

AGENDA FOR THE 97TH MEETING OF THE SYNOD TO BE HELD ON

SATURDAY, 13TH MARCH 2021 VIA ZOOM

PLEASE REGISTER YOUR ATTENDANCE WITH THE SYNOD OFFICE TO OBTAIN THE LINK TO JOIN THE MEETING

If you require documents in braille or large print, please contact the Synod Office by 5th March

Theme: *Being a disciple in a time of Covid.*

Our agenda will be punctuated with a number of stories from around the Synod

9.30	Welcome
9.35	Opening Worship: Revd Gerald England
10.00	The Constitution of Synod <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Apologies for absence - Minutes of the last Synod (held on 17th October 2020 via Zoom) <p>Welcome:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - to those attending for the first time - to guests - to those taking up and relinquishing responsibilities within the Synod
10.20	EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Next Youth Genesis chapter of work - Safeguarding & trustee responsibility - Church Development Worker
10.35	ANNUAL DATA <p>Resolution 1: Synod notes the following to be applicable until further notice:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The synod agreed minimum ministerial housing allowance is either £4,000 per year grossed up to take account of income tax and national insurance or by annual application of the formula set down in the plan for partnership. 2. Mileage rate on synod business is 25 pence per mile or the costs of public transport. 3. Where the ownership of a manse is shared between the Synod Trust and the local church (i.e. there is an Equity Share) the local church is responsible for all expenses and repairs unless agreed otherwise. When the manse is occupied by a minister, this is in accordance with the Plan for Partnership (which is available on the URC website). 4. The Default Minimum Apportionment of the proceeds from the sale of buildings where there is a continuing local church is 60:40 between the Synod and the local church. <p>NOMINATIONS: 2 x papers on the website</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - for General Assembly - for Synod representatives & Committees <p>Resolution 2: Synod accepts the nominations listed, with thanks to all those who have agreed to serve.</p>
10.40	FINANCE: 2 x papers on the website
	MINISTRIES: paper on the website
10.50	PASTORAL COMMITTEE paper on the website
	Deployment – across the denomination; in SW Synod
11.05 - 11.25	COFFEE BREAK
11.30 - 12.15	Breakout rooms – discussion
12.20	Coming back together for further discussion and questions
12.50	Closing prayer: Revd Ruth Whitehead
	<i>Committee reports - please contact the author of the report if you have any questions.</i>