

To: Seekers Church Stewards
From: Cynthia Dahlin
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Subject: Ministry Review for Brenda Seat

The ministry review team consisted of the following members: Cynthia Dahlin, Sandra Miller, Glenn Clark, and Larry Rawlings. Donna Franklin prepared for the meeting as well, but was absent.

Brenda began the review by showing us a list of all the tasks she takes on for Seekers Community. They included tasks which have to do with her role as servant leader to us all, administrative tasks, pastoral support and other efforts. The list was quite long, and helped us to keep in mind the breadth of SLT service. She noted that in pulling back from actually organizing community meals and celebrations, she has been left more time to participate in more visible leadership roles, such as preaching and liturgy, a new direction for her. She noted that most of what she does in SLT now is call, except for being on the Sunday School team, on which she continues to serve waiting for someone to come and take up this call.

Brenda was very clear that her current role in SLT is tending the inner life of the community and serving as our vision keeper, helping us draw the line between being helpful and meaningful in members' lives and not crossing into being a social service agency. The challenges for her are in holding people accountable for and confronting actions which are harmful to the community as a whole.

The review team asked about needed support, and Brenda told us that she felt the SLT was in a strong place right now—four members seem to be able to support and spell each other through individual or Seekers crises. But, she had thought about our commitment to having two members support a call or mission and noted that the Sunday School Team and the Seekers celebrations efforts (including Easter, Thanksgiving, Christmas and Friendship dinners) need teams to support them so that they continue and do not become a burden to one person.

Brenda still feels called to serve us, but just for one more term. She will have served 21 years by then and will be happy to lay down this call and remain an active steward. Her most important bit of wisdom she wants to remind us is that "We are all in this together." By this, she means that God conveys things to each person that we all need to hear. We all matter, and we need to listen and hear from each other the words, thoughts, and ideas that God is speaking to us individually so that together we can hear the totality of God's message to us.

Thank you Brenda for your thoughtful service to all of us!