

**Representative Synod Agenda - 7th Sept 2024 at Brackley Methodist Church**

10.15 Welcome

Revd Sara Cliff, Superintendent of the circuit

Revd Dr Sonia Hicks, Chair

10.25 Opening worship – Early years group

10.45 Call to Order

Appointment of Scrutineers

Dispensations granted and apologies received

Welcome to new members of Synod

Deaths of Ministers and Lay Members of the Synod

**Joys and challenges in our District**

10.55 Circuit 1: Milton Keynes

11.05 Circuit 2: Northampton

11.15 Circuit 3 Loughborough

*Song*

11.25 Group reflection – how do these points resonate with us?

11.55 Feedback: each of 15 groups has two minutes

12.25 Grace, voting for Conference Representatives

12.30 **Lunch break**

1.30 District Environmental Policy – Matt Forsyth

*Song*

1.45 Reflections on Issues that came up at Conference

- Online church and communion Revd Bekkie Wright

- Youth ministry Revd Calvin Cheung

1.55 Report from the World Methodist Conference – Revd David Spiers

*Song*

2.05 Who I am and what excites me – Chair

2.20 Q&A to the Chair

2.30 Synod business.

* Announcement of results of Conference representative election
* District Executive Report (to note)
* Resolution to establish Kingsthorpe Community Church LEP

The Representative Session of the Northampton District Synod resolves:

1. To approve the Local Ecumenical Partnership (LEP) Documents; the CIO Constitution and LEP Partnership Agreement, and agree the formation of the Kingsthorpe Community Church LEP (a Baptist-Methodist Partnership), within the Northampton Methodist Circuit, in the 2024/2025 Connexional Year.
2. To delegate power and authority to the District Executive to:  
   a) Agree the precise start date of the Kingsthorpe Community Church LEP.

b) Approve the Building Sharing Agreement for the LEP, under the Sharing of Church Buildings Act 1969.

c) Enact any of the further processes and/or approve any documentation that is necessary for the formation and functioning of the LEP.

1. To issue a direction under CPD SO 611 that, when the LEP is formed,  
   the Church Council for the purposes of clauses 8 and 40 of the Deed of Union and of sub-paragraph 2(1) of the Model Trusts and for any other purpose for which a Methodist Church Council may be required, shall consist of the LEP Trustees, responsible for the general management of the partnership, together with (so far as not already members) a circuit steward and the ministers and probationers who would have been members of the council in accordance with clause (4)(i) to (vi) of Standing Order 610 had it been constituted under that Standing Order.

* Requests to Cease to Meet for Worship: Adderbury, Childrey, Cowley Road, Queensgrove, Kingsthorpe
* Confirmation of appointment of all District officers, as recorded on the District website

2.45 AOB/closing thanks

2.50 Closing worship – Revd Dr Sonia Hicks

3.00 Adjourn