

FEEDBACK FROM THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 21 NOVEMBER 2017

1. THANKS TO VOLUNTEERS

- 1.1. Thank you to the volunteers who have so tirelessly helped with all aspects of the church during 2017. Without your help we would not have been able to do a fraction of what was achieved during the year. We look forward to 2018 being a year filled with new projects and exciting opportunities for ministry.
- 1.2. Bee Thomas has come onto the Sunday School teachers team. With all the plans that have been put in place we look forward to a growth in the Sunday School next year.
- 1.3. Thank you to the Wendy Quilliam and Anne Segor for the beautiful decorations that you see in the church for the Advent season.

2. FINANCE

- 2.1. Because of your faithfulness and due to severe cost cutting measures in the office, we have been able to pay the staff 13th cheques. This is most appreciated considering that the staff salaries were cut in order to operate within the financial constraints that we were experiencing.
- 2.2. Feedback from SARS is still outstanding.
- 2.3. The churches tithe this month went to African Enterprise. This organization exists to see the continent of Africa saved by the love of Jesus and to see Africa's people disciplined by the church and transformed by good works (AE Website)

3. NEWS UPDATE

- 3.1. After a great deal of delay and frustration we were able to get a meeting with the Parent Churches around looking for a new minister for RRUC. They have undertaken to appoint an Interim Moderator/Assessor by the end of December 2017. This person will assist in the process. Early in the new year they will call a Congregational meeting to confirm the Search Committee. We pray that now that we have been able to have this meeting the process of calling a new minister can move ahead.
- 3.2. Stuart Morrison gets back from his time with TIM (Training in Mission). We welcome him home and look forward to hearing about all he has learnt and experienced dealing with different cultures and learning all about how to spread the Good News of our Lord.

4. CELEBRATING SUCCESS

The annual Cheshire Homes Christmas party was held. This was once again hosted by the FATHERS group and other volunteers and was a great success.

5. STAFF MATTERS

- 5.1. Londiwe Mtshali who has been the Youth Intern for this year will be joining Linden Presbyterian next year in their youth department. As this is a part time appointment she will also be volunteering at RRUC to continue the c=good work that she has been doing here. We wish her all the best in her ministry going forward.
- 5.2. Rev Craig Morrisson will be on leave during December.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Blessed Christmas. May you experience the peace, love and joy afforded to us by our Living Saviour. May you all have a time of rest and rejuvenation and to those going away, travel safely and we look forward to seeing everyone next year.

If there are any questions or comments please feel free to contact me.
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