

## **St John's Community Reflection - Session Responses**

### **Session date: February 19<sup>th</sup> 2017 – Led by Bishop McMenamie and facilitators, Kirsten McMenamie-Horncastle and Keith Bell**

On Sunday February 19th, a Community Reflection session was held at St John's Parish hall led by Bishop McMenamie and facilitators, Kirsten McMenamie-Horncastle, and Keith Bell.

This Community meeting replaced the traditional Church service and aimed to share information on current Reconciliation processes presently at work within the Church. This session offered the wider Community an opportunity to reflect, voice concerns, and offer possible solutions on issues affecting the Community and the Church.

Below are the responses to a question that was asked to the Community members in attendance. These responses will be shared with the new Parish Council after the Annual General Meeting.

#### **Question: 'What needs to happen for this Community to move forward?'**

##### **Community Responses:**

- Make space/support for families and children/inclusion for all
- Clarity and communication is a must for all. From Synod office through to Laity
- Change how updates are made to Laity
- Outreach work is a possibility/to bring in new members/to address programming
- Better understanding around structural processes
- Strategic planning/events/possible Youth-Worker
- Accountability for behaviour/actions needs to be shared
- Forgiveness needs to take place
- More efforts to welcome people to the church - can there be shared leadership?
- Community needs to look at how they interact with one another
- Community needs to build trust
- Structured Sunday School could be introduced
- There needs to be equality/compassion and respect for all
- Eliminate Rumour milling/criticising