

Workshops for Representative Synod, 14th September 2024

1. Methodist Heritage: Sharing our Story (30 places)

- Led by Olivia Threlkeld, Heritage & Collections Officer, The Connexional Team

This workshop will present us with an opportunity to think about what heritage means to each of us, our community, the heritage of our own churches, and how we can each engage with our shared Methodist heritage for mission.

2. All We Can: Lifting People out of Poverty (30 places)

- Led by Becca Byass, Public Engagement Officer, All We Can/YCare International

All We Can is an international relief and development movement, rooted in the Christian faith. YCare International is a partnership-based organisation, working hand in hand with local youth-focused organisations in some of the world's poorest countries to create opportunities for disadvantaged young women and men. This workshop will look at various solutions to lifting people out of poverty, walking alongside local partners to help communities uncover their own solutions and their own potential.

3. Implementing the Strategy for Justice, Dignity and Solidarity (JDS) (30 places)

- Facilitated by Rev Andrew Brazier, District Equality, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) Officer & Stuart Watkin, Learning Network

This workshop will consider how we can use the processes of the JDS Strategy to help our church community be more just and inclusive. We will consider both being proactive, planning to develop a just, inclusive culture, and reacting to situations that occur. The workshop will explore using the Equality Impact Assessment, the Affirmations Scheme, the Discrimination and Abuse Response Service, how EDI situations link to our safeguarding processes, and some principles of developing an inclusive culture within groups.

4. Moving Back into the Neighbourhood: Exploring Incarnational Mission (28 places)

- Led by Rev Pete Moorhouse

In this workshop we will journey together looking at the experience of pioneering new ministry within our circuit. We explore different models and share experiences, reflect upon some theological perspectives relating to incarnation mission and ministry, and hopefully discuss practical ideas to engage with your community.

5. Eco Church, Eco Circuit, Eco District: How it all fits together (30 places)

- Led by Angela Brydon, District Discipleship Enabler

This workshop presents an opportunity to discuss the next steps on our eco journey at all levels. All welcome, whether or not you have engaged with Eco Church previously.

Please click on the link below to book a place, indicating your first and second choices (and click the 'SEND' button to submit your booking), by the deadline of Friday 6 September:

https://www.behdistrict.org.uk/Articles/447580/BEH_District/District_Life/Synods/Workshop_Booking_Form.aspx

Workshops will be allocated on a 'first come, first served' basis, and the workshop lists will be available on the day. **Please alert us at beh34office@gmail.com to any mobility issues, so that we can take these into account when allocating workshops.**