

7th March 2023

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

Stationing Matching 2023/2024

We are writing to inform you of the arrangements for stationing matching this year. Firstly, it would be a great help to us if you could confirm with Helen, via the District Office, if you as an individual or as a Circuit expect to be in stationing this year or if you are expected to be involved in a re-invitation process.

We are not holding a single Stationing Briefing event but a personalised series of ZOOM meetings. We found last year that this was beneficial to ministers and to circuits as it gave more time for discussion about individual concerns. As soon as the new Code of Practice becomes available we will let you know, it is important that you read it through carefully so that you are aware of any changes to our processes and procedures. We will highlight any recent changes that have been made to our practice.

This year we will again be holding training sessions on Unconscious Bias via ZOOM. The training is one hour duration, and we are offering a choice of two dates:

Tuesday 6th June, at 7pm

Thursday 15th June, at 7pm

All new members to a Circuit Invitation Committee should engage with the Unconscious Bias training and thereafter to refresh the training every four years. We must stress that attendance and engagement with the material is essential work for a Circuit Invitation Committee.

After you have read the Stationing information, we are then inviting you to book a conversation with us when you can raise any issues and ask any queries that you may have. These conversations will take place via a ZOOM meeting.

Each session will last between around 30 minutes (longer if a circuit has more than one appointment they need to discuss) and you can book a conversation with us on one of these dates:

Monday 22nd May: afternoon and evening slots available

Tuesday 23rd May morning and afternoon slots available

Tuesday 30th May afternoon and evening slots available

Could you please book a time and date with Jenny or Claire through the District Office by

email (office@northamptonmethodistdistrict.co.uk).

Every blessing,
Helen and Sue

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