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"IN RESPONSE TO OUR LORD'S CALLING, WE ARE ALL MINISTERS OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH"

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Dr. Bill Steadman
St Andrew's United Church
Sudbury, Ontario, Canada

Dear Dr. Steadman,

Thank you very much for the presentation for our Congregation Retreat on Saturday, March 5! That was fabulous - your combining both the Transformation and the Governance presentations into one, your presenting just for our retreat, the added time you gave us, and your co-author and President of Healthier Church, Dr. Ed Kruse also joining in!

This allowed our retreat to combine two essential matters we are working on both to have clarity in our mission and to also streamline our governance to carry it out. We went home with four goals to 1) develop a six word Mission Statement, 2) implement that Mission Model of governance, 3) develop specific SMART goals for our three identified priorities, and 4) hold on to the importance of spiritual gifts and how we might move toward using them.

The retreat was a very high quality event, delivered in a short amount of time, in a manner that was understandable and interactive, and at a very affordable price. This technology and format that Healthier Church uses for webinars is excellent. It fits the realities of this 21st Century.

An sign of how effective this was is that I had to cut the retreat off as we ran over time and send people home! They wanted to keep talking and brainstorming – that says much about how well the presentation was received.

Our many and deep thanks to you, Dr. Steadman and to Healthier Church!

Pastor Mark Ziemer
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