



# Community of Christ

## **CREATING SAFE SPACE AND SANCTUARY FOR SEEKERS**

May 2, 2018

Dear Pastors, congregation leadership team members, and Mission Centre Council members,

Further to the information shared via News Update, the Mission Centre is hosting one day training at the Birmingham congregation on Saturday, 9<sup>th</sup> June, to share some of our experience with welcoming seekers and creating safe space for exploration and relationship. This training examines what it means for Community of Christ members, groups, and congregations, to provide a faithful and compassionate response to persons who are hurt, marginalised, questioning their faith, or seeking a safe spiritual home and sanctuary. It is designed to help our communities better understand the context of mission and ministry with seekers from the Latter Day Saint tradition.

I am contacting you as pastors and congregation leadership team members to encourage you consider sending a few representatives from your congregation to participate in this event and then return home to share insights with your congregation. It would be nice for congregations to send 1-2 persons who may have interest in working with seekers and helping the congregation work with seekers, as well as a young adult and youth representative from each congregation.

Larry McGuire will be joining us to help walk us through the course materials and share his own experience.

Here's some important information for the training:

### PROGRAMME

10.00 – Arrivals, Coffee & Tea

10.30 – Welcome & Session 1

12.00 – Lunch

1.00 – Session 2

2.30 – Coffee & Tea

3.00 – Session 3

4.30 – Closing

5.00 – Departures

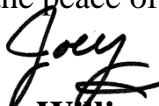
**LUNCH** – Please bring your own lunch. Coffee & Tea will be provided.

**COMPUTERS** – Please bring a computer so that you can follow along with the presentation. This way, we will not need to print out copies of the Powerpoint slides.

We hope to see your congregation represented at this important training!

Please let Richard Barrington know who will be coming from your congregation. You can email him at: [rsbarrington@me.com](mailto:rsbarrington@me.com)

In the peace of Christ,

  
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