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It is time to have an accurate picture of
WHO IS IN THE ST. ANDREW'S UNITED TENT!

The Vision Team and Council of St. Andrew's United is hoping to have a recommendation ready to bring to the congregation on February 5, 2012 regarding the future of our building. This recommendation will come to a congregational vote and, as it is regarding property, the vote must be a **'members only'** vote.

There are very few times in our church life together that decisions come to a *members-only* vote- but, at this milestone, only members will be given a vote regarding our property. Hence, through January we will be working to have an accurate list of members. This work has been going on in the background for several months already- and we have found mistakes in our data base. To help us in our task of creating the most accurate member list possible, we are asking **everyone** to check their membership status with St. Andrew's United Church. There will be several copies of the current membership list available every Sunday in January in the Lobby and in the office through the week. You may also call (403-259-4080) or email Pat (pat@andychurch.org) at the office and have her check your membership status.

For clarity, a **'member'** of St. Andrew's United Church, Calgary, has been an active participant in the congregation in the past four years and falls into one of four categories;

1. Baptized as an infant (at St. Andrew's or elsewhere) **and confirmed at St. Andrew's.**
2. Baptized as an infant (at St. Andrew's or elsewhere), confirmed (elsewhere) **and transferred** their membership to St. Andrew's.
3. **Baptized (with profession of faith) as a youth /adult at St. Andrew's.**
4. Baptized (with profession of faith) as a youth/ adult elsewhere, **and transferred to St. Andrew's.**

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If you do not fall into any of these four categories, but you are actively involved in the community of St. Andrew's United Church, and/or you support the church financially, you are considered an '**adherent**'. According to the United Church Manual's definition:

"Adherent" means a person who is attached to a Congregation and who contributes regularly to its life and work while not being a member thereof.

Many of you will recall that the first motion at most congregational meetings is to allow adherents a vote on any matters coming before the meeting. This WILL NOT be the case for this meeting on February 5

If you are correctly listed as an **adherent**, and you would like to become a **member** prior to February 5, 2012, we are providing an opportunity to do so. You can become a member if:

1. you have *taken part in one of the learning opportunities* that have occurred the past couple years such as attending the courses Rod or Shannon have led.
2. Or, you can *attend one of two sessions* being offered during the last week of Jan,
3. or, if your membership resides at another United Church, we can request that a *transfer of membership* take place immediately.

You will also need to return a signed stewardship pledge and Time & Talent sheet from our recent Stewardship Packages.

****Please note that in mid-January you will be receiving a complete information package about the recommendation coming to the February 5 Congregational Meeting.**

Yours in Christ,

Merle Ann May
Chair of Council
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*In Christian community, we celebrate the mystery and excitement of God's love:
Seeking, Sharing, Serving, Caring.*