

Hi all,

Just a quick update this week.

1. The website calendar has been updated for September (<https://www.westchurch.ca/calendar>)

Of note, there is a **Journey Night** planned for **Friday, September 8th**. Please make your group members aware of this date. Most likely the evening will include some updates regarding where we're at in the leadership transition.

2. Regarding the leadership transition, not much new to update on. The teams are still working on revising their lists of criteria for the next leader and have a conference call planned for this coming Monday to go through the lists.

For those interested, I did want to share the book recommendation Steve Staten had given to the representation team and senior leadership team at the beginning of this transition process. Many of us have now started going through the first book and are enjoying it.

The books recommended are all by Peter L. Steinke:

- **Begin here** -- *Healthy Congregations: A Systems Approach*
- If you are more curious -- *How Your Church Family Works: Understanding Congregations as Emotional Systems*
- And if you become more interested -- *Congregational Leadership in Anxious Times: Being Calm and Courageous No Matter What*

I'm not suggesting that these are required reading, but for those interested I think reading at least the first book will be helpful as we follow along in this transition together. In the coming weeks and months there should be opportunity to borrow copies from others once they've finished reading their copy (so we can collectively save some money).

Thanks all,

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