



1 March 2023

Windermere United Church **Amalgamation Steering Group**

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your letter of February 27th telling us of your desire to engage with us at Runnymede regarding the formation of a dual campus church in our neighbourhoods. It was very helpful to bring this decision and intention into our Board meeting last evening.

I am very happy to tell you that, in a unanimous vote, the Board of Runnymede United Church passed a motion giving their support to a potential merger and approving us to enter into formal discussions with Windermere United Church. Further, we discussed your second question, and you can be confident that our position will not change between now and 5 March 2023.

Prior to the vote on the motion, our working group briefed the Board on our discussions to date, provided them with an extensive written briefing package and went through an extended question and answer period. Before we passed the motion, we believe everyone on the Board shared the same understanding we conveyed to you and received from you in our meetings.

Both our teams and congregations have much work to do ahead, and we very much look forward to sharing, learning and building together.

As a next step, after you have had your March 5 meeting, could we get together and agree tasks, priorities and timelines?

Warm regards

Board Chair

cc: Runnymede Working Group Members