# Yorkshire North and East District: District Leadership Team

# 12 July 2022

**Summary**

**Present:** Leslie Newton, Nic Bentley, Siân Henderson, Malcolm Lucas, Andrew Brown, Emma Crippen (via Zoom), Bridget Bennett

**In attendance:** Mark Griffin

**Apologies:** Neville Simpson, Naomi Prince

1. **Welcome and opening devotions**

The Chair led devotions to open the meeting

1. **Minutes of previous meeting on 19 May 2022**

The minutes were approved

1. **Matters arising and carried forward items** 
   * Net Zero work – nothing further to report
   * JDS strategy – the Community of Practice approach is being followed
2. **Chair’s update**

* **Stationing** **and appointments**
* Catherine Frieze has been appointed lay chaplain at Ashville College from September
* Stationing for next year is predicted to be:

Goole and Selby: Probationer Presbyter

Nidd Valley: Deacon

Circuit 17: 2 Presbyters

North Yorkshire Coast: 1 Presbyter

Hull (Centre and West): 1 Presbyter

This is against a background of 73 presbyters available for 131 stations

* **World Church**

The Revd Dr Richard Teal is planning a visit to Kenya in October and the Methodist Church there is keen to explore a partnership with the district.

* **Ordinations**

Helen Hickson (South Holderness) and Louisa Haynes (Hull Centre & West) were ordained and received into full Connexion at the recent Conference.

* **New Places for New People**

The team appointed by the DLT has now had its first meeting under the leadership of the Revd Dr David Perry. The next step will be a focus on communicating the vision and signposting to available resources, along with collaborating with circuits to support and encourage the ideas that are emerging.

* **Wellbeing**

Tara Goodall, Wellbeing Officer, is continuing to develop in her role. She has been building relationships and is now being contacted by some line managers and lay employees seeking advice and support. Some very helpful interventions have already been made. It is planned that the nascent Wellbeing Group will meet again in September to continue to explore further possibilities.

* **Rural Work**

The district continues to partner with Ripon Cathedral and others in a North Yorkshire Rural Forum. A challenge to the default pursuit of ‘best price’ on disposal of property is being prepared and Mark Bevan is supporting the Methodist contribution.

* **Youth Work**

A very successful district youth weekend has taken place with around 45 young people attending, Victoria Etherington has been invited to co-lead one of the 3Generate activities this October.

* **Flourish**

Bookings are now open, and the current planning focus is on publicity.

1. **DAF: Bransholme application**

An application to support the mission at Bransholme was approved with a grant of £2000.

It was agreed to encourage churches to consider whether they have the financial capacity to support a church with fewer resources through a twinning programme. The superintendents will discuss how this might be explored in a sensitive manner.

1. **Personnel update:**

* CST Leader – Ruth Gilson-Webb has been appointed. She will start on 1 September on a 70% basis with the intention to be full time by Easter at the latest.
* District Administrator – Naomi Prince has been appointed and a handover period will be arranged.
* Safeguarding Officer – the proposal to collaborate with Sheffield and Yorkshire West districts in recruiting staff will be discussed by the District Safeguarding Group

1. **Circuit 17**

Bridlington Circuit have expressed an interest in joining Circuit 17 along with Pateley Bridge and Pocklington & Market Weighton.

1. **Connexional District Review process**

The proposals at Conference were rejected. Zoom meetings for Conference members will take place during August to start to gather views.

Other Conference news:

The candidating process is changing. The direction of travel for local pastors was affirmed.

1. **Hull International House**

Mark Griffin joined the meeting and led a discussion on his interim report. It was agreed to arrange a meeting of the DLT and the Interim Management Group of Hull International House to discuss the recommendations of his updated report.

1. **EV charging points in manses**

Andrew Brown will research costs and report to the next meeting.

1. **Cessation of worship**

* Stillingfleet, York – approved for recommendation to synod
* Skipsea, Bridlington – approved for recommendation to synod

1. **Trustees from 1 September 2022**

Sian Henderson will be ending her term as Trustee from 31 August. Naomi Prince will remain as a Trustee in her position as youth representative rather than in relation to her role as district administrator. Bridget Bennett will continue as a Trustee for the next Connexional year. The CST Leader will be invited to attend at least the first three meetings.

1. **Dates for next year**

Bi-monthly meetings will continue, with some meetings by Zoom. The September meeting will be in person and winter meetings over Zoom.

1. **Closing prayer**