London District Representative Session of Synod

Saturday 6 May 2017

The Spring Synod theme was “Celebrating Lay Leaders”. Worship was led by members of the final London Course with a reflection on discipleship entitled “I Am Simon Peter”.

Synod noted the appointments made on its behalf by the District Council as delegated and endorsed those indicated in the order paper. By a majority of 93% Synod approved the re-invitation of Revd Michaela Youngson as Chair of District for 5 years from 2018. The appointment of an Assistant Synod Secretary for 2017-18 was approved.

Synod noted the authorisations enacted by the District Council and gave thanks for the witness of Collier Row Methodist Church which synod granted permission to cease to meet as of the 14 May 2017.

Synod noted the District Accounts for 2015- 2016 and adopted the proposed budget as contained in the annual report (pp42-47), and assessments for 2017-18.

Two Memorials to Conference were overwhelmingly agreed.

Synod noted that two candidates were approved for recommendation to Conference. It was also noted that two probationers were recommended for reception into full Connexion and Ordination.

Synod agreed the names of those going on sabbatical and changes to the sabbaticals for 2017/18.

Synod noted the names of ministers seeking Conference’s permission to become supernumeraries and also noted those Ministers leaving and moving within the district. Synod showed its respect for Ministers and Local Preachers who had died since last Synod.

Celebrating Lay Leaders: A power-point presentation of photographs and roles of lay leaders was shown, followed by a panel discussion with five lay people with varied roles in local churches.

District Chair informed Synod about the District Missional Project “Moving Stories” recognising that in London as a church and community we live and serve as migrants among migrants.

Synod approved seven Letters of Greetings to be sent.

Gerry Davis
Synod Secretary