## Representative Synod Information

**Membership of Representative Synod**

* The Vice-President and all ex-Vice Presidents of the Conference, being eligible.

* All ministers and probationers stationed in the District, all ministers residing for the purposes of the stations in the District and any other minister or probationer entered in the stations as member of Synod.

* The senior circuit steward of each circuit in the district.

* A number of lay representatives elected by the circuit meeting according to a formula based on circuit membership. (Substitutes may also be elected.)

* All members of the District Policy Committee.

* The lay representative, if appointed, to the Methodist Council, the District Lay Stationing Representative, the District Property Secretary and any officers appointed to the Synod to be responsible for World Church affairs.

* All eligible lay persons who are Conference-elected representatives to the Conference. All lay representatives elected by the Synod to the last preceding or next following Conference.

* Such lay District officers as the Synod may determine, namely Methodist Women in Britain representative, Safeguarding Officer, Archivist, Learning Network representative (plus officers who are also DPC members)

* The Secretary of the Synod.

* The Assistant Secretary of the Synod, if appointed

**Synod Elected Representatives to Synod** (three-year term)

Dr Stephen Leah (from Sept 2019)

\* indicates second consecutive term

**Visitors to Synod**

Church of England Visitors can be given permission to attend on the day, and to speak if appropriate, by those members of the Synod who are present.

**Synod Papers and Substitutions**

The calling papers and agenda will be emailed to members two weeks prior to the meeting of Representative Synod and posted to those without access to email. Reports will be posted on the District website as soon as they are available and can be requested as paper copies from the District Office. **Where elected substitutes are attending Synod in place of a named representative, the District Office should be informed as soon as possible.**

**Notices of Motion**

Notices of motion must be submitted in writing to the Chair and Secretary of Synod fourteen days before the date of Synod, and the Secretary shall see that they are distributed to the members of the Synod not later than its opening. Only on matters of urgency, and by express permission of the Synod, may notices of motion be submitted during a session of the Synod. (SO 413[4]).

**Rules of Debate**

These are contained in SO 413 clauses 6 – 25 in CPD. All ministers have a copy of this document and it is available to download from the Methodist website.