

29 September 2017

**To: All Ministers in active service, Retired Ministers, Church representatives, Synod/United Area Leaders, Administrators & Treasurers, Local Church Leaders, Children and Youth representatives, Synod Staff, Co-opted members, Students and Observers**

Dear Friend

### **Synod Together Meeting**

**Saturday 14 October 2017 10.30 am to 4.30 pm at Goring United Reformed Church, Shaftesbury Avenue, Goring-by-Sea, Worthing, West Sussex BN12 4EA**

Grace and peace to you. I hope you had a good summer.

Continuing our discipleship in "Walking the Way, living the life of Jesus" in our local churches and Synod/United Areas, etc., the time has come for us to come together again to discern God's plan for Southern Synod. So, I look forward, with eagerness, to welcoming you to our Synod Together meeting as stated above.

The theme for this autumn's meeting is **"Walking the Way: Living the life of Jesus" - Discerning God's plan for Southern Synod**. We are very grateful to the Revd Kevin Watson, Moderator of the General Assembly of the United Reformed Church 2016-2018 for accepting our invitation as our Guest Speaker. He will address us in the morning and afternoon sessions. Our Training and Development Officer the Revd Andy Twilley and Mission Development Officer Martin Hayward, amongst others, will also do presentations.

There will be **Youth Event** titled **"Re-Unite! Feasts and Festivals"**. This will be running alongside the Synod Together meeting and is open to all young people of secondary school age and upwards. It is an opportunity for the young people to meet with others from across the Synod. In the morning, they will take part in workshops run by the youth executive on the theme of feasts and festivals. After lunch, the young people will go ten pin bowling. This is a free event, but those attending will need to bring their own packed lunch and cover the cost of transport to and from Goring URC. All participants must book a space by contacting Lauren Kane at [pa-cydo@urcsouthern.org.uk](mailto:pa-cydo@urcsouthern.org.uk). Final booking deadline is Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October. Please pass on the information to those who work with young people in your church.

There will be no Children's Event at this meeting. Also, there will be no facilities for looking after young children.

### Please note the following:

1. Direction to Goring URC and Floor Plan is attached for your information.
2. The Agenda and necessary Papers are also attached.
3. Only "Blue Badge Holders" will be able to park on the church premises, other vehicles will be able to park in the car park next door [Inland Revenue]. If you wish to apply for one of the "Blue Badge Holder" spaces, **please let me know by Wednesday, 11 October at the latest** so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

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4. Registration will be in the Cornwall Room, which is at the back of the church and will be done in Synod/United Areas. Those not in these Areas should check the appropriate table.
5. Name labels will be provided for you to write your own name and wear it through the meeting.
6. Voting cards will be given at the registration desk.
7. A voluntary contribution of at least £2 will be welcomed to assist with the cost of pre-meeting coffee/tea, lunchtime soup and afternoon tea at the close of Synod.
8. There will be stalls for Tradecraft/Fairtrade goods and cash only sale of:
  - **URC 2018 diaries – pocket size, £7.00 and A5, £9.99 (Both are soft back).**
  - **URC Prayer Handbook 2018 – On eagles’ wings - £6.50.**
  - **Mug with image of Constance Coltman - £5.00.**
  - **Bag with image of Constance Coltman - £4.00.**Please bring the right change with you; thank you!!!
9. It is important I mention that all Ministers in active service, Retired Ministers, church representatives, co-opted Synod Together members and Students are to attend this meeting. Others may attend as Observers. Please let us know if you will not be able to attend by sending your apologies indicating clearly whether you are a church representative or minister and your church to Lauren Kane on [office@urcsouthern.org.uk](mailto:office@urcsouthern.org.uk)
10. **Finally, please don't forget to bring your lunch!!!** Soup, tea and coffee will be provided.

We are very grateful to our sisters and brothers at Goring URC for hosting us.

I ask for your prayers for this meeting.

Yours in Christ

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