# District Leadership Team

**Summary of meeting held on 13 January 2022**

**Present:**

Leslie Newton, Chair of District

Andrew Brown, District Property Secretary

Alister McClure, Methodist Council Representative

Malcolm Lucas, District Treasurer

Nic Bentley, Grants Officer

Emma Crippen, Synod Secretary

Siân Henderson, District Administrator

Naomi Prince, Youth Representative

Neville Simpson, Deputy Chair

Bridget Bennett, Hull International House and Safeguarding

In attendance (part meeting): Tara Goodall, Wellbeing Officer

**Apologies:**

Bev Duffy

**Updates from previous meeting**

Updates were received on

* World Church links with Kenya
* Sale of St George’s church, York – agreement has been reached but contracts have not yet been signed
* Pension reserves contribution – the agreed district contribution has been paid

**Stationing 2022**

The third appointment remains unfilled

**Wellbeing**

Tara Goodall took up her post as Wellbeing Officer in January and was introduced to the meeting. Several expressions of interest in forming a wellbeing support group have been received.

**Circuit 17**

Andy Haynes has begun his work as Circuit 17 consultant. The ‘Circuit 17 Development Team’ has now been formed, comprising Andy Haynes, Derek Barnes (Circuit Steward in Pateley Bridge), Suzanne Patrick (Circuit Steward in Pocklington & Market Weighton), Lesley Taylor (Presbyter in Nidd Valley), Simon Pringle and the Chair.

**Rural work**

The district has been invited to be a partner in rural development work being coordinated by Ripon Cathedral in conjunction with North Yorkshire County Council.

**Vision**

A team has now been established, comprised of Lindy Edwards (Circuit Steward/Administrator in Pateley Bridge), Tom Clayton (Community Outreach Worker in North Yorkshire Coast), Liane Kensett (Leader within Kairos), Arthur Harbottle (Superintendent of Thirsk and Northallerton), Naomi Prince (Member of DLT, district youth team.) The group will acknowledge the need to hear a broad range of views and diverse voices.

**Prayer gathering**

A weekly district online prayer gathering has been established with the first meeting held on 6 January attracting over thirty attenders.

**Queen’s Jubilee**

A discussion on how churches might be encouraged to participate in this event took place.

**Delegation of authority**

It was formally resolved that Leslie Newton and Andrew Brown be delegated the authority to sign contracts on behalf of the Trustees.

**Permission to Cease Worship**

It was agreed to recommend to synod that permission be granted to Dunnington Methodist Church in the York Circuit to cease worship.

**Connexional *Justice, Dignity & Solidarity* strategy**

Alister McClure and Leslie Newton have begun conversations about how the strategy can be realised in the district, particularly around practice in churches. An implementation group will be formed to look at pilot schemes.

**Hull International House**

Mark Griffin has been appointed as a consultant to oversee change at HIH, focusing initially on the mitigation of risk before moving on to considering options for a longer term strategy.

**New Places for New People**

David Perry will lead the district team that will review local projects and liaise with the Connexional team.

**Children and Youth**

Conversations around the establishment of a regional One Opportunity programme are continuing.

**Communication**

The possibility of preparing a briefing sheet for circuit ministers and stewards was discussed. Elliot Crippen continues to consider how social media communications can be improved.

**Grant funding**

A report was received from Adele Borrowman

**Personnel**

• Grant Funding Worker – it was agreed to increase hours from 9 to 18 per week from April.

• Net Zero Officer – funding options for a longer term role, to replace the current Kickstart worker at the end of that appointment, will be investigated.

• District Administrator/PA to the Chair – this position will become vacant at the end of the Connexional year. A group to take forward the appointment will be set up.

* CST Leader – it is hoped that an appointment can be made in conjunction with a part-time appointment in the Ryedale Circuit.