



Dear Friends

We look forward to welcoming you to the Representative Session of the Yorkshire North and East District Synod. We will meet on Saturday 9th May 2025 at York Manor Academy (York Manor Academy, Millfield Lane, Nether Poppleton, YORK, YO26 6PA).

The theme for our time together will be *'Where are we needed most?'* continuing the conversations we began around sustaining and enabling ministry in contexts of social deprivation. We are delighted to announce that Deacon Eunice Attwood, Connexional Church at the Margins Officer, will be with us to offer a keynote address and lead our conversations.

The session will include some business, as usual, including opportunity to consider Memorials to the Conference. If any Synod member wishes to bring a Memorial please submit it to the District Office by 24th April at the very latest.

Please also let the District Office know by 24th April:

- if you would like to have a marketplace stall;
- if you would appreciate access to a loop hearing system.

We will begin at 9:30am for 10am, and finish by 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.

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 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

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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 Sandra Hayward
Chair of District Synod Secretary