# Yorkshire North and East District: District Leadership Team

# 19 May 2022

**Summary**

**Present:** Leslie Newton, Nic Bentley, Siân Henderson, Malcolm Lucas, Naomi Prince, Andrew Brown

**In attendance:** Mark Griffin

**Apologies:** Alister McClure, Emma Crippen, Bev Duffy, Bridget Bennett, Neville Simpson

1. **Welcome and opening devotions**

The Chair led devotions to open the meeting

1. **Minutes of previous meeting on 15 March 2022**

The minutes were approved

1. **Matters arising and carried forward items** 
   1. New Places for New People – David Perry will continue to lead this work as a supernumerary and is currently drawing together an initial team.
   2. Net Zero work – £100k grant has been awarded from Centrica for work on eight chapels.
   3. JDS strategy – Alister McClure led two workshops at Synod which will hopefully help us move forward with developing a District Community of Practice.
2. **Chair’s update**

* Stationing – details of two late changes to stations affecting the district were provided. The stationing training meeting has taken place, with the inclusion of Unconscious Bias training.
* Probationers – Louisa Haynes and Helen Hickson will be going forward to ordination this summer.
* World Church partnership – Richard Teal has been in contact with Leslie Newton and a partnership discussion paper will be drawn up before his trip to Kenya.
* District Vision group – a second meeting has taken place this week
* Chair’s commitments out of district

1. **Noting of decisions made by email since last meeting**

Agreement to cease worship at Bolton Methodist Church, Pocklington and Market Weighton Circuit

1. **Finance**

* The annual report and financial statements for the year ending 31 August 2021 were approved for submission to the Charity Commission.
* The annual meeting of circuit treasurers has taken place
* Hull City Centre fund continues to support the work at Selby Street Mission.

1. **DAF: digital grant policy**

A proposal to focus on funding training rather than hardware in response to a grant request for digital equipment was discussed. It was agreed that expensive equipment is not usually required in church situations where existing equipment and commonly-held devices would be adequate, with appropriate training.

1. **Personnel update:**

* CST Leader – the position has been re-advertised in a revised form.
* District Administrator – an appointment has been made and a handover period will be arranged.

1. **Hull International House**

Mark Griffin led a discussion on his report on the House.

1. **Connexional review of the structure of districts**

A Connexional paper on the reconfiguration of districts was circulated prior to the meeting. The following points from the paper were noted:

* Each region becomes a district
* Each district has one Chair with additional leadership staff funded centrally

The meeting was asked to reflect on the following questions:

1. Does your District see its future as being part of a larger unit based on your current stationing region?
2. Does the District wish to consider a future as part of another stationing region or new district?
3. Does the District believe that the mission of the Church is now best served by one or

more Circuits being part of a different District?

It was agreed that no response to the Connexion would be made until the more detailed report to Conference can be considered.

1. **Wesley Chapel Harrogate, City Centre Status**

The proposal is being re-considered by the circuit.

1. **Circuit 17 – verbal update**

Two existing circuits have expressed an interest in working under the Circuit 17 banner from 2023, should the proposal to create a new circuit be approved by the Conference of 2023.

1. **Closing prayer**