

Report on the Work of the District Executive from September 2023 to April 2024

The District Executive committee has met four times since the last Synod and has:

1. Welcomed the Rev'd Sonia Hicks, Chair-designate, as an observer.
2. Approved the appointment of a District Digital Officer, and welcomed Naomi Ensor into the post.
Sent warm thanks to Gill Crippen who was leaving as District Safeguarding Team Leader, and welcomed Sally Wan as her successor.
Warmly thanked Revd Lesley Dinham for her service as DE Secretary, and welcomed Jenny Oliver as her successor.
3. Reviewed and approved
 - A number of grant applications and a bridging loan.
 - A number of District policies, and a timetable for reviewing them.
 - Two authorisations to preside at Holy Communion, for forwarding to Conference.
4. Gave thanks for
 - the start of Revd Kim Shorley's work in spreading the FEAST "New Places for New People" (NPNP) initiative across the District, and welcomed the Connexion's agreement that grants for NPNP can be allocated through the District's grants system.
 - the success of the District Green Summit on 31st October, and looked forward to initiatives arising from it across the District.
5. Received reports from and reviewed the work of
 - the District Mission Team
 - the District Finance Officer
 - the District Property officer
 - the District Safeguarding team
 - the District representative on the Methodist Council
 - the Justice, Dignity and Solidarity group
 - the District's link with the Presbyterian Church of Cameroon
 - the Learning Network.
6. Reviewed the line management responsibilities of the Chair of District.
7. Approved the following items which require the ratification of the Representative Synod:
 - The following appointments be made:
 - Revds Kate Strange and David Alderman as Acting Co-Chairs
 - Revd Karen Beecham as District Probationers' Secretary
 - Rev Ian Suttie as Lead Ecumenical Officer
 - Sue Barratt as a member of Finance & Grants Committee
 - Derek Beaumont as Methodist Governor of Christ the Sower Church School Milton Keynes

- The following requests to cease worship be agreed:
 - The Avenue, in the High Wycombe Circuit
 - Wootton Trinity, in the Northampton Circuit,

- The formation of a Methodist-Baptist LEP for Kingsthorpe in the Northampton Circuit.