

# **What's New in the Pew? July 2017**

## **Transition Minister**

Some potential Interim Ministers locally have been contacted to facilitate our time of transition but none are available right now. Hugh Johnson, Chair of Personnel Support for Presbytery, has gone farther afield to locate a Transition/Intentional Interim Minister to fill our needs. We should hear more in this regard sometime in July. Their availability would be early fall.

## **Interim Pulpit Supply**

Kathy Seibel has contacted ministers from the Calgary Presbytery Pulpit Supply list and has found someone for each of the Sundays in July and August. If need be, she will draw on this supply list to fill the Sundays in the fall until our interim Minister is in place.

I encourage all to come out each Sunday to support those ministers who are sharing themselves and their messages this summer. It is a wonderful opportunity to become acquainted with the many ministers in Calgary whose paths we would otherwise never cross.

## **Transition Team**

The Board has selected four members from the Congregation to serve on our Transition Team. This team will work with the Transition Minister, the Board and the staff to address processes and policy dealing with the Congregation, the Board, the Trustees and the Staff. As soon as we hear from Presbytery as to who their one or two representatives are, we will be able to publish the membership of the team.

## **Central's Celebrate Life Recovery Sunday Evening Service**

There continues to be great energy generated at each of the Celebrate Life Recovery evening services. Peter Sheridan and Brad Oneil are providing excellent leadership in this area. They will be working directly with the incoming Transition Minister as well as applying their demonstrated lay spirituality, professional counselling and combined leadership skills.

The first Sunday under their leadership, they distributed surveys to those in attendance. The results of these surveys are in the process of being tabulated. There were around 100 completed and returned, with a majority including contact information and offers to serve in a variety of ways.

I will continue to post updates in the interest of keeping everyone informed on "what's new in the pew". I also welcome any questions that I am failing to address.

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