

Appendix 2 Making good use of a time of transition

Reaction to change

The movement of a CRCW brings with it many different reactions and a wide range of emotions. Sometimes symptoms of bereavement will predominate, at other times perhaps the excitement of a possible new beginning. The Interim Moderator will need the gifts necessary to help the church-in-community through a period of change.

Supporting

It is not easy in a transition period to support the life of the Church-in-Community. (This is particularly true where the leadership expectations have rested almost entirely on the CRCW. Church members and community groups may need help in encouraging their self-confidence and recognising their gifts. But the life of the church in community is their responsibility. Positive thinking about the present, together with the constructive view of the past will provide the best