

Minutes of Circuit Mission Committee

Wednesday 23 January 2019 at Radyr Methodist Church - 7:30 pm.

Present: Pauline Tang, Cath Taylor, Jackie Phillips, Ann Merrick, Gill Peace, Peter Richards, Jayne Powell, Judith Powell, Martin Hunt, Matt Barry.

1. Opening Devotions.

Pauline led on Matthew Chapter 10 – summarises what Jesus has done and why (compassion) Instructed disciples to do ministry as he has led them. Go to the lost, the confused, to the neighbourhood. To the least. All we need is to travel light. As we are treated generously, so should we be generous. Not an easy path. Need to give up part of our lives to do this. The Spirit would be with them/us.

2. **Apologies for Absence:** Judith Snook from Ely; Sue Morris from Cathays; Sarah Knight from St Andrews

3. Minutes of the last meeting.

Amendment for Jayne Powell to be added to the list of apologies, otherwise agreed as correct.

4. Matters arising.

Cath Taylor taking minutes this time (rotating role).

Rev. Nick Oborski was going to do circuit dates for the whole year including Mission committee dates. Pauline not received any dates so far. Noted no staff present at this meeting.

Action: Pauline to request dates from Rev Nick Oborski for Mission Committee Meetings. Suggest meeting once a quarter eg January, May early Sept and Nov to feed into Circuit meeting.

A potential Circuit Mission Service was discussed.

Mission partners here 6 and 7 July – Morning service would be at St Andrews after 5 years in Germiston in RSA – working in women's empowerment? This is an opportunity for Circuit Service that Sunday evening. Suggest offer churches eg Radyr to host such a Circuit service.

Action: Gill Peace to follow up with Rev Nick Oborski

5. Terms of Reference

Discussion around drafted terms – Matt suggested add sharing needs around the circuit.

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Matt suggested it needs a definition of Mission – Showing the Love of God in action. Martin suggested referring to the definitions in the Methodist Church website. It was generally agreed the role of the committee is in facilitating rather than strategic and

sharing rather than directing. Agreed terms of Reference should be available at Circuit office and on Circuit website

Action: Pauline /All - circulate and amend Terms of Reference by email

6. Mission Fund Updates

Interim report presented by Peter - £1303.22 to date from 5 churches

No report from Richard on OM income – Judith will request from Richard £5315.72 and £82 direct to connexion = £5397.72

NEWS about mission activities – we shared initiatives from member churches represented:

Conway Road – 150 years anniversary – several past ministers invited and coming back; Flower festival in July. Info coming around circuit soon. Call for old photos, memories. Concerts planned.

St Andrews – Partner church in Malawi – providing people there with solar irrigation. Population pressure on land – will help improve consistency of irrigation. Theme on sunshine at Harvest – interactive service. Just under £400 raised – target over 2 years £2500. Advent theme and Carol service collection £470. Ongoing reports back from the partner church community, good way of engaging different age groups

Llandaff North – Messy church tent as part of local festival – 150 people, 25 of whom still attend church activities.

Wesley Canton (Matt) – the church had produced business card sized cards with “Our calling” on distributed to congregation, well received.

Cathays (Martin) – Toy service – Toys sent to Trinity centre – parents choose toys and take them home to wrap.

Whitchurch (Judith) – Collection Mission for Britain advent offering in lieu of Gift Service.

Radyr (Cath) – Ongoing distribution of Welcome leaflets to new houses in Plasdwr. As they become newly occupied, we call to homes in pairs - a member of each of Radyr Methodist and Christchurch, Radyr and St John’s Church in Wales, welcome occupants on the doorstep to the community, give Welcome leaflets with details of activities of both churches enclosed, and small gift of a votive candle “the Lord bless you and keep you”. 63 households visited so far, well received and at least 2 households now attending church.

7. A.O.B.

25 Feb Fairtrade fortnight: Traidcraft Exchange campaign “She deserves £1.82 / a living income/ clean water”

Jubilee debt news Finance Minister for Mozambique and Bankers in UK arrested for bribery and making illegal loans.

Holocaust Memorial Sunday 27th January

8. Date of next meeting - to be circulated

9. Closing Devotions – we closed with sharing the Grace