

REQUEST TO EXTEND LOCAL PREACHERS STUDY TIME

Linda Stammers

Linda went "on Trial" in November 2016. The reports on her leading of worship have all been very positive. In the time since she has grown in confidence and learnt well from the practical support she has received from a number of local preachers in the Circuit. When Linda began as a Local Preacher she found it very difficult to access the course on line and to understand all the ways of working. She needed a lot of encouragement (and some prodding) to get started because it was a style of learning that she was not used to. She has submitted and passed her first module and has made good progress on the second section. Her leading of worship is still of a good standard and the Local Preachers Meeting has requested an extension of 1 year to allow her to complete the course.

Stephen Franklin

Stephen has been "on Trial" for 5 years and although he receives good reports for his leading of worship he has always struggled to make time for his studies. Stephen works fulltime as an HGV mechanic and is often on call which means his life/work patterns can be quite erratic. Stephen's wife has some health problems and has required major surgery twice in the last few years. The pandemic saw a massive increase in Stephen's work commitments as his company tried to meet the demand of keeping trucks on the road. He recognises that he has fallen short of the expectations but is still committed to completing the course. In his own words he has written recently, "I am very disappointed in how long this has taken me.. I do plan and wish to complete the course."

Stephen has completed most of the work for his first portfolio which will be submitted by March of next year and then he intends to complete the second by March 2023.

The Local Preachers Meeting is keen to encourage and support Stephen and requests an extension of 2 years to allow him to complete the course by the summer of 2023

M A Neal

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