

Leeds North & East Methodist Circuit
Summary of Circuit Meeting 12 March 2020

Covenant & Contract:

Rev Daniel and Rev Mark will be leaving the circuit in summer and are being replaced by Rev Edward Sakwe at Roscoe and Trinity and Rev Mark Stennett at Alwoodley, Chapel Allerton and Newbourne. A Superintendent profile has been created for the circuit, and continuing and incoming Presbyters are invited to express an interest. Paul Coleman has been appointed as the Circuit Mission and Ministry Enabler. The assistant cafe manager role has now been filled.

Circuit Finance:

Various papers had been circulated prior to the meeting regarding the Accounts for Year Ending September 2019 and the proposed budget for 2020/21 and planned use of reserves.

Our Calling Priorities:

Evangelism – There was a short presentation by the ONE Opportunity Participants from the Circuit on the District Programme. Mention was also made that we would be working on a new website for the Circuit.

Worship - The recommendation for full accreditation for Andy Birkett as a Local Preacher was approved unanimously. Dates for United Services were agreed and it was noted that Thorner Chapel would be ceasing worship in August.

Learning & Caring – Tim Bean update the meeting regarding Safeguarding. The Corona Virus was discussed at length and a paper that Rev Becki Stennett and Dr David Cundall had produced was circulated. There have been 16½ hours of consultation at the various meetings on the topic of God in Love Unites Us.

Service – A report from John Witt regarding the Moortown Methodist Centre had been produced and circulated prior to the meeting. A memorial to Conference raised by Rev Mark Harwood was approved by a majority vote.

Circuit Stewards: Rev Robert Creamer confirmed the appointment of Andy Birkett to the role of Circuit Steward. He mentioned there are vacancies for another Circuit Steward, Circuit Treasurer and Secretary for the Meeting Point Management Committee. Dr David Cundall has agreed to take over from Tim Bean as one of the Circuit Safeguarding Representatives. The eleven representatives from the Circuit to Synod were agreed by the meeting.