



REPRESENTATIVE SESSION OF THE SYNOD 'Being Salt and Light: time for action'

August 2022

Dear Friends,

We look forward to welcoming you to the Representative Session of the Yorkshire North and East District Synod on Saturday the 10th of September 2022. This will be an online synod held on zoom and a live stream will be available to visitors on YouTube. Our theme is 'Being Salt and Light: time for action.' Our focus will be on exploring how we can be putting our faith into transformative service within our communities during these turbulent times.

To take part in the synod you will need to have access to a computer, tablet, or smartphone with an internet connection. If this will be difficult for you, please contact your superintendent who should be able to make alternative arrangements.

We will begin at 9.30am and finish by 12.30pm, with breaks throughout the morning.

Zoom link to join Synod: <https://zoom.us/j/94653061220>

Synod papers will be available on the District website at: www.yorkshirenethodist.org/district/synods or can be requested to be emailed directly, or printed and posted, by contacting the District Office at admin@yorkshirenethodist.org

The synod will also be electing representatives for the 2023 Methodist Conference. A nomination form is included in this communication with the details of what is needed.

In calling you to the Synod, it is also our responsibility to remind you, as required by Conference, that "every presbyter and every deacon who is not a supernumerary, and every presbyteral and diaconal probationer, unless, in any case, excused by dispensation of the Chair, is required to attend the Synod of which he or she is a member and to remain throughout its sessions. A dispensation of absence is to be given only on compelling grounds." This also applies to Recognised and Regarded ministers.

- *Supernumerary Ministers and Ministers Authorised to Serve are welcome to attend the Representative Synod, but do not need a dispensation of absence if unable to attend*
- *Lay members of Synod who are unable to attend are asked to notify the Synod Secretary via the District Office and to let their Circuit-meeting elected substitute have their Synod Papers.*

We look forward to worshipping and reflecting together in these challenging times.

With best wishes

Leslie Newton
Chair of District

Emma Crippen
Synod Secretary