

## **Summary of Church Support Committee**

**Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2017**

### **CF XTRA**

- A CF-XTRA event is being considered for Christmas
- The CF-XTRA core team would like more regular meetings and be invited to local church events
- Working to move CF-XTRA forward including Summer Camp

### **Website**

- Been redesigned to fit in the CF Mission Statement
- Usage has increased of the website
- We need to be encouraging users to use the “Search” bar tool if struggling to find items

### **ICB**

- Still looking for a Churches Together in England representative
- Churches Together in Britain and Ireland have lots of information on their website that churches may find useful

### **CWM**

- Area Committee representatives will be sent information of any new projects to help encourage participation

### **Hay Mills**

- Extended funding for 6 months until June 2018
- Hay Mills has been asked to become an Independent Congregational Church

### **Christian Aid**

- Target of £5000 reached for Ethiopia; thanks to all who donated.
- £2500 still needed for the Honduras appeal.

### **Finance**

- Budget shows a saving of £305,000 due to the changes in structure. Minus New costs of the group £163,000 - Total saving £142,000

### **Pastoral Care Board**

- Pastoral Care Board has now finished. An Accreditation Group will meet once a year
- Most Areas have set up Pastoral Care Teams to continue the work of PCB for students, retired ministers, churches and individuals.

### **Safeguarding**

- New safeguarding body will now be DDC; CAS will finish on the 24<sup>th</sup> November
- DDC has a small admin charge of £9 online or £15 on paper. Protection Verifiers have all the information. Contact Lisa Vickers as small fund available for anyone unable to pay DDC charges.

### **Church Support Workers**

- Churches engaging with the new Church Support Department and making use of support for on-going and long term projects.
- Support cards and boxes have been produced to encourage conversations within churches

### **Grants** - 3 types of grants are available,

- Impact grant (previously mission and ministry grant)
  - Conditions changed to include ministry
- Starter grants of £400 (up to £600 for specialist equipment)
- Youth and Children grants are to be changed to £100 and a letter will be sent to churches inviting them to apply

### **Learning and Development**

- Walter to put together information for Council about Alumni Association
- Communication with churches reference any training needs: Action via Area Representatives reporting back to Walter.
- CIPT Roadshow – consider developing a travelling seminar to areas. Sample extracts from sample modules - very interactive - promoting CIPT Involving tutors and students in those areas.
- Request for initial funding to prepare and create a top quality online versions of the modules – hopefully to promote and sell nationally and internationally.

### **Area Representatives**

- To attempt to contact as many churches as possible within their Area asking the local Churches their support needs – to pass that information on to the CSD.