

Extract from letter from Bill Breakey to Pam Compton 6.11.1964

...I can tell you a bit about the meeting we had last night with the large group of ministers and others interested in a Community Centre. This meeting made much more progress we felt and people were much less confused. The discussion went over the same ground as we had gone over in the past 3 years, which I suppose is natural if at times frustrating. Things we wanted to specially stand out for are, firstly that it should be established on an ecumenical basis, and secondly that there should be some sort of resident nucleus to provide continuity and to foster the spirit which we hope will exist there. The general consensus of opinion seemed to be that it would be much easier for practical reasons to establish it as a Presbyterian foundation, but "open-ended" to other denominations, in a similar way to No.7. The second point they thought was slightly impractical, I think. Tom Patterson, the Lay Evangelism man was there and revealed that his committee is thinking along similar lines to our group so it may be that we will co-operate there. It will not be ideal, but it will at least be a start in the right direction. We are to have a retreat and another meeting in the New Year. Meanwhile the Group continues. The Youth Clup is still rowdy, Des still arrives late and we carry on in the meantime. ...