

Workshops for Representative Synod, 12th September 2026

1. On The Way: experiencing it and embedding it in your church (30 places)

- Led by Rev Andy Fishburne, Discipleship and Faith Formation Officer, The Connexional Team

This interactive workshop is for those who want to explore On The Way more deeply. You'll experience key elements of the course for yourself and reflect on what it's like to take part. We'll then explore the thinking behind it – why it's been designed in this way, and how it is different from other courses. There will be space to consider what this could look like in your own church or circuit, and what to do next.

2. We want living water: Craftivism in action (15 places)

- Led by Ros Hancock, Catherine Roots, and Rev Jenny Spouge

Come and find out how gentle crafting can change the world (or a bit of it!). No real craft skills needed, but opportunities to use them if you have them.

3. Dementia Inclusive Worship (30 places)

- Led by Rev Andrew Woodward-Russell, MHA Area Support Chaplain

An introduction to providing worship that is more accessible for people living with dementia (and their carers) in the care home, church or community setting. This is an adapted version of the online course currently provided by the Methodist Learning Network.

4. Living in a time of heightened conflict (20 places)

- Led by Rev Dr Andrew Wood, Secretary of the Methodist Forces Board, and Rev Dr Richard Smith, Assistant Chaplain General, British Army

We will explore what it means to live, minister and worship in a time of heightened conflict in Europe and globally. Insights from forces chaplaincy, resources from the Methodist Forces Board and our partners in the Church of England.

5. Circuit New Places for New People (20 places)

- Led by Angela Turner, District Discipleship Enabler, with representatives from Northampton District

Come and be inspired by existing NPNP projects from across the Connexion. We will be joined by friends from Northampton District who will share their NPNP stories.

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 4 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 workshop lists will be available on the day.