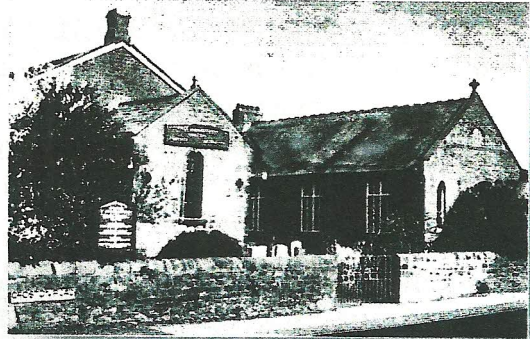


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Dear Friends,

Irene has asked me to introduce myself and my new role to you as I am now working as the convenor of the Steering Group for the 7 churches in the North Lancashire Missional Partnership. I hope that in serving you in this capacity, I will be doing God's will and together we will be working for the growth of God's Kingdom.

Some of you will have met me, but let me give you a few personal details: I was Minister of Carver URC in Windermere for 11 years until I was asked to be the Moderator of Northern Synod for short time and I served there for 3 years. When I retired in 2016 I moved back to Windermere where my family has lived for the past 35 years. I am married to John and we have 2 sons and 2 granddaughters.

The role of the Steering Group (each church has nominated a representative) is to ensure that although we are 7 *different* churches in the North Lancs. Missional Partnership, we will work together with 2 Ministers and Daleen ten Cate (your Missional Discipleship Mentor) to show our local communities that we live out the faith that we profess. We will aim to learn from one another, support each other in our mission activities and assist those who have difficulties or special needs. This, of course, depends on us getting to know one another and developing new relationships.

The first task of the Steering Group is to consider what the N. L. M. P. needs in a second Minister: gifts and graces that will complement those of Irene and how you and they might work together for God's Kingdom. The FLAG pastorate churches (Forton, Lancaster, and Garstang) have been sharing a Minister and some events for some time. The churches in Halton, Bolton-le-Sands and Hest Bank have similarly shared a Minister (who has now retired) and Sefton Road in Morecambe shared with another church which has now closed and

