
Synod Council Report

Since Synod Together last met on the 13th March 2021, Synod Council has met on the 20th May 2021, 11th August 2021(meeting with the Synod Trust), and on the 16th September 2021.

1. Tech Team

The Council recognised the great work accomplished by Mark Rigby and the tech team. The demand for technical assistance during Covid had been significant. Numerous churches across the Synod were well supported by visits from the tech team or in offering the advice needed.

2. Mission Projects

The council discussed a pilot scheme to introduce an Officer/ Director of Mission to oversee, advise and appraise projects working alongside Martin Hayward. For the pilot to progress a request for possible candidates was sent out. Interviews for the post would happen soon as the closing date for such applications was now closed.

3. Ministers pension Fund

A meeting between the Synod Trust and the Synod Council took place on the 11th August 2021 to discuss this issue. It was agreed that a resolution would be brought to Synod Together.

4. Deployment

The Council felt that the recent deployment strategy which has been discussed at the gathering of the Moderators, pausing the movement of ministers (included in a recent letter from the moderator to local churches), is worthy of being challenged. It was agreed a letter would be sent to the General Secretary. Further discussion on deployment would be brought to the March meeting of Synod Together.

5. Appointments

The Revd Martin Knight will serve as Synod Rep on Mission Committee.
Revds David Pickering and Nadene Snyman were appointed as Synod Green Apostles.
Revd Wendy Swan's will be the new convenor for Ministers Spring School Convenor.

6. Synod staff

Staff would begin a return to the office in October, acknowledging that some time would also be spent working from home. All staff would aim to be in the office on a Wednesday.

The next meeting will be held on 9th December 2021 .

Revd Kim Plumpton
October 2021