**Report on the Work of the District Executive from September 2024 to April 2025**

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

1. Looked forward, and

* approved the District Mission Plan, agreeing to focus for the next two years on two of the four priorities – Evangelism and Justice-Seeking.
* began work on the practicalities of recruiting a Net Zero Officer, to take forward the District’s environmental policy.
* agreed that work with young people is vital, to build on 3Generate, and encouraged a meeting of lay workers to discuss how to support it at District level.
* considered alternative ways of organising Synod.

2. Decided the budget for 2025/26, agreeing that Circuit assessments would not be increased, with the District Advance Fund bearing the extra cost including the higher Connexional MCF assessment. Circuits were asked to use that breathing space to think about mission.

3. Reviewed and approved

* a number of grant applications
* a number of District policies, including a Safeguarding Policy.
* arrangements for the transfer of the District Safeguarding Officer to employment by the Connexion.
* nine authorisations to preside at Holy Communion, for forwarding to Conference.
* a Building Sharing Agreement for Kingsthorpe Community Church, to go to the Connexion.

4. Received reports from and reviewed the work of

* the District Mission Team
* the District Finance Officer
* the District Property officer
* the District Safeguarding team

5. Discussed the difficulties faced by circuits in managing property, noted that the connexional team are asking every District what we want from them, and agreed to respond that one priority for us is help on managing property.

6. Recommended to Synod *“That the Melton Mowbray and the Loughborough Circuits amalgamate from 1st September 2025 to form a new Charnwood and Mowbray circuit”*

7. Agreed the following requests to cease worship, which require the ratification of the Representative Synod:

.- Stapleton Methodist Church in the Hinkley Circuit

* Churchill Methodist Church in the West Oxfordshire Circuit
* Charlbury Methodist Church in the West Oxfordshire Circuit
* Edgehill Road Methodist Church in the Leicester Trinity Circuit.