

## **Special Notice:**

### **Important Information for the Congregational Vision Day on 27 February 2021**

Dear Members of Trinity Congregation,

This document is to provide you with information on the upcoming 'Congregational Vision Day', which will be an important element in the process of finding a new pastor for our church.

#### **Vision Day will be on Zoom only.**

In the mail of 17<sup>th</sup> January, we announced that the Congregational Vision Day would be held in 'hybrid church mode', at that time we were hoping that by 27<sup>th</sup> February the COVID-19 restrictions would have been relaxed. Instead, the opposite has happened, and the restrictions have been extended and tightened further. In view of the current situation, and in response to requests from the congregation, Council has decided to hold the Vision Day on-line through Zoom only **and without people physically present in the church.**

A provisional schedule for the Vision Day is attached to the covering e-mail for this document. As you will see it is a combination of plenary sessions, with breakouts in groups of 6-7 persons for more detailed discussions. To allow for more effective discussions during the break-out sessions participants will be divided into groups at the beginning of the day, and the groups will be the same in both the morning and afternoon sessions.

#### **Registration for Vision Day and scoresheets returned by 21 February latest**

Because we will assign the groups before the day, we need to know the number of participants of the Vision Day, and therefore we ask all participants to register online no later than *Sunday 21 February*. During the Vision Day we will present and discuss the scores on '7 Marks of Healthy Churches', collected from the congregation. We have already received several score sheets, and we hope all participant to the Vision Day, and indeed all members of the congregation, will send in their responses. Below is a quick recap of the request for scoresheets:

- ▶ Only send back the numerical scores; any notes you make are for your personal use in the discussions during the Vision Day.
- ▶ You can send your responses anonymously.
- ▶ If you have trouble opening or saving the Excel template, you can also send back the word document or just list your scores in an e-mail (e.g., Mark-1: 5 points, Mark-2: 4 points, Mark-3: 6 points, etc.)
- ▶ Please send your scoresheets to the warden's e-mail address:  
[warden@trinitychurcheindhoven.org](mailto:warden@trinitychurcheindhoven.org)  
At the latest by *Sunday 21 February*.
- ▶ Please fill in your scores spontaneously and independently
- ▶ Further to the documents attached to the mail of 17 January, we add a Scoring Guide below, that comes from the Healthy Churches Handbook, which you may find helpful in assigning the scores to each of the 7 Marks.

### **Scoring Guide**

*Circle the numbers that best describes what you see is happening in our church.*

1. weak and holding us back.
2. only a few signs
3. some evidence of this
4. making progress
5. evidence of much of this
6. this is a strength

### **Facilitators sought.**

We are looking for volunteers who are willing to facilitate the break-out sessions. This will involve collecting the different opinions in the break-out groups and reporting these back in the subsequent plenary session, as well as guiding the discussions in the group and making sure that all are heard and have a chance to voice their opinions. This will likely involve some notetaking, but no specific computer or editing skills are required, as the comments will be registered by the wardens during the feedback in the plenary sessions. However, we do request that the facilitators join the Council Vision Day, that will be held on Saturday 6 March, i.e., one week after the Congregational Vision Day, where Council will further process the data and information collected the previous week. We may also invite the facilitators to join a one-hour preparation session in the week of 22 February. If you are interested in helping as a facilitator, please send an e-mail to the warden's e-mail address by 21 February latest. The actual selection of facilitators will depend on the number of registrations we receive for the Vision Day.

We are looking forward to a fruitful Vision Day with wide participation from the Trinity congregation! This is your opportunity to have your say in the selection of our future pastor.

Trinity Church Wardens