

## **The UPCSA General Assembly**

### **Group Bible Study Guide**

#### **"Partners in Mission" (PIM)**

**Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> June** Induction Service **"Stronger Together"** of General Assembly Moderator (led by incumbent GA Moderator, Rt. Rev Lynda Newbould).

**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> June** General Assembly Sunday Communion Service **"Partners in Mission"** (led by the newly inducted GA Moderator, Rev Dr Anne Rowlands).

**Monday 28<sup>th</sup> June** Morning Devotion Group Bible Study – (Acts 14:21-28)

#### **"Spiritual Leadership"**

- (1) What is the role of spiritual leadership in the life of the Church? Why is it important?
- (2) Where are we lacking in terms of spiritual leadership, as the UPCSA, and what do you suggest should be done about it? (verse 21-23) Reference to Titus 1:7-8 and 1 Peter 5:1-4
- (3) How are you going to practically apply today's lesson(s) in your GA engagements from today and further on?

**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July** Morning Devotion Group Bible Study – (Acts 15:1-35)

#### **"The Church in Conflict – Dealing with Controversy"**

- (1) Why is feedback (reporting back) part of a good discipline in leadership? (verse 25-26) What is at stake when there is no meaningful feedback on God's work through us? How should we treat negative feedback? What does this teach us about accountability?
- (2) What lessons do we learn from the way the early Church leaders handled the issue around accepting Gentiles into the fellowship of believers? What steps did they take? (verse 6-25).
- (3) What should be our approach to any controversial issues in the Church? (verse 34-35)
- (4) What are you personally committing yourself to when it comes to dealing with controversial issues either in this General Assembly, your Presbytery (or Synod) or your local Congregation?

**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July** Morning Devotion Group Bible Study – (Act 16:6-15)

#### **"Spiritual Discernment and Direction"**

- (1) What is spiritual discernment? Why is it important for the Church setting?
- (2) How do we know God is leading us as a Church? What lesson(s) do we get from verse 6-10? What does it take to be led by the Spirit of God as a Church?
- (3) "Come over and help us" (verse 6). Where exactly have we missed this call as Christians and as a Church? Give practical examples.
- (4) What commitment are you making as a Presbyterian/Christian from today's lesson(s).

**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> July** General Assembly closing Communion Service **"Partners in Mission"** (led by the General Assembly Moderator, Rev Dr Anne Rowlands).