

AGENDA for the 99th meeting of the Synod to be held on Saturday, 12th March 2022 via Zoom

All reports have been on the website:

Theme: Walking the pilgrim way	
9.30	WELCOME <i>Please note – there will be an Audio recording for the minutes</i>
9.35 am	THE CONSTITUTION OF THE 99th MEETING OF SYNOD Apologies for absence received Minutes of the last Synod held in October 2021 : arising 50 th anniversary – celebration on October 15 th – eg synod in morning, lunch & celebration! Welcome to new members: note of movements of ministers.
9.45	OPENING WORSHIP: Revd Roy Lowes (Stepwise advocate for the SW Synod)
10.10	EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (report on website): <i>How to vote – yes or no button, where two people are sharing a screen one votes digitally, the other person sends chat note to Ruth Whitehead</i> Resolution 1 Annual data 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. Resolution 2 Safeguarding changes to the structure of the URC (explanatory paper on website) “The SW Synod, meeting in March 2022, approve the changes to the URC structure proposed by Resolution 44 of General Assembly 2021.”
10.25	FINANCE: (reports on website):
10.50	VIDEO from Andy Braunston – newly appointed Digital minister
11.00	COFFEE BREAK Leave yourself logged in, <u>muted</u> and <u>video off</u> <u>Back at 11.30</u> DISCIPLESHIP & SERVICE (report on website)

11.30	<i>Legacies of Slavery – reminder about responses to this</i> Stepwise update
12.00	BREAK OUT ROOMS FOR DISCUSSION ‘How have the people in your church encouraged you in your discipleship? How could your church encourage each other in the future?’
12.15	PASTORAL COMMITTEE: (report on website)
12.25	CLOSING PRAYER Including in memoriam
12.30	END