

**London District Representative Synod**  
**Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2022 (held via Zoom)**

Members were welcomed and opening worship was led by the Barnet & Queensbury Circuit.

**Ministers New to the London District** were welcomed. New lay members were also welcomed.

**Dispensations** 1 partial and 15 full dispensations were given to Presbyters .

**Scrutineers** were appointed.

Synod confirmed the **Representatives to Conference 2023** and delegated the District Council to fill the remaining vacancies on its behalf.

**Keynote Address on Community Change**

Revd Charity Nzegwu (Co-Chair of Justice, Dignity & Solidarity Connexional Committee) & Revd Matt Finch (Pioneering & Church Planting Officer, Evangelism & Growth Team) spoke to Synod on how their work impacts community change.

Secretary of District Council introduced **District Council Business**.

**Appointments** were agreed including the appointments of the following presbyters: Rev'd Steven Cooper (District representative to Methodist Council), Rev'd Andrew Dart (Authorised Ministries Commission Convenor, Revd Esther Akam (Candidates Committee Chaplain) . Synod delegated to the District Council any further appointments to be made before April 2023.

The Sabbaticals Secretary introduced the work of the Sabbaticals Advisory Group. Synod agreed the names of those due for sabbaticals in 2022/03 and those deferring to 2023/24

The Synod agreed to appoint the Presbyteral Synod Secretary as a standing representative to Conference as recommended by the District Council.

Synod carried the following resolution.:

In accordance with Standing Orders 122(3) and 126(1)(d), the Synod approves the Conference's provisional amendment of paragraphs 1, 18 and 21 and adoption of a new Section 9A comprising paragraphs 37A, 37B and 37C of the Deed of Union (as set out in the calling papers) **Number eligible to vote 170; For 136; Against 20**

Synod approved five **Letters of Greeting** to be sent.

**Act of Remembrance**

Synod remembered all Ministers, Local Preachers, Lay Members of Synod and those silently named, who have died over the last 18 months. Synod also remembered the death of Queen Elizabeth II.

Synod closed with a blessing