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Special JNAC Announcement

A JNAC (Joint needs assessment committee) has been called and congregationally approved in response to the upcoming vacancy of Nancy Chegus' position (Faith Formation Coordinator) effective June 30, 2013. As a committee, we have begun our work. Due to several extreme winter storms in March we met for the first time this month. The committee consists of Amanda Ansah, Charlotte Fildes, Karen Martin & Presbytery's rep, Rev. Curtis Tufts from Spruce Grove United.

We began our work by reviewing the results of the first congregational survey and discussing the faith formation needs of our congregation. Sincere thanks to all of you who completed this first survey - your feedback was extremely valuable! Three areas were clearly identified as key priorities for this ministry position: Children's ministry (Growing God's Kids), youth programming and family ministry.

Moving forward, we would like to invite you to a **coffee/dessert conversation** time immediately following worship on **Sunday, April 14, 2013**. We invite you to come share your thoughts, hopes and visions for this dynamic position.

As a JNAC, we are beginning to envision a Faith Formation Coordinator who will inspire, equip and empower lay leaders within our First United Family to live more fully into our faith. Championing and leading life-long learning and faith enrichment opportunities for the entire congregation with a focus on connecting lived experiences to the Gospel, the Faith Formation Coordinator will be an integral member of our evolving ministry team.

In advance of our conversation time, we ask you consider the following questions:

1. Children's ministry (Growing God's Kids), youth ministry and family ministry were identified in our first survey as the top three faith formation priorities at First United. Are you in agreement with these findings? We wonder what you feel are the most pressing priorities for faith formation at First United? How might we invite the entire Body to live more fully into their faith? What value do you feel these ministries bring to our congregation?
2. We wonder, as a faith community, what kind of difference we want our Faith Formation Coordinator and this position's ministry to make to our church community and to the wider community of Fort Saskatchewan?

In the event you are unable to participate in the coffee fellowship event but would like to share your comments with the JNAC, please email your thoughts to bkhmartin@telus.net or fildes@ualberta.ca or daansah@hotmail.com

We look forward to meeting with you on Sunday and value your input.

Thank you,
The Joint Needs Assessment Committee

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