

Dear Newman Member

At the meeting of the Newman Council held on Saturday December 12<sup>th</sup> 2015, we spent some time discussing the outcomes of the Assembly held in Leeds in October, so I am writing now to keep you informed of what will be happening next. The basis for the discussion was the attached document.

In brief Council decided

a] to set up four working groups as follows

1 small group consisting of three Council members to examine the possibility of a change to the membership rules and to redesign the membership form

3 separate working groups to look at mission, communication, and finances to be made up of Council members and non Council members

b] that the various papers and responses received from individuals and Circles before, during and after the Assembly will be posted on the web site

c] that President Gerald Williams will be contacting all attendees in the New Year with more details about the working groups and a request for volunteers to join them

d] that some space in the next Newman journal will be dedicated to the Assembly.

Could I take this opportunity to thank you for attending the Assembly. I hope you found it worthwhile. I certainly did. Also, many thanks to all who took the time to prepare for the weekend and submit their written comments to me.

There is no doubt in my mind that the answer to the question posed, "Is the Newman worth saving?" is a resounding "YES".

Best wishes for Christmas and the New Year.

Carole O'Toole