



Emmanuel United Church

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Dear Friends,

Proposal to amalgamate failed to be supported by both congregations

As a result of the congregational votes cast on Sunday April 28th, following the services at Emmanuel and Trinity United Churches, the proposal to amalgamate failed to be supported by both congregations (54% voted YES at Emmanuel, 91% voted YES at Trinity). Amalgamation would only have been supported with 75% or more of the votes cast as YES at each congregational meeting. Amalgamation is not supported.

The Joint Amalgamation Committee will now disband and cease their activities exploring the possibilities of amalgamation for Trinity and Emmanuel United Churches. Next steps to address the sustainability of the churches are to be explored by each individual church council.

While this outcome may be disappointing to many of us, Trinity and Emmanuel have much in common - a love of music, a shared purpose in serving downtown Peterborough and a desire to transform our faith communities to serve God. As we worked together, respect and trust in each other strengthened. These friendships will endure and serve us well in the future.

We would like to thank everyone for their thoughtful consideration of the proposal.

Sincerely

Joint Amalgamation Committee

Brian James, Dave Stephenson Martin Deeley, Lyn Miller, Wendy Bulloch
Elizabeth Powell, Carol Mutton, Ted Harvey, Jackie Powell, Peter Darling
