

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

27 September 2016

Dear Friend

**Synod Together Meeting
Saturday 8 October 2016 10.30 am to 4.30 pm
at Christ Church URC, Tudor Way, Petts Wood, BR5 1LH**

I look forward to your gracious presence at Synod Together Meeting. In fact, let us prove to our sisters and brothers at Christ Church, Petts Wood that it was worth their while to offer to host us by our attendance in numbers, please, because originally, this meeting should have taken place at Brixton Church and Community Centre in Brighton but Christ Church, offered to stand in.

With this second calling letter is the direction to the Church, plan of the premises, Minutes of the meeting held at East Croydon URC in March 2016, the Agenda and Papers. I will table Paper K – Nominations on the day.

It will assist helpful discussion on all agenda items if detailed questions are put to the appropriate convenor, author or speaker as soon as possible before the meeting in case additional information has to be sought.

We shall be reflecting on the theme of **"Caring for People and Planet"**, which Mr Ben Niblett, Senior Associate, Campaigns at Tearfund will be presenting as our Guest Speaker in the afternoon session, to whom I am most grateful for accepting our invitation.

There will also be a presentation on "Eco Church – What does it mean to you?" The minister of our host church, the Revd Pauline Sparks, has some experience in this regard to share!

Please note the following:

1. Registration will be in the Lounge, with names in alphabetical order.
2. A voluntary contribution of £2 will be welcomed to assist with the cost of pre-meeting coffee, lunchtime soup and afternoon tea at the close of Synod.
3. Voting cards will be given at the registration desk.
4. There will be stalls in the Lounge for Tradecraft/Fairtrade goods and cash only sale of **URC 2017 prayer handbook - Feasts and festivals at £6.50 each and the URC 2017 diaries at £7.00 each** in the following colours: midnight blue (hardback); purple (hardback); flame red (softback); and cobalt blue (softback). Please bring the right change with you; thank you!!!
5. **Don't forget to bring your sandwiches for lunch!!!** We are assured of some lovely, tasty and healthy soup and cakes by our hosts.

Please keep praying for this meeting.

Yours in Christ



Revd Derrick Sena Dzandu-Hedidor
Synod Clerk