



Responding to the Review

Where we've got to

Bulletin 2

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Introduction

Following our feedback in March, it is time to feedback the conclusions we have reached about the new team.

The team definition

The review suggested a number of criteria for the new team which we agree with. We don't see that we will be able to achieve all, completely, in this transition, but we believe that this is the step for us to make at this time. As a reminder, the key points were:

- Include the existing eldership couples.
- Broaden the personality types within the leadership.
- Bring mission into the heart of the team.
- Be a team of team leaders
- Possibly bring villages more into the vision of the team
- Develop an intergenerational approach to leadership
- Increase prophetic and evangelistic creativity and risk-taking

It seems to us that the absolute key point to this is that it should increase the connectedness between the eldership and the church as a whole, between the awesome collection of gifts that are in the church and the vision for the church.

A provisional team name

To reflect this, we are giving the name the provision name of the "Connectivity team". This is specifically to reflect that this is a very different team to a traditional eldership or leadership team and we want to explore a new, fresh, model here. As we have said, we are not trying to create a collection of "elders or near elders". It also reflects the fact that we are inviting the team members to serve for a season – it isn't an appointment for eternity. We will regularly review the team assisted by ongoing support from the review team.

The communicator

The review team suggested the creation of a specific role, designed to help Neil and D in particular at communication and support levels. We have asked Andy White if he would carry this role and he has agreed. He and Eileen will therefore form part of the connectivity team.

The Connectivity Team

The team that we have invited, and who have said yes, are:

- Andy and Liz Bruce (elder)
- Mark Bruce
- Mike and Karen Greig
- Ian and Rosie Horswell (elder)
- Dave and Jenny Smith
- Neil and D Townsend (team leader)
- Mark and Gillie Tracey
- Andy and Eileen White (communicator)

This is, in line with the review suggestions, different, outwards focussed, contains a sense of the prophetic and villages, and also a strong link to both children and youth.

Please pray with us for this team that we might become all the God has for us.