

Representative Sessions of the Synod

Thursday 11th May (on Zoom)

Saturday 20th May (Manor Academy, York)



GOD'S FUTURE STORIES



Dear Friends

April 2023

We look forward to welcoming you to the Representative Sessions of the Yorkshire North and East District Synod.

This year, to accommodate Connexional timetables, in addition to our planned on-site Synod on 20th May we also need to have a short Zoom session. This will be at 7pm on Thursday 11th May 2023. This session will deal with necessary business, including consideration of Memorials. If any Synod member wishes to bring a Memorial, please submit to the District Office by 4th May at the latest. The link for the Zoom meeting is:

<https://zoom.us/j/92408241661>

Meeting ID: 924 0824 1661

No password

Our on-site Representative Synod will be on Saturday 20th May 2023 at York Manor Academy. ([York Manor Academy, Millfield Lane, Nether Poppleton, YORK, YO26 6PA](#)).

The theme for our time together will be "God's Future Stories." We hope it will be a rich opportunity to share together in plenary and workshop, exploring and discerning how God wants to shape our future.

We will begin at 9:30am and finish at 3:00pm, with breaks for refreshments and lunch. Please bring your own mug for drinks, to cut down on waste, and please bring lunch and any snacks that you might need through the day. Also, if you are attending in person and would require the use of the hearing loop system, please could you inform the district office in advance.

Synod papers for both sessions 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 or by phoning/texting **07539 027151**.

In calling you to both these sessions of 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.

With best wishes,

Leslie Newton
Chair of District

Emma Crippen
Synod Secretary

Initial AGENDA

for Saturday 20th May

9.30am

Welcome and opening worship
Introduction to the Theme

10.15am

How do we each respond to movement and change?

10.45am

Synod Business

11.00am

Coffee Break

11.30am

Workshop Options 1

12.30pm

Workshop Options 2

1:20pm

Lunch Break

2.00pm

Plenary Session
leading to final worship

3.00pm

End