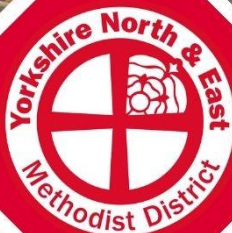


many parts one body

District Synod | Hybrid

Saturday 9th September
9.30am - 12.30pm



DEAR FRIENDS,

August 2023

We look forward to welcoming you to the autumn Representative Session of the Yorkshire North and East District Synod on Saturday 9th September. The theme is “Many parts, one body” as we celebrate and reflect upon various parts of the diverse ministry and mission within the District and the wider Connexion.

This Synod is going to be in hybrid format: on-site at Acomb Methodist Church, York, and online via Zoom.

Representatives are invited to choose whether to be on-site at Acomb or online. If you are going to attend at Acomb, please sign up to confirm this here: <https://rb.gy/fmwot> We invite those not coming to Acomb to consider the possibility of meeting together with others locally.

The Synod will begin at 9.30am and we aim to conclude by 12.30pm. A draft agenda will be available shortly. Refreshments will be available at Acomb from 9am and through the morning. Representatives are welcome to stay afterwards to eat a packed lunch. Please bring a mug with you.

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 or by phoning/texting 07539 027151.

In calling you to this representative session 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.

Leslie Newton
Chair of District

Emma Crippen
Synod Secretary