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Basic Information

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Action required	For information
Draft resolution(s)	None

Summary of Content

Subject and aim(s)	Update on the work of the Mission Committee
Main points	This paper offers an update on recent staff changes, on ecumenical relations and on fresh expressions work.
Previous relevant documents	None
Consultation has taken place with...	N/a

Summary of Impact

Financial	None
External (e.g. ecumenical)	None

Mission update

1. Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations

- 1.1 The Secretary for Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations, the Revd David Tatem, retired at the end of July 2017 after serving eight years in the post and 38 years in ministry in the United Reformed Church. His successor, the Revd Philip Brooks, took up the post at the beginning of July and the month's overlap proved useful for induction, handover of work and introduction to ecumenical colleagues and networks.
- 1.2 Mission Committee unanimously agreed to endorse the application of The Church of God in Christ to join Churches Together in England. This was communicated to CTE by the deadline of 11 September.

2. Church and Society

- 2.1 There have been major staff changes in the Church and Society section of the Mission department with the retirement of Wendy Cooper (Administrator for Church and Society) after 36 years of service at Church House and the departure of Grace Pengelly (Secretary for Church and Society). Recruitment for a new secretary is in process and interviews will be held on 16 November. Recruitment for a new administrator will commence once the new secretary is in post.

3. Fresh Expressions

- 3.1 Mission Committee at its meeting in June considered in depth how Fresh Expressions might be embedded into the United Reformed Church. Fresh Expressions will enter its fourth phase in 2019 and all partners are currently considering this issue, as part of the discussion on the future shape of Fresh Expressions Ltd. It was agreed to commission a small task group to look at 'Where next from here?' taking into account strategy, funding, staffing and the link with *Walking the Way*. The task group will report to the February 2018 meeting of the Mission Committee.

