



Amalgamation Update
St. Stephen's on-the-Hill & Christ First

JOINT AMALGAMATION COMMITTEE

UPDATE

FEBRUARY 12, 2023



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WHO ARE WE?

- ❖ Amalgamation committees from Christ First and St. Stephen's on-the-Hill are working together as a Joint Amalgamation Committee (JAC).
- ❖ Co-chairs: Rob Ord (SSOTH) and Steve Shaver (CF)



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WHO ARE WE?

- ❖ Christ First: Shawn Bausch, Barb Abrams, Rick Cranston, Joan Cobbold, Louise Sinclair, Mary Dowding-Paré
- ❖ St. Stephen's on-the-Hill: Cecilia Conlin, Karen Pensenev, Jim Maxwell, Clare Macdonald, Jacquie Knowles



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OUR MANDATE

- ❖ Make a recommendation about whether or not to proceed to amalgamation.
- ❖ If recommendation is to proceed, both congregations must vote on and approve the recommendation.
- ❖ Horseshoe Falls Regional Council must also approve amalgamation.



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OUR PROGRESS

- ❖ Monthly meetings since November, 2022.
- ❖ Identified relevant areas of interest/concern pertaining to amalgamation, including: property, human resources, finance, music and worship, technology, governance and outreach.



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OUR PROGRESS

- ❖ Sub-committees formed to do a full review of these areas.



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OUR PROGRESS

- ❖ Sub-committees contain equal representation from both churches.
- ❖ These committees will address issues and opportunities and do appropriate due diligence.



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NEXT STEPS

- ❖ Sub-committees proceed with their investigations and report to JAC with their findings and recommendations.
- ❖ JAC to continue to meet monthly and review progress of sub-committees.



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NEXT STEPS

- ❖ Need to develop and submit a plan to Regional Council for how we will deploy our surplus assets.



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TIMELINES

- ❖ More work needed before timing of report to congregations can be determined.



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QUESTIONS

- ❖ Please contact Steve Shaver if you have questions.
- ❖ Responses to questions from both congregations will be included in upcoming newsletters sent out concurrently to SSOTH and CF.



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QUESTIONS

- ❖ Latest communications on amalgamation are posted on the church website.