

To: All Ministers in a pastorate, 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

1st March 2017

Dear Friend

**2017 Spring Synod Together Meeting
Saturday 11 March 2017 10.30 am to 4.30 pm
at East Croydon URC, Addiscombe Grove, Croydon CR0 5LP**

Lenten seasonal greetings to you.

I look forward to your gracious presence at our 2017 Spring Synod Together Meeting as detailed above.

In this meeting, we will reflect and discern together the theme **"Title or Testimony? Growing authentic disciples."** The main speaker is The Revd Andy Twilley, our Southern Synod Training and Development Officer.

It is important I mention that your presence throughout the day is essential as we all strive as people "Walking the Way" in our discipleship to reflect and discern together what the Spirit says. So, "Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another." (Hebrews 10 verse 25).

Please note the following:

1. East Croydon Church is very close to **East Croydon railway, tram and bus stations** to which there are very good services from many parts of the Synod. (As you exit the station you will come into the tram stop with the Bus station on your left, cross to the other side of the road, turn left and walk for about 150 metres; turn right into Addiscombe Grove and the Church is immediately on your left – just about 5 minutes' walk).
2. Car parking on the Church site is limited but reserved parking spaces will be available for those who are disabled or who really need it. If you wish to apply for one of these spaces, **please let me know by Wednesday, 8 March at the latest so that appropriate arrangements can be made.**
3. There will be no Children's and Youth Event at this meeting. Also, there will be no facilities for looking after young children.
4. Registration will be in the David Sweet Hall, which is at the back of the church and will be done in Synod Areas.
5. Voting cards will be given at the registration desk.
6. A voluntary contribution of at least £2 will be welcomed to assist with the cost of pre-meeting coffee, lunchtime soup and afternoon tea at the close of Synod. Please note that the pre-meeting coffee/tea will be served between 9.30 am and 10.15 am.
7. **PLEASE DON'T FORGET TO BRING YOUR SANDWICHES!!!** Soup, tea and coffee will be provided.

Finally, please send your apology or any other requests to Lauren Kane - office@urcsouthern.org.uk – as soon as possible.

Please keep praying for this meeting.

Yours in Christ



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