

**CHALMERS CONGREGATIONAL
COMMUNITY-BUILDING FORUM**

Saturday, Nov. 30

**9 am - 12 pm in MacCallum Hall
and continuing**

9 am to 12 pm on Saturday, Dec. 14

Members and Adherents are invited and encouraged to attend a session facilitated by Bill Shields, who will lead us in a time of mediation and conflict resolution.

Over the last few years the Chalmers congregation has struggled as a family with a variety of concerns and issues in our life and work. The consequences of this have created a great deal of pain, frustration, and sadness in the family and how we make decisions in living with each other. It is time now for us to gather as a community and recover what it means to be a unified family, living in right relationships with each other.

Please confirm your attendance by email to Lynne Clarke, clarkelc@icloud.com - by Wednesday, Nov. 27, 2019.

REVIEW OF SHARED MINISTRY/STAFFING MODEL

When Chalmers and Sydenham United Church congregations voted to share worship and staff in June 2017, the congregations also agreed to undertake a review of the shared worship/staffing plan by December 2019. At the September 2019 Joint Supper Meeting of the two governing bodies organized by the Transition Team, there emerged a general consensus that the governing bodies play some greater role in setting goals for the future. Subsequently, three representatives of each church began to meet weekly with the Intentional Interim Minister.

This group agreed to prepare a report on the shared worship/staffing plan. The draft report will be presented to the governing bodies of each congregation no later than their December meetings for comment; the report will be submitted to congregational members for their consideration near the year-end. An information meeting, with an opportunity for congregational members to comment on the report and ask questions, will be held in early January. A meeting at which congregational members will be invited to vote on whether to continue this collaboration and implement a shared worship/staffing plan, in light of our experience over the last two years, will be scheduled in February.

The report will examine the current status and future prospects facing our congregations and include an assessment of the implementation of the shared worship/staffing plan. It will likely include a small number of recommendations. CUC members of this joint review committee are Joan Simeon, Lynne Clarke and Robert Little; SSUC members are Lynn Freeman, Jack Soule and Jim Leake. For further information on the process, please contact any committee member.