# District Leadership Team

**Summary of meeting held on 16 March 2021**

**Present:**

Leslie Newton, Chair of District

Neville Simpson, Deputy Chair of District

Beverley Duffy, Lay Stationing Representative

Emma Crippen, Synod Secretary

Andrew Brown, District Property Secretary

Nic Bentley, District Grant Secretary

Malcolm Lucas, District Treasurer

Siân Henderson, District Administrator

Amy Shephard, Youth Representative

**Apologies:**

Steve Barlow, Circuit Support Team Leader

Alister McClure, Methodist Council Representative

* **Updates** were received on
* Net Zero Carbon project – including the establishment of a guiding group to expand the work
* Stationing
* Probationers’ committee meetings
* Circuit Support Team
* Youth work
* Homelessness project
* Kairos Circuit and governance review
* Chair’s sabbatical
* Communications
* Global partnerships
* Unconscious bias training
* **District Advance Fund**
* A grant for the Wesley Centre in Harrogate was approved
* A grant was awarded to the Driffield-Hornsea Circuit to cover additional costs from the superintendent’s presidential year
* Seed-funding grants will be promoted among circuits
* **Finance**
* Accounts will be ready for scrutiny at the May meeting
* District lay staff will receive pay rises from 1 April
* Circuit treasurers have met and recommended a review of the moderation process applied to assessment calculations
* **York International House, Cornerstone Church and the University of York Chaplaincy**

Discussions took place on the planned sale of the Cornerstone Church building, in which the district has an interest due to the conversion of the upper floor into student accommodation under the auspices of York International House many years ago. A split of the proceeds of sale on the basis of 70% to the circuit and 30% to the district was recommended. Longer term plans for the financial support of the university chaplaincy will be considered over the next year.

* A review of the use of the **York City Centre fund** is being scheduled
* A preliminary discussion on improving support for, and oversight of, **Hull International House** took place
* A Connexional paper on the development of the **God for All** strategy was considered.
* Permission to **cease worship** at Appleton, Riccall, Borrowby and Maunby will be recommended to synod
* **Authorisations to preside** at the Lord’s Supper were approved for two probationers and a lay person
* The next meeting will be held on 13 May 2021