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Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

At a recent District Executive meeting we decided we wanted to review what progress we had made across the District in local churches and circuits, as well as the District itself in fulfilling our Environmental policy adopted by the Synod in September 2020. The effects of the pandemic and the ending of our Green Champion scheme has meant that it is likely some progress has been made at local level without us all being aware of that. The Methodist Conference has made commitments to Net Zero Carbon by 2030 in all our Methodist buildings. See below those commitments.

<https://www.methodist.org.uk/for-churches/property/net-zero-carbon/>

You can read our 2020 District Environment Policy here

<https://www.northamptonmethodistdistrict.org.uk/about-us/policies/>

We want to get people from every Circuit together to discuss where we currently are, what progress has been made since 2020 and how the District can best help and support local churches and circuits in this vital area of our mission and ministry.

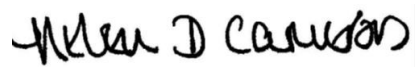
We are going to begin by holding a Zoom Green Summit on 31 October 7:30pm – 9:00pm and we invite you to ensure at least one member of your circuit attends. It might be a Property Secretary, or an eco champion/advocate, it might be a younger person with commitments in this area. It doesn't matter how many come from individual churches (all are welcome) but we do hope you will encourage at least one person from your Circuit to attend so that we can start mapping, planning and helping to resource this work.

Please find a link below to a survey we would ask you to complete **now** so that the District Executive can gain an understanding of progress being made and work still required. We seek, as a District Executive, to offer as much support to Circuits and local churches in this area.

<https://forms.office.com/r/yt7v2tr525>

This comes with my thanks to you for all that you are doing in so many areas of mission and ministry, not just this one.

Yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Helen D Cameron". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

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cc. Matt Forsyth District Mission Team Leader
cc. The District Executive