

*Dear friends, as Clerk of Session, I am providing this update to our faith family on the recent Presbytery Visitation to St. Andrew's:*

*The Presbytery of Calgary-Macleod regularly conducts visits to its congregations. A Visitation Team from Presbytery meets with the ministers, the elders and with other leaders, and receives information from interested members of the congregation. Earlier this year, a Presbytery Visitation Team completed a visitation to St. Andrew's. The Visitation Team identified and affirmed many positive aspects of our ministry together, including our active congregation, our development of a Vision central to our future together, our leadership in worship, our online worship and programming, our re-orientation of theCreek through its online presence led by Rev. Jared, our numerous mission projects, our creative and effective stewardship, our creation of an Executive Leadership Team during COVID, our appreciation of the ministries of Rev. Geoffrey and Rev. Fiona, and our excitement over Dr. Tim's leadership, a renewed missional focus, and growth in theCreek.*

*The Visitation Team also identified four areas requiring further exploration by a separate Presbytery Team in conjunction with Session, which include the health and vocational contentment of our ministers, theCreek Ministry, the commitment to calling an Associate Minister, Growth & Care and, if those three are not addressed, concern about the continued roll-out of St. Andrew's Vision. This Presbytery Team will primarily focus on the enhancement of the well-being of Dr. Tim and Rev. Jared, the alleviation of confusion over the role, vision and operation of theCreek, and the exploration of the commitment to the calling of a third minister. Some of these areas have already been addressed since the Visitation (i.e. approval of a budget supporting the calling of an Associate Minister, Growth & Care), and Session will work with Presbytery on any remaining issues.*

*The health of our Ministers and our ministry together at St. Andrew's is vital to ensuring we continue Growing. LIFE. Together. with God well into the future. Your prayers of support are greatly appreciated as we faithfully follow God's leading. Please contact me as Clerk of Session if you have concerns or questions.*

*Grace and peace,*

*Debby Dorcas, Clerk of Session*