

London District Synod, 10th September 2011

LEADERS FOR CHANGING TIMES

Other decisions of the Synod:

Representatives to the Methodist Conference 2012

Ms Mazie Ajai-Ajagbe Ms Janet Arthur Mr Gerry Davis
Revd Carol Hamilton- Foyn Mr Richard Hamilton-Foyn Revd
Sam McBratney Revd Colin Smith Ms Mo Wills
(The above names were agreed by Synod on the 10th Sept 2011)

Ms Nancy Acquah Revd Emmanuel Aggrey-Ogoe
Revd Sheryl Anderson Mr Steven Cooper
Revd Nigel Cowgill Ms Daniella Fetuga-Joensuu
Mr Bala Gnanapragasam Mr Daniel Lai
Revd Ebute Obiabo Ms Monica Pryce-Ross
(The above names were agreed in previous Synods)

No deacons were nominated and it will therefore be up to the District Council to elect a deacon to represent the District. Nominations should be made on the form to the Synod Secretary before 30 September.

Appointment of a new District Chair

The Synod voted in favour of the District Council's recommendation of the nomination of the Revd Michaela Youngson as a Chair of the London District for a period of six years from the 1st September 2012. This will now go to the Methodist Conference for their approval.

Reasoned statement for the nomination of Michaela Youngson as Chair of the London District

Michaela Youngson has a breadth of ministerial experience having served as a Circuit minister, in the Connexional Team and as a Superintendent Minister. In these she has demonstrated a knowledge and understanding of the Church and exercised general and pastoral oversight. She also has previous experience working in the church and other organisations which demonstrates her organisational skills and competencies and gives her knowledge of how large and complex organisations function. Michaela has served on a wide range of committees and trustee bodies and has also provided support to such bodies as a relevant staff member. Recognising the gifts of others she has drawn many people into the life of the church and enabled them to offer their gifts in diverse situations. She has demonstrated the ability to support, challenge and counsel people

inside and outside the church. She has been involved in the management and allocation of resources and taken responsibility for their best use.

Michaela is a creative communicator. She has demonstrated her ability to represent the Methodist Church in a range of settings, listening, speaking, leading and working with others. She has experience and training in conflict resolution and has served on complaints panels enabling these skills to be used in the life of the church. Michaela is also a sought after leader of conferences and retreats and an accomplished writer. She is interested in politics and the effects on people and communities.

The nomination committee was impressed by Michaela's presentation skills and believes that Michaela will bring to the District an enthusiasm for exploring new and creative ways of proclaiming the gospel in a diverse cultural context.

The above reasoned statement was presented to and accepted by the District Council on the 13th of July 2011.

DC vote
For 11
Against 0

The District Council recommends the nomination of the Revd Michaela Youngson as Chair of the London District for a period of six years from the 1st of September 2012.

Farewell to Ermal Kirby

Date: Sunday 27th November 2011
Venue: Westminster Central Hall
Reception: 4.30pm
Service : 6.30pm

District Review

An update was received on the progress of the District Review

Implementing the Recommendations

1. District Goals
Proposed by Commissions
Compiled by Council

Tested by Supers and Circuit Stewards
Reported to Spring Synod

2. Commissions

Three instead of four - with immediate effect

- Authorised Ministries
- Discipleship and Congregational Development Commission
- Social Responsibility

3. Supervision of/for Ministers

Supers have discussed and agreed
Training being arranged

4. Additional Support for Circuits

Tavistock Institute commissioned
Needs and Possibilities being assessed
November meeting of Council considers recommendations

5. Additional admin support within District Centre

Temporary measures
New Job Descriptions prepared and advertising imminent

6. Chairs' Subtitles

Discontinuance of 'Lead' and 'Co' agreed by Conference

7. Chairs' Roles and Responsibilities

Already Reflected in Job Descriptions

8. Communications

IT Group in place and active
Website design out to tender
District Council Minutes to be available on New Website

Appointments

The appointments listed in the District Directory were confirmed and the following were added to them:

Additional Appointments 2011 -2012

Discipleship and Congregational Development Commission

Members:

Ms Penny Fuller
Mr Edward Nkwelle

Early Years in Ministry

Revd Dr Janet Corlett

Lay Stationing Reps

Ms Janet Arthur

Wesley Guilds Secretary

Please delete Mr Don Nicholls (sadly he passed away) this role remains vacant

Attendance at Youth Assembly

The following were confirmed as District representatives to the Youth Assembly:

Michelle Chingoka	New River
Delicia Cooper	Wandle Valley
Hagar Opare-Aryee	Streatham
Thomas Deck	Croydon
Oliver Mascarenhas	New River
Dionne Moyo	Ealing Trinity
Joyce Tang	West London Mission
Edmond Young	Hackney

Ministerial Development Review

Alan Haine updated the Synod on the new Ministerial Development Review Scheme and reported that all ministers would be receiving information in the next few days. The Superintendents and Circuit Stewards meetings in October would give time for more consideration of this scheme and how it can be implemented in the circuits.

Sabbaticals

The Synod approved the following sabbaticals which would be taken during 2011-2012.

Madeleine Andrews

Jane Cassidy
Mike Cassidy
Armstrong Fummey
Jonathan Mead
Steven Poole
Michael Sawyer

The Synod approved the following deferrals of sabbaticals to the year 2012-2014:

Olufemi Cole-Njie
Roger Dunlop
Tony Miles

Medal 2012

The Synod heard an update on the medal programme

Study packs and resources are available from the Medal team – contact [Daniella Fetuga-Joensuu](#) for more details.

Tower Hamlets Circuit

Resolution

Synod approves the request from the District Trustees, in consultation with Tower Hamlets Circuit, for £780,000 to be applied from the Trust Fund TMCP 20520 for the purposes outlined above.
