

Can We Talk About Change?

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Questions to consider, discuss or journal.

- 1. Have you ever questioned inconsistencies within your church community? Are there inconsistencies you cannot accept? Does change seem possible?
- 2. Change is happening and possible. Have you seen areas of change within your church communities? How did you or other community members react in the face of this change? Is your community open to change?
- 3. Looking at the data on Role Permissions for Women in UK Christadelphian churches, are you surprised by the information charted? How does it compare to what you expected to find?
- 4. The Author observes nine way that change is happening in Christadelphian communities: Discussion, Adaptation, Death, Closures, Transfers, Openings, Baptism, Leaving, and Informal groups. Some of these paths to change are optional, others are unavoidable. How has your immediate community changed?
- 5. Is your church shrinking or growing? Is your church concerned about its membership and future? Are the youth in your church community engaged?
- 6. The Author concludes that we are a dynamic community, constantly changing, re-reading, rethinking and adapting. How does your immediate Christadelphian community compare with the conclusion shared about the wider Christadelphian community?
- 7. What is your prayer for the Christadelphian community?
- 8. Our community faces many challenges and we all have to decide how we are going to respond. The Author leaves us with these questions: what behaviour will characterize our community? How will we define our present and our future?