

United Reformed Church ~ Synod of Scotland

Intentional church ~ bulletin # 9

after synod — MOVING ON

Towards tomorrow:

I have heard it said, “oh, another road show!” the tone of voice has varied. Well, yes there is another series of gatherings (15 in all) planned between Annan and Kirkwall from late October to late November each led by two of the five in the synod team. This is to help the next step of exploring how to move on, with intent. We’ll be asking the challenging question:

“for what shall we be known?”.

It’s encouraging to hear of the various ways in which congregations and individuals are moving on with this intentionality process. Remember, this is so that we can support and help each other move towards tomorrow’s church. The purpose is to combat decline and to embrace the profound hope that God has in us and we in the God calling us on.

We had a glimpse of the of ways in which congregations are tackling tomorrow at Synod in Tulliallan. And of course, variety is right. We are each particular people, in particular contexts, and each congregation has its own story of today and of the journey into tomorrow.

Towards tomorrow: not an all-size-fits-all approach to intentionality, to tomorrow’s church. We learnt in synod this could never be the way. The evenings are de-

Date	Venue
Tues. 24 October	Annan URC
Tues. 24 October	Shawlands URC
Wed. 25 October	Augustine United
Mon. 30 October	Hamilton URC
Tues. 31 October	Dumbarton URC
Thurs. 2 November	Greenock East URC
Mon. 6 November	Galashiels URC
Thurs. 9 November	Fraserburgh URC
Mon. 13 November	Aberdeen Queen’s Cross Kirk
Tues. 14 November	Dunfermline URC
Thurs. 16 November	Nairn URC
Mon. 20 November	Stewarton URC
Mon. 20 November	Bathgate URC
Tues. 28 November	Thurso URC
Wed. 29 November	Kirkwall URC
ALL EVENINGS:	7.15 TO 9.30 pm

signed to explore the journey we’re on and what we are saying to others about that journey and what we believe.

“For what shall we be known” to our neighbours, to our children, to our community and to each other? In hearing each others’ answers we are discovering and showing more of the God who is the reason for all of us and our commitment

THE EVENT OF 2007: The next bulletin will begin to unveil the plan being made for **Synod Day on 23rd June 2007**. This is THE gathering for each of us who make up the United Reformed Church in Scotland—all age groups. It will be a celebration of who we are and who we are becoming, there will be worship, displays, time for relaxation and chatting. It will be an occasion not to miss. So the first thing for each to do is to but the date firmly in our personal and church diaries—NOW!