

## Report from Synod Executive Committee – October 2021 Synod

The work of the Executive Committee continued throughout the year and met virtually dealing with a wide range of issues.

### **Youth Genesis project:**

The work going forward for September 2021 to December 2022 will include a continuation of the youth development work initiated in 2020 with a focus on the churches where work has been progressing. This will include developmental work around missional opportunities in response to the covid-19 pandemic as well as the engagement of 'youth voice' for young people.

### **Risk & Safeguarding**

Safeguarding is an agenda item for every Executive Committee meeting so that statistics from across the Synod and safeguarding incidents are reported and monitored.

Training for the elders/trustees of the local church has continued by virtual means and continues to be a priority for the Synod.

A safeguarding subcommittee/reference group is being developed as recommended by the URC. Thanks, have been noted for the challenging work that the Safeguarding Officer undertakes.

### **Enabling Grants:**

Executive Committee have approved several small and large Enabling Grants for a variety of projects and welcome churches applying for these funds to find new and innovative ways to serve their communities especially now that church life is no longer bound by restrictions caused by the pandemic.

### **Succession planning:**

- Deputy Synod Treasurer: the search continues for this important role.
- The Synod Clerk is retiring at the end of the year and a successor is being sought.

We said goodbye with thanks to Revd Lythan Nevard as she was called to be Moderator of Eastern Synod and Jill Stidson who completed her term of office.

As always members of committees move on or retire so please think about people who can offer their experience and knowledge for this vital work for the Synod.

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