**Presbytery of Westminster**

**Visit to St. John’s Presbyterian Church, White Rock**

**February 22, 2018**

**In preparation for our visit to your congregation, we ask for the Session, the Board of Managers, (or the Finance and Facility Committee); the Deacon’s Court if applicable; and interested members of the congregation to prayerfully respond to EITHER Part A or Part B of the following questionnaire. Anyone who wishes to do so, may of course, respond to both parts.**

Please indicate by circling if you are responding: as the minister; an elder; a staff member; a member of the Board of Managers (or Finance & Facility Committee); as a congregation member or adherent.

Please return your responses to: Bev Feick (Lead) [bev\_feick@telus.net](mailto:bev_feick@telus.net) and Rev Bob Garvin [garvins@telus.net](mailto:garvins@telus.net) and Rev Brad Childs [bradleyrchilds@gmail.com](mailto:bradleyrchilds@gmail.com) **or give your paper copy to the St John’s Clerk of Session Keith Leishman, who can scan & forward to above. Responses must be received no later than February 18, 2018.**

**Part A**

**Please reflect upon the following areas of your congregation’s ministry and tell of the strengths, challenges, and hopes for moving forward in these areas that you might have. If your congregation has a vision or purpose statement, please share how this helps shape your ministries. In what ways might the Presbytery be of assistance to you in furthering them?**

Worship & Sacraments:

Pastoral Care:

Christian Education – all ages:

Finances/Stewardship:

Mission/Outreach:

Administration/Communication:

Other areas you might like to comment upon:

**Part B**

**Please consider the biblical texts (New Revised Standard Version) below and respond to the questions:**

1. “Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls and will give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with sighing – for that will be harmful to you.” *( Hebrews 13:17)*

*“*Finally brothers and sisters. Pray for us, so that the word of the Lord may spread rapidly and be glorified everywhere….” *(2 Thessalonians 3:1a)*

QUESTION:

1. Where do you see gracious dealings between people in the congregation?
2. How does the congregation celebrate milestones and special occasions in the lives of its people and in its history and life as a congregation?
3. Describe the ways you have seen mercy and forgiveness in relationships between people in the congregation.
4. How would you describe the relationship between the congregation and the minister?

1. Does the minister have the support of the congregation’s leadership?

1. Describe the communication flow between the congregation and the Session.

1. “I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.”

*(Ephesians 4:1-4 )*

QUESTION:

1. On a scale of 1 to 10 how would you rate your congregation with respect to the above scripture? (1 {not at all}.......10 {right on!}

1 – 2 – 3 – 4 – 5 – 6 – 7 – 8 – 9 – 10

1. If there is a need, how might the “unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace” be improved?

1. “The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ.”

*(Ephesians 4: 11-12)*

QUESTION:

1. What training events or programs are in place designed to “equip the saints (members) for the work of ministry” in your congregation?
2. If you have attended these event and programs, what else do you think might help equip the saints (members) for leadership roles in the congregation?
3. “By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place he was called to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going.” *(Hebrews 11:8)*

QUESTION:

1. How open is the congregation to change?

1. “If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? ....But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, that there be no dissension within the body, but that the members may have the same care for one another.” *(1Corinthians 12: 17, 18, 24b-25)*

*“*You did not choose me but I chose you.” *(John15:16)*

QUESTION:

1. Do you have a sense of being chosen by Jesus and placed, by him, to be a functioning member in this congregation?
2. How does this knowledge affect your participation in the congregation?
3. “Do all things without murmuring and arguing, so that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, in which you shine like stars in the world. “ *(Philippians 2: 14,15)*

QUESTION:

1. How descriptive is this verse of the way your congregation functions?
2. “As God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive.” *(Colossians 3:12,13)*

QUESTION:

1. How does the congregation deal with differences of opinion?

Thank you for participating in this visitation!