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Dear Ministers and Session Clerks

Following the proposal of the Mission and Discipleship Committee and, in the light of the success of the a similar programme in the last three years, the Executive Commission of 2017 agreed that October 2017 would be a "Month of Mission." This is an attempt to develop a healthy understanding of "Mission" in our congregations. The Month of Mission has three facets:

1. A series of outlines for a preaching series that could be used in October, or at another time. These are below.
2. Alongside the preaching series, there is a set of daily readings (also below) that could be given to congregants so that they would be reading passages that relate to the church's mission in their daily devotional time. The hope is that a large part of the denomination will be moving in the same direction with a wonderful focus on Mission. Please share the readings with members of the congregation you serve.
3. A number of our ministers will participate in writing daily email devotions based on these texts. People can subscribe to the devotions list at <http://eepurl.com/cgVDBb> Please share this link with as many people in the congregation as possible.

Please have a look at the material below and consider using it in the congregations you serve in the month of October.

God bless you!

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October – Month of Mission 2017.

Past Months of Mission:

2014 – Focus on Philip in book of Acts

2015 – Lessons from the Church in Antioch

2016 – Jesus' interactions with people especially with women

Reformation, Kingdom, Wine and Wineskins

The preaching series and Daily Readings for October concentrate on Jesus' teachings about the Kingdom of God, particularly the parables of the kingdom and, in particular, the image of wine and wineskins. The Gospel is always "new wine" - the love and grace it reveals are so transcendent that it can speak to all times and cultures. We need new wineskins to bring this wine to our rapidly changing world. The Kingdom Jesus describes and that is demonstrated in the the New Testament is a vibrant missional vehicle – it is the wineskin. All of this points towards the significance of the Reformation and the 500th anniversary of Luther's significant act at Wittenburg – a new wineskin was needed – which is why the Sundays will focus on the "five Sola's" of the Reformation – they represent the wine and the Kingdom is the wineskin.

All devotion writers are asked to write their devotions on the verses for the day with a Missional Mindset i.e.

- What do these verses say about God's Kingdom as a new wineskin?
- What are the missional aspects of this passage?
- What Reformation is needed in our souls as we look at these verses?

The Sermon series is as follows

• **Sunday 1 Oct – 1Jn4:9-12 Sola Gratia**

The Hebrew word – *chêsed* - "loving-kindness" is the word that most consistently reflects God's grace.

The Septuagint (Greek Translation of the Hebrew OT) translated it as mercy.

The New Testament uses the word "grace"...

Norman Snaith, a famous OT theologian, indicates that *chêsed* is never separated from God's righteousness and that those He loves are called to repent – but when we could not live up to His righteousness, God made a plan. Snaith said the following about *chêsed*: "The word stands for the wonder of his unflinching love for the people of his choice, and the solving of the problem of the relation between his righteousness and his loving-kindness passes beyond human comprehension."

John describes God's *love* but one can't help but wonder if he would have used *chêsed* instead of *agape* if he could have mixed his languages.

Look at what God's Love – Loving-Kindness – Grace does:

1. It takes the initiative – God shows His love to us long before we do anything for Him (We are undeserving)
2. It gives – God sent His Son into the world so that we could live (He showed us what God is like – John 10:10)
3. It sacrifices – God sent His Son to be an atoning sacrifice. (at-one-ment is how God makes us one with Him)
4. It transforms us – We can love and become agents of grace.

• **Sunday 8 Oct – Col.1:15-22 Solus Christus**

For an intro one could talk about heroes – Paul's portrayal of Christ is heroic.

Isn't it interesting that so many of our hero stories are just echoes of Christ's selfless sacrifice...

The Passage makes five clear points about Jesus:

- 1- That He reveals the fullness of God
- 2- Creation is **through** Him and **for** Him and sustained **by** Him.
- 3- He is the head of the Church
- 4- by virtue of His victory over death He has supremacy
- 5- He has achieved reconciliation for us.

The Colossians were threatened by two kinds of false teaching:

- Legalism – you were saved by observing the law (circumcision, kosher food, etc)
- Gnosticism – a philosophical movement that required you to possess "hidden" knowledge

Paul makes it clear – Christianity isn't about rules or philosophies – but about a Person.

He portrays Jesus as Lord, Saviour and Redeemer.

Our understanding is Jesus had to be *fully human* to take our place and *fully God* to overcome sin, death & Satan
We were alienated from God – but Christ offered Himself for us.

• **Sunday 15 Oct – Rom.1:16-17 Sola Fide**

This is part of Paul's introduction to his letter

He is planning to go and preach in Spain and he wants the church in Rome to support him.

So, instead of giving a reference to himself (a CV), he explains his message (his Manifesto).

In the body of His letter he will explain:

- All have sinned
- The wages of sin is death
- Jesus died in our place and gave His Spirit to us so that we could be children of God and have eternal life

- It is up to us to hear the message and respond in faith. See Rom10:5-17

Faith in Him is a gift from Him and a response to what He has done for us and so our faith does not earn us any merit. We can only respond in simple trust.

Look at Ephesians 2:1-10, especially v.8-9. What does "Salvation by Faith Alone" mean to you and why is it important to believe this? What would the impact be if we could add something that we did to the process of salvation?

So what is Paul saying:

1. There is a gospel (good news) and it can save.
2. This gospel is received in faith and trust.
3. There is no other way.

• **Sunday 22 Oct – Luke 24:25-32 Sola Scriptura**

Give the background: 2 disciples - possibly a married couple (Clopas¹ and Mary (Jn19:25)) are walking home
- They were followers of Jesus. His death and then the rumours of His missing body traumatised them.

Jesus walks with them.

Spends a significant part of His resurrection day with an unknown couple.

(If I was His publicity agent, I would have had Him visiting the temple, Herod's palace and other public places)

Why spend 5-6 hours with people we never hear of again?

It seems He wanted to establish the power of His Word.

Watch what He does:

- He states that the Scriptures are their guide
- He explains the Scriptures
- It sets their hearts on fire – this is the work of the Spirit.

Reading the Scriptures did the same for Luther....

And the same can happen to us.

We must learn to lean on the truths of Scripture when our world feels like its falling apart.

Other passages that talk about Scripture: 2Timothy2:15; 1Timothy4:13; 2Timothy3:15; Hebrews4:12; 2Timothy3:16

• **Sunday 29 Oct – Romans 11:33-36 – Soli Deo Gloria**

Bach signed all his compositions JSB (Johan Sebastian Bach) and SDG (Soli Deo Gloria)

The the word "one" in the Shema, "Hear O Israel, The LORD our God, the LORD is one" (Deut6:4) also means "only." It is God alone, who deserves all the honour and glory. In the New Testament Paul articulates it clearly too:

God is the Source (from), the means (through) and the destination (to) of all things (Rom11:36). In 1Cor10:31 he reminds us: "So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God.

Romans 11:33-36 is a Doxology – an exclamation of praise

It comes after Paul has articulated the great doctrinal truths of our faith and celebrated Christ and the Holy Spirit.

He makes the following important points:

- * God's ways are greater than our ways (after 11 chapters of intricate doctrine we have only scraped the surface)
- * God is not in our debt at all – there is nothing we can do to add to our salvation
- * He is the source (from), He is the means (through) and He is the destination (to)
- * The Glory is His

¹ The discrepancy between Clopas (John) and Cleopas (Luke) should not be a concern. Luke is a Greek and John a Jew. It is easily understandable that they spelled the name differently.

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Wed 4	Mt.5:1-10	A really surprising Kingdom and its King.
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Readings for Month of Mission

Sun 1 **1Jn4:9-12 Sola Gratia**

9 This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. 10 This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. 11 Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. 12 No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us.

Mon 2 **Mt.9:9-17 Levi's unique outreach programme (also Mt.4:7-10)**

9 As Jesus went on from there, he saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax collector's booth. "Follow me," he told him, and Matthew got up and followed him. 10 While Jesus was having dinner at Matthew's house, many tax collectors and "sinners" came and ate with him and his disciples. 11 When the Pharisees saw this, they asked his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and 'sinners'?" 12 On hearing this, Jesus said, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. 13 But go and learn what this means: 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners." 14 Then John's disciples came and asked him, "How is it that we and the Pharisees fast, but your disciples do not fast?" 15 Jesus answered, "How can the guests of the bridegroom mourn while he is with them? The time will come when the bridegroom will be taken from them; then they will fast. 16 "No one sews a patch of unshrunk cloth on an old garment, for the patch will pull away from the garment, making the tear worse. 17 Neither do men pour new wine into old wineskins. If they do, the skins will burst, the wine will run out and the wineskins will be ruined. No, they pour new wine into new wineskins, and both are preserved."

Tue 3 **Mt.4:23-25 The power and reach of the King His Kingdom.**

23 Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the good news of the kingdom, and healing every disease and sickness among the people. 24 News about him spread all over Syria, and people brought to him all who were ill with various diseases, those suffering severe pain, the demon-possessed, those having seizures, and the paralyzed, and he healed them. 25 Large crowds from Galilee, the Decapolis, Jerusalem, Judea and the region across the Jordan followed him.

Wed 4 **Mt.5:1-10 A really surprising Kingdom and its King.**

1 Now when he saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, 2 and he began to teach them, saying:
3 "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
4 Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
5 Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
6 Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.
7 Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.
8 Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
9 Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called sons of God.
10 Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Thu 5 **Mt.9:35-10:1 Kingdom activities, compassion, urgency and call**

35 Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness. 36 When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. 37 Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. 38 Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field." 10:1 He called his twelve disciples to him and gave them authority to drive out evil spirits and to heal every disease and sickness.

Fri 6 **Mt.10:5-16 The proclamation of the kingdom**

5 These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: "Do not go among the Gentiles or enter any town of the Samaritans. 6 Go rather to the lost sheep of Israel. 7 As you go, preach this message: 'The kingdom of heaven is near.' 8 Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those who have leprosy, drive out demons. Freely you have received, freely give. 9 Do not take along any gold or silver or copper in your belts; 10 take no bag for the journey, or extra tunic, or sandals or a staff; for the worker is worth his keep. 11 "Whatever town or village you enter, search for some worthy person there and stay at his house until you leave. 12 As you enter the home, give it your greeting. 13 If the home is deserving, let your peace rest on it; if it is not, let your peace return to you. 14 If anyone will not welcome you or listen to your words, shake the dust off your feet when you leave that home or town. 15 I tell you the truth, it will be more bearable for Sodom and Gomorrah on the day of judgment than for that town. 16 I am sending you out like sheep among wolves. Therefore be as shrewd as snakes and as innocent as doves.

Sat 7 **Mt.16:13-19 Keys of the Kingdom**

13 When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say the Son of Man is?" 14 They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets." 15 "But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?" 16 Simon Peter answered, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." 17 Jesus replied, "Blessed are

you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by man, but by my Father in heaven. 18 And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it. 19 I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."

Sun 8 Col.1:15-22 Solus Christus

15 He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. 16 For by him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by him and for him. 17 He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. 18 And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy. 19 For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, 20 and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross. 21 Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of your evil behavior. 22 But now he has reconciled you by Christ's physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation...

Mon 9 Mt.13:1-9 Kingdom Parable#1 – Seeds and Sower

1 That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat by the lake. 2 Such large crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat in it, while all the people stood on the shore. 3 Then he told them many things in parables, saying: "A farmer went out to sow his seed. 4 As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up. 5 Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow. 6 But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root. 7 Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants. 8 Still other seed fell on good soil, where it produced a crop—a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown. 9 He who has ears, let him hear."

Tue 10 Mt.13:24-30 Kingdom Parable#2 – Wheat and Tares

24 Jesus told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field. 25 But while everyone was sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and went away. 26 When the wheat sprouted and formed heads, then the weeds also appeared. 27 "The owner's servants came to him and said, 'Sir, didn't you sow good seed in your field? Where then did the weeds come from?' 28 " 'An enemy did this,' he replied. "The servants asked him, 'Do you want us to go and pull them up?' 29 " 'No,' he answered, 'because while you are pulling the weeds, you may root up the wheat with them. 30 Let both grow together until the harvest. At that time I will tell the harvesters: First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles to be burned; then gather the wheat and bring it into my barn.' "

Wed 11 Mt.13:31-33 Kingdom Parable#3 – Mustard and Yeast

31 He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and planted in his field. 32 Though it is the smallest of all your seeds, yet when it grows, it is the largest of garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and perch in its branches." 33 He told them still another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed into a large amount of flour until it worked all through the dough."

Thu 12 Mt.13:44-45 Kingdom Parable#4 – Treasure and Pearls

44 "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field. 45 "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls. 46 When he found one of great value, he went away and sold everything he had and bought it.

Fri 13 Mt.13:47-51 Kingdom Parable#5 – The Net

47 "Once again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was let down into the lake and caught all kinds of fish. 48 When it was full, the fishermen pulled it up on the shore. Then they sat down and collected the good fish in baskets, but threw the bad away. 49 This is how it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come and separate the wicked from the righteous 50 and throw them into the fiery furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

Sat 14 Mt.13:52 Kingdom Parable#6 – Treasures new and old

52 He said to them, "Therefore every teacher of the law who has been instructed about the kingdom of heaven is like the owner of a house who brings out of his storeroom new treasures as well as old."

Sun 15 Rom.1:16-17 Sola Fide

16 I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile. 17 For in the gospel a righteousness from God is revealed, a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written: "The righteous will live by faith."

Mon 16 Mt.11:2-6 Examples of the Kingdom#1 – Comfort for John

2 When John heard in prison what Christ was doing, he sent his disciples 3 to ask him, "Are you

the one who was to come, or should we expect someone else?" 4 Jesus replied, "Go back and report to John what you hear and see: 5 The blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy are cured, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the good news is preached to the poor. 6 Blessed is the man who does not fall away on account of me."

Tue 17 Act2:41-47 Examples of the Kingdom#2 – The first congregation

41 Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day. 42 They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. 43 Everyone was filled with awe, and many wonders and miraculous signs were done by the apostles. 44 All the believers were together and had everything in common. 45 Selling their possessions and goods, they gave to anyone as he had need. 46 Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, 47 praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

Wed 18 Act4:8-14 Examples of the Kingdom#3 – Preaching, Healing and Power

8 Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them: "Rulers and elders of the people! 9 If we are being called to account today for an act of kindness shown to a cripple and are asked how he was healed, 10 then know this, you and all the people of Israel: It is by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified but whom God raised from the dead, that this man stands before you healed. 11 He is " the stone you builders rejected, which has become the capstone. " 12 Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved." 13 When they saw the courage of Peter and John and realized that they were unschooled, ordinary men, they were astonished and they took note that these men had been with Jesus. 14 But since they could see the man who had been healed standing there with them, there was nothing they could say.

Thu 19 Act11:19-26 Examples of the Kingdom#4 – Crossing boundaries in Antioch

19 Now those who had been scattered by the persecution in connection with Stephen traveled as far as Phoenicia, Cyprus and Antioch, telling the message only to Jews. 20 Some of them, however, men from Cyprus and Cyrene, went to Antioch and began to speak to Greeks also, telling them the good news about the Lord Jesus. 21 The Lord's hand was with them, and a great number of people believed and turned to the Lord. 22 News of this reached the ears of the church at Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas to Antioch. 23 When he arrived and saw the evidence of the grace of God, he was glad and encouraged them all to remain true to the Lord with all their hearts. 24 He was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and faith, and a great number of people were brought to the Lord. 25 Then Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul, 26 and when he found him, he brought him to Antioch. So for a whole year Barnabas and Saul met with the church and taught great numbers of people. The disciples were called Christians first at Antioch.

Fri 20 Act16:29-34 Examples of the Kingdom#5 – An earthquake and a lifequake

29 The jailer called for lights, rushed in and fell trembling before Paul and Silas. 30 He then brought them out and asked, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" 31 They replied, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved--you and your household." 32 Then they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all the others in his house. 33 At that hour of the night the jailer took them and washed their wounds; then immediately he and all his family were baptized. 34 The jailer brought them into his house and set a meal before them; he was filled with joy because he had come to believe in God--he and his whole family.

Sat 21 1Thes.1:2-10 Examples of the Kingdom#6 – A transformed community

2 We always thank God for all of you, mentioning you in our prayers. 3 We continually remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. 4 For we know, brothers loved by God, that he has chosen you, 5 because our gospel came to you not simply with words, but also with power, with the Holy Spirit and with deep conviction. You know how we lived among you for your sake. 6 You became imitators of us and of the Lord; in spite of severe suffering, you welcomed the message with the joy given by the Holy Spirit. 7 And so you became a model to all the believers in Macedonia and Achaia. 8 The Lord's message rang out from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia--your faith in God has become known everywhere. Therefore we do not need to say anything about it, 9 for they themselves report what kind of reception you gave us. They tell how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, 10 and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead--Jesus, who rescues us from the coming wrath.

Sun 22 Lk.24:25-32 Sola Scriptura

25 He said to them, "How foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! 26 Did not the Christ have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?" 27 And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself. 28 As they approached the village to which they were going, Jesus acted as if he were going farther. 29 But they urged him strongly, "Stay with us, for it is nearly evening; the day is almost over." So he went in to stay with them. 30 When he was at the table

with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. 31 Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight. 32 They asked each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?"

Mon 23 Mt.6:9-13 A Kingdom Prayer – Our Father

9 This, then, is how you should pray:
Our Father
in heaven, hallowed be your name,
10 your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
11 Give us today our daily bread.
12 Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.
13 And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.

Tue 24 Mt.6:9-13 A Kingdom Prayer – Who art in Heaven – Hallowed
(see above)

Wed 25 Mt.6:9-13 A Kingdom Prayer – Thy Kingdom Come.... on earth as in heaven
(see above)

Thu 26 Mt.6:9-13 A Kingdom Prayer – Give us our daily bread
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Fri 27 Mt.6:9-13 A Kingdom Prayer – Forgive us as we forgive
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Sat 28 Mt.6:9-13 A Kingdom Prayer – Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us
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Sun 29 Rom.11:33-36 Soli Deo Gloria

33 Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God!
How unsearchable his judgments, and his paths beyond tracing out!
34 "Who has known the mind of the Lord? Or who has been his counselor?"
35 "Who has ever given to God, that God should repay him?"
36 For from him and through him and to him are all things.
To him be the glory forever! Amen.

Mon 30 Rom.14:17-18 A different Kingdom....

17 For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking, but of righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit, 18 because anyone who serves Christ in this way is pleasing to God and approved by men.

Tue 31 Mt.18:1-4 Greatness in the Kingdom

1 At that time the disciples came to Jesus and asked, "Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" 2 He called a little child and had him stand among them. 3 And he said: "I tell you the truth, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. 4 Therefore, whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.