

MEMBERSHIP OF THE DISTRICT LEADING TEAM

BACKGROUND

In March 2021, following the launch of the district's new Mission Strategy and the completion of a governance review, a new constitution of the District Leading Team (DLT) was agreed. This moved away from a structure that included representatives from Circuits and established a way of being that we hoped would encourage more people from across the district to offer to serve on the DLT and use their gifts to help us move forward with the various strands of the Mission Strategy. Unfortunately, this has not proved to be the case and whilst we are grateful for those who have expressed an interest, we have still not been able to build the DLT that we had hoped.

CURRENT SITUATION

It was therefore agreed at the November 2022 DLT meeting that a last push on recruitment should be attempted, but when by January 2023 that had not borne fruit, it was agreed that a proposed change to the constitution of the DLT should be brought to the March DLT meeting.

PROPOSAL

The DLT discussed the matter and consulted the Superintendents' Meeting and the proposal set out below is now the recommended way forward.

Chair of District	Revd Gill Newton
DLT Secretary	<i>Vacancy</i>
Deputy Chair of District	Revd Julie Coates
Synod Secretary	Revd Margaret Mwilu
Treasurer	Neil Harland
Methodist Council Representative	David Burton
Lay Stationing Representative	Gill Daly
Equality, Diversity & Inclusion Officer	Erica Dunmow
Local Preaching and Worship Leading Officer	Revd Claire Rawlinson
Superintendent Minister	
Individual involved in a new Christian community / Pioneer	
Employed Children, Families or Youth Worker	
Young person (aged 16-23)	
Synod Elected Representatives x 2	
Note taker (non-voting member)	Katrin Hackett

It is important to note that we would not wish to lose any of those who currently serve on the DLT and would ensure an appropriate period of transition during which those who currently serve are enabled to complete their period of office, whilst others are drawn into the team.

All the office holders listed above who do not currently form part of the team have been approached about this and are content to serve on the DLT should the Synod approve this way forward.

RESOLUTIONS

- **The Synod approves the new constitution outlined above and recommends that it comes into force on 1st May 2023.**
- **The Synod agrees that all members should serve for a maximum term of 3 years with the option of being re-elected for a further three years, or in the case of those serving the District Leading Team because of the nature of their role, should continue to serve whilst inhabiting that role.**