

NOTES FROM MEETING 30.11.14

On Sunday, November 30th there was short 'get-together' after coffee during which the Nominations and Elders group (Alison, Ray, Teresa, Jane, Katey) shared their thoughts on how to ensure that key tasks will be carried out each Sunday during 2015 and how more people can be actively involved in the smooth running of the whole of Sunday morning.

A number of people made very useful comments and I hope you'll find most of them below.

The 'plan' for January and February 2015

- As well as our two Elders (Alison and Ray), experienced Friends will be asked/offer to 'preside' during Meeting for Worship
- These Friends will invite newer Friends or attenders to sit with them and share the handshake first
- Those people should try to be in their places in the Meeting House by 10.15
- Some people will not want to be asked at the last minute so it would be helpful to make arrangements in advance. Phone numbers of people not in the book are available from the Clerk (Katey)

From next week a rota will be available to fill in your name for 'presiding' and for welcoming in the entrance lobby. This rota runs until the end of February when we can review how the system is working and make changes if necessary.

It would be useful to have another get-together on welcoming newcomers (what to give them, how much to give them etc)

(The issue was raised as to the Elder's role if ministry is felt to be inappropriate, over long etc. This has not happened in recent years at Hertford but when, later in the process, we explore the role of Elders during Meeting for Worship we will undoubtedly be revisiting what is meant by ministry)

Next step

The role of Overseers is to ensure the pastoral care of everyone associated with our Meeting. The Nominations and Elders and Overseers group plan to meet at 7.00pm at Teresa's house on Monday 15th December to begin to think about how to ensure this happens during 2015. This meeting is open to anyone who would like to come. If you don't know where Teresa lives please ask!

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