



Why I am excited about being part of ReVision 2017

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- I have seen a few times in my ministry times when church people take on a very high demand, common goal for the renewal of their church that leaves congregation and individuals transformed and hopeful. The church seems to live under a shadow of hopelessness and small, insular goals. When we actually give ourselves permission to think about the 'big' questions and challenges and opportunities we are blown away by how powerful we can be.
- I'm excited that the people of St. Aidan's have accepted this invitation to become explorers about how to be a renewed and renewing community of faith.
- I'm amazed and heartened that two congregations, both strong, creative and different, are having conversation together to look for possibilities of how we can mutually strengthen Jesus' ministry in our common areas so our next 5-7 years is rich and engaging
- I have seen in these 'big' challenging processes that many of us have a lot of fear of change – which is why this ReVision process is so smart – we have both individual 'alone' time to listen to ourselves and God's whispers and we have small group time where we can talk to one another and remember that we are not alone in either our fear or our hopefulness
- This is an amazing opportunity we have been given by the United Church group Edge and I'm proud that we are really 'going for it'

