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Keep telling the story.....



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It always takes longer than you think it should



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It's always more costly than you think it will be....



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The costs of moving from FX being 'exotic' to being 'normal'...



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Don't underestimate the doggedness and resilience of unhelpful structures....





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Do... no, really DO, be prepared to make, admit and permit mistakes and false starts....
 Then learn from them!

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Beware the Methodist love of theological metaphysics!



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Be aware of the hardest thing for Methodists. Giving things up (even things that don't work!)



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Remember – and rehearse repeatedly – the decisions you have made....





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Watch your language!



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The consistent value of the 'Acts' principle – send people and receive them....




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Deliberately and consciously move through a number of rubicons.....
 e.g....




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from 'acceptance' to 'action'
from 'realisation' to 'response'
from 'deliberations' to 'decisions'
from 'stimulation' to 'strategy'
from being 'interested' to being 'intentional'
from thinking this is 'program' to coming to see it as
'process' and finally 'lifestyle'



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Keeping YOU and your
ministry in Christ alive
IS vitally important...
So do – and don't do -
what is necessary

