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Dear Synod Member

I write to invite you to the next gathering of the Representative Synod of the Sheffield Methodist District on **Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2020 from 9.30 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.** Ordinarily, we would have held a longer, full-day Synod at this point in the year, but given the manner of our meeting, and the fact that we have already given a full morning to the GILUU Report in February, we are keeping to morning timings on this occasion. Because of the current Covid-19 restrictions this will be a virtual gathering once again and you are asked to register your intention to be present by following this link: <https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJllcu-gqjwjHtVHDxl8sRWkyOJAejpHmJGp>

Many of you will have become very familiar with using Zoom over recent months but if you require any additional help or assistance in this regard, please do be in touch with Katrin Hackett at [admin@sheffieldmethodist.org](mailto:admin@sheffieldmethodist.org).

Despite not being able to gather physically, I hope that the Synod will still be an informative, encouraging and inspiring experience for us all. At a time in our nation when we are starting to see a lessening of the social restrictions brought about as a result of the Covid19 pandemic, we are delighted to have as our keynote speaker for the morning, **Reverend Tom Stuckey** (*President of the Methodist Conference, 2005-2006*). Tom will be speaking on the topic of **“Covid19- God’s wakeup call?”**

Any Notices of Motion for consideration by the Synod should be forwarded both to me and to Rev Margaret Mwilu, Synod Secretary **by this Saturday, 17<sup>th</sup> April**. Any future events that you wish to be announced should also be sent to the Synod Secretary also by this Saturday.

There are a number of papers pertinent to our business at the forthcoming Synod, some of which are to accompany this Calling Letter and Agenda. The remaining papers will follow once they are available. These include:

- Memorial to Conference from Sheffield Circuit (25/01)
- Memorial to Synod from Revd. Dr. Daniel Mwilu & Dr. Anne Dyer
- District Resolution from Revd. Dr. James Grayson & Revd. Stephen Clark
- Deferred Special Resolution regarding a change to Model Trust 14(2A))
- Paper on District Governance Review
- Synod Reports

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If you wish the Synod to send any letters of greeting to anyone, please be in touch with Katrin Hackett prior to the Synod with details of the name and address of the recipient.

Your presence at the Synod and the contributions you make to our conversations and decision making are important, as is the news that you will then take back to your Circuits and churches. If you are a lay representative and for some good reason are unable to attend the Synod, please send your apologies through your Superintendent Minister, who may be able to arrange for a substitute to come in your place. If this is the case, please pass these papers on to any appointed substitute.

Presbyters and Deacons in the active work are required to attend Synod, but if for any compelling reason you may need a dispensation, please send your request directly to me at [revsean@btinternet.com](mailto:revsean@btinternet.com).

Thank you all for all that you do to serve God and his church across this District. I very much look forward to seeing you all on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2021 and trust that we will have a fruitful and blessed time together.

Yours in Christ's service  
On the Sheffield District

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sean C C Adair". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'S'.

Deputy Chair of Sheffield Methodist District.