

**Agenda for the 95th meeting of the Synod to be held on
Saturday, 19th October 2019 at Westfield URC, West Street, Bridgwater, TA6 7EU**

Theme: New ways of being church

10.15am	Opening Worship: Revd Ruth Whitehead
10.40am	The Constitution of Synod Apologies for absence Minutes of the last Synod held on 9th March 2019 Welcome: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - to those attending for the first time and guests - to those taking up and relinquishing responsibilities within the Synod - movements within the Synod and out of the Synod - church changes
11.00 am	Mission Council RESOLUTION 1: <i>There shall be one Moderator of General Assembly, serving for one year. This Moderator may be a minister [of word & sacrament or CRCW] or an elder. Each Synod may nominate one minister and one elder each year, but only one Moderator will be elected.</i> RESOLUTION 2: <i>The name of Mission Council shall be changed to Assembly Executive.</i>
11.15 am	Finance: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Finance report - Update of M&M 2019 Projection - Ministry & Mission Fund Target 2020 RESOLUTION 3: <i>The South Western Synod of the URC agrees the factors quoted as the rates to be used for the calculation of the 2020 M&M Local Church Guided Contribution and commits to a total giving of £1,275,000 to the M&M fund.</i> <i>Ministerial True cost increases to £38,000</i>
11.45 am	Executive Committee report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Church Development Worker - Youth Genesis - Synod Environmental Policy RESOLUTION 4: <i>The South Western Synod agrees to adopt the Environmental Policy</i>
12.15 pm	Pastoral Committee report: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Lay Presidency RESOLUTION 5: <i>The South Western Synod agrees that those listed be authorised to preside at the sacraments in cases of pastoral necessity for the next three years, and those people nominated will be trained or be prepared to undergo training.</i>
12.45 pm	Notices: LUNCH: please bring your own lunch. Soup, tea, coffee and biscuits available free of charge
2.00 pm	Ministries Committee report
2.10 pm	Working together in practical ways – “knowing me, knowing you”
3.00pm	Closing Worship: Revd Phil Nevard and Revd Robert Jennings

PARKING: on the field opposite the church

If you require documents in braille or large print please contact the Synod Office tel: 01823 275470 or email: synodoffice@urcsouthwest.org.uk by 9th October to arrange.