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Helen Woodall

Synod Secretary

20th March 2024

##### Representative Synod: Saturday 20th April 2024

Dear Synod Representative,

We are looking forward to meeting in our representative Synod at The Church at Carrs Lane in central Birmingham from 10.00 a.m. – 3.30 p.m.

Friends from the Tamworth and Lichfield circuit will be our hosts but meeting at Carrs Lane gives us space for the workshops we are planning.

Revd Novette Headley will be in the chair renewed by her sabbatical. The morning session will include the following workshops

1. *What does intergenerational church mean and how do we practise it*? with Charlotte Scrivens and Lizzie from Hereford Diocese
2. *Starting an NPNP -* *ideas and inspiration* with Adam Sanders and Danielle Wilson of Inclusive Gathering Birmingham
3. *Taking forward Eco* *Church* members of Streetly Methodist Church will share their experience
4. *Walking with Micah* Kerry Scarlet will share ways of acting and responding to the 2023 Conference Report
5. *Base Christian Communities: a model for our churches* with Neil Johnson

Please consider which workshop you would prefer to attend and then follow this link <https://forms.gle/zvWqpoGqv9suyYis5> to complete your preference form which also asks if you have any access needs as this will help us plan which workshop to put in which space.

In the afternoon we will conduct the formal business including receiving the reports within the Synod Handbook, making appointments, voting on the district merger proposals and the afternoon will conclude with sharing in a Love Feast (the cake to be shared will be gluten free and vegan and contain no nuts).

If you have items for Notices or the Soap Box please get in touch with Deborah at the District Office by 3rd April. (office@birminghammethodist.org.uk)

If you are considering bringing forward a Memorial to the Conference for consideration by the Synod could you use the attached form and complete and return it as soon as possible to office@birminghammethodist.org.uk and synod@birminghammethodist.org.uk and no later than the 2nd of April.

If you would like a stall, please contact synod@birminghammethodist.org.uk

We thank the Tamworth and Lichfield Circuit and The Church at Carrs Lane for their hospitality. You are encouraged to use public transport to come to Synod. The Church at Carrs Lane is in central Birmingham B4 7SX ([www.carrslane.co.uk](http://www.carrslane.co.uk)) opposite Moor Street train station and a short walk from New Street Station and close to city centre bus stops.

There is some limited disabled parking on site and please contact the Synod Secretary (synod@birminghammethodist.org.uk) for directions if you would like to use it as there will be road closures in place due to Metro works.

Do bring yourself some lunch, teas and coffees will be available as we gather and at lunch time. Although as we are in the city centre and there are various other options although do note for Carrs Lane’s immediate neighbours Tesco has only a small selection of sandwiches and Marks & Spencer have moved to the Bullring

All good wishes

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