

SW Synod Executive report for Synod Meeting March 2022

Members of Exec

Thanks to Jill Stidson & Chris Baillie who have both finished their term of service for the Executive.

We will welcome Rob Weston as a member of Executive at the May meeting.

We are looking for another lay member. Please speak to your SPA if you are interested.

Synod Clerk

Grateful thanks were expressed to Gwen Jennings for her work, which ended with her retirement at the end of December 2021. We are still looking for new synod clerk. The post can be quite flexible; it could be a 10 hours per week post, to cover the essential duties – or full time if other office duties – especially in the property department – were included.

If you know someone who either has or is willing to gain a good working knowledge of the URC and be part of our small Synod team, please respond to the advertisement in the March E-bulletin, or see the job description:

<https://www.urcsouthwest.org.uk/media/Synod-clerk-2021-JD-for-website.pdf>

Safeguarding committee

Executive have agreed to set up a safeguarding committee, to deal with the detail of safeguarding cases on behalf of the Exec, and to report to the Synod Trustees.

Members are sought for this and an Expression of Interest form is available from the Synod Office.

synodoffice@urcsouthwest.org.uk

Pensions fund

The Executive, acting as the Trustees for the Synod Trust, have responded to the request to support the URC Pensions fund by setting aside £3 million. We feel this is our proportionate response to the needs of the Pensions Fund at this stage.

Reminder

Nominations for the election of the Moderator of the General Assembly 2023-2024 are due to the General Secretary following the spring meetings of synod. If any local church wishes to make a nomination of a minister or an Elder, for the SW Synod to consider please contact

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by March 8th 2022.

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