



## Transition Team Communication # 9 July 2022

June was exciting for St. Andrew's United Church and our Intentional Interim Ministry time. Rev. Shannon Mang joined us in Markham from June 15 – 26 and led in-person worship on June 19 & 26. Rev. Wayne Beamer also joined on June 19<sup>th</sup> and co-preached that day.

The June 26<sup>th</sup> service included an Intentional Interim Ministry (IIM) event focused on healing, addressing concerns and moving forward. Rev. Shannon and Rev. Wayne both heard from many congregants that they were struggling with Rev. Katherine leaving and not feeling clear about why she left. They shared that our congregation has many strengths and we care deeply about each other and we have committed volunteers. If you did not attend this service, the link to the recording is <https://youtu.be/RezVfwJyZ8>. It has been included with this communication, instead of posting on the website as the sermon/reflection was sensitive and specific to St. Andrew's congregation, members and adherents. We also shared favourite hymns, prayers for the congregation, memories and things we are grateful for from past ministers, as well as next steps as we prepare to welcome a new minister. Ideas can still be added by:

- a) Contributing online - <https://padlet.com/standrewsunitedmarkham/mt4ppr7ywxbbkvm6>
- b) Emailing your ideas to the church [unitedchurch@bellnet.ca](mailto:unitedchurch@bellnet.ca)
- c) Writing your ideas down and dropping off at the church or requesting a pickup of your form.

The search committee is re-forming and council appreciates the nominations that were submitted. They are beginning their work shortly. The Transition Team will also continue to meet through the summer.

The Governance team presented a preliminary proposal to Council at the June meeting. The Council approved this proposal which Rev. Wayne Beamer and the governance team will be working to flesh out further. More details will be shared in summer governance updates.

We will be looking for feedback from the congregation in the fall. We thank you in advance for your support and constructive criticism. Change is hard, but it is also part of growth. We need to be open to change as we prepare to search for and welcome a new minister. Your prayers are welcomed.

Your SAUC Transition Team

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