to take up the Curacy in the MC. His ordination will be in the Carlisle Cathedral on 1st July 2018. His wife, Ruth, is a retired headteacher and talented musician.

Penrith/West Mission Community meeting. Reinstated meetings beginning 17th Jan, 7pm at Penrith Methodist Church

LOGO – agreed it would be good to have an external sign for each church building acknowledging MC.

LW emailed possible wording. Further meeting needed

BG, LW, HA

Rydal Hall MC Away Day 19th October. Vision of nourishment, renewal and reflection. Invitation to speaker/leader

**KDH to ask Bishop James Bell
HA to ask Richard Passmore**

2. EEMC Vacancy discussion led by Archdeacon Lee Townend who is also the Ecumenical Strategy Development Officer

The process of appointing a Mission Community Co Leader who also is licensed to the Benefice of Kirkoswald, Renwick, Lazonby and Great Salkeld.

The Anglican part of the profile is complete after positive meetings
MC steering group to draw up the MC part of the profile

TIMELINE

1. **BG to circulate existing draft profile**
2. **HA to circulate recent profile/job description etc for Lay Pastor for information**
3. **Steering group to comment on draft profile and return by e mail**
4. **Draft profile to be sent to all congregation reps in the MC for comment (2 weeks)**
5. **SP to ask school children the characteristics of a good MC leader**
6. **BG to collate feedback**
7. **Advertising to be done predominantly online at 'parish recruitment'**
8. **Meeting to formalise the profile with the Archdeacon on Thursday 25th January, 4pm at Langwathby Chapel**

THE INTERVIEW PANEL– decided to have two panels of 6 people
4 Anglican reps, The Archdeacon, Bishop James, HA, RW, LW,SP,BG, KDH

HA to ask Claire Slee if she would be willing to be on the interview panel
Bishop James may delegate the task the Archdeacon due to prior commitments
Gender balance important

Date of next meeting Thursday 25th January, 4pm at Langwathby Chapel