



# Windermere United Church

United Church of Canada



February 14, 2023

Islington United Church Minister and team

Runnymede United Church Minister and team

*Cc: Jennifer Henry, UCC; Jody Maltby, SWRC; David Allen, Chair, WUC Council*

## **Re: Proposed Meeting either Thursday, February 23 or Tuesday, February 28, 2023**

Following inspiring conversations with six west end Toronto United Churches about the prospect of amalgamation, Windermere's amalgamation steering group has formed a short list of candidate congregations we are inviting to a second, more in depth, conversation before making our recommendation at WUC's congregation meeting on March 5<sup>th</sup>. This invitation is extended to you Runnymede and Islington, the churches we have short-listed.

Our focus in the second conversation will be to learn how each of your churches envisions making use of WUC as a community hub and how each proposes to carry it financially as a second campus. And we expect you will have questions for WUC as well.

We are proposing that this be a single, joint meeting with your representatives, WUC's Council and Trustees, and representatives of the National and Regional Church offices, who will attend as observers and responders to questions. To enable us to make our selection on March 5<sup>th</sup> of the church to engage in formal negotiation toward amalgamation, this meeting would need to be on or between February 23 and March 3.

We are hoping this is a feasible time frame for a day time meeting with your team. **If it is, could you advise if any or all of the following times would be suitable for the majority of your team to attend - Thursday morning or afternoon, February 23, or Tuesday morning or afternoon, February 28.**

Following our March 5<sup>th</sup> congregational meeting, we will advise both your churches of WUC's decision. Formal negotiations would then be set in motion by separate visits to the chosen candidate church and to WUC from Shining Waters Regional Council.

We have been honoured to be on this quest for a partner church to worship and work together with as followers of Christ and are glad to be continuing on the path with both of your churches in this next phase.

Sincerely,

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