



St Stephen's Uniting Church
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Mr Shawn Whelan

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Dear Shawn

May I extend to you the sincere gratitude of the members of St Stephen's Uniting Church for the contribution you have made towards assisting us to determine our future direction as a Uniting Church Congregation.

The Church Council and the members of the Leaders Group with which you have worked so closely for the past year recognise the invaluable contribution you have made to that process. Your conflict resolution skills, your broad knowledge base, your wisdom and your gentle direction and encouragement enabled us to address and work through many difficult issues.

We are deeply indebted to you for your assistance in enabling members of the congregation to travel with us on that journey; a process that was at times emotionally very stressful for many of them.

While there is still some distance for us to travel, we are confident that the foundation that we have established together will provide a secure basis from which to continue that journey.

May God bless you.

Sincerely

Ron Fry
Chairman of Council