

## **Ministries Committee**

This year Ministries Committee have finished off certain projects and begun to look at others. We anticipate that the Local Church Leaders papers with revised appendices will be on the Synod website by the end of the year. And we have been pleased to note the way that the new format Enabling Grant is being put to good use. It really is a straightforward way to try something new in terms of mission in your church.

Ministries Committee remit is wider than Ministers of Word and Sacraments – our focus is on the ministry of every member. So we spend time considering what Walking the Way means in our Synod and how to encourage discipleship. A Walking the Way day was held at Taunton in September and those attending found it inspiring. We are also looking at what it means to be an Elder – with the possibility of creating a new handbook for Elders and/or training . We are continuing to explore the best ways to train and support those who lead worship in our churches.

The members of the Ministries Committee are thoughtful, creative and challenging and I would like to record my appreciation of their contributions. Our meetings are always a joy!

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