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Dear Stephen

Review and Evaluation of the Mission Leadership Team

You will recall that the Final Review Report to Assembly dated 3 September 2009 included the recommendation that:

“12 months after the commencement of these proposed new arrangements, the Chairperson of the Union shall facilitate an internal review and evaluation by the MLT and report in writing to Council on the effectiveness of the new arrangements and make recommendations for any necessary modifications. This report should include options and recommendations regarding the future of the Dayspring Centre in Launceston.”

On 16 December 2011, I conducted an informal review with the members of MLT, and reached the conclusion that MLT was functioning well, it was operating in accordance with the Recommendations of the Review, and there was no cause to amend the present arrangements.

Because of the emergency in Malawi, I spent an extended period helping Global Interaction’s staff in that country in late 2010 and early 2011, and the Review and Evaluation was not finalised.

Council believes that the Union is now at a point where such a report would be helpful, especially with the need to make new arrangements to service the Northwest Area after July 2012.

MLT and Council have agreed that:

1. Written submissions should be sought from Members of MLT, Officers, Councillors, Pastoral Leaders, Churches, and individuals by 29 February 2012.
2. There should be opportunity for anonymous feedback.
3. The Review and Evaluation Report should be submitted to Council in May 2012.
4. Council should report to Mid-Year Assembly in July 2012.

If you or your Church wishes to make a written submission commenting on the effectiveness of the new arrangements or any suggestions for modification, please email them to me at ivandjames@gmail.com or mail them to the Union office marked “MLT Review - Confidential”. Your submissions can be anonymous.

I look forward to receiving your comments on the current arrangements and your suggestions to improve the effectiveness of ministry in Tasmania.

Yours in Christ’s service



Ivan James
Chairperson