

Resolutions, Yorkshire Synod Meeting, 7th and 9th October 2021

Resolution No 1

Synod receives the report of its Council.

Resolution No 2

Synod receives the reports from its Committees and Groups as presented in the attached papers where appropriate.

- i. Ministries Committee
- ii. Children and Young People's Committee
- iii. Safeguarding Committee
- iv. Treasurer/Financial Resources Committee
- v. Listed Buildings Advisory Committee
- vi. Eco Group

Resolution No 3

Yorkshire Synod approves the decision of the directors of the United Reformed Church (Yorkshire Province) Trust Ltd to make to the URC Trust from 2021 to 2024 the payments as outlined in the Synod Treasurer's Report, section 1b for the sole purpose of funding the pensions of ministers and church related community workers.

Resolution No 4;

Yorkshire Synod approves the decision of the directors of the United Reformed Church (Yorkshire Province) Trust Ltd to make the following conditional offers to the URC Trust from 2025 to 2030 the payments outlined in the Synod Treasurer's report, section 1b for the sole purpose of funding the pensions of ministers and church related community workers, noting that these amounts will only be asked for if subsequent actuarial valuations of the MPF demonstrate that these are necessary.

Resolution No 5

Yorkshire Synod, meeting at Longcauseway Church, Dewsbury on 9th October 2021 both receives and agrees to the Synod Budget as submitted.

Resolution No 6

Yorkshire Synod, meeting at Longcauseway Church, Dewsbury on 9th October 2021, resolves the following.

- a) Synod acknowledges with thanks its existing Listed Buildings Advisory Committee and agrees to form a new united Listed Buildings Advisory Committee, to fulfil its duties under the Ecclesiastical Exemption across the geographic areas of the Northern and Yorkshire Synods under [The United Reformed Church And The Planning \(Listed Buildings And Conservation Areas\) Act 1990 Procedure For Control Of Works To Buildings.](#)
- b) Synod adopts the terms of reference for the joint Listed Buildings Advisory Committee set out in the Listed Buildings Advisory Committee report the October 2021 Synods, and requests that any subsequent amendments be agreed by both synods.
- c) Synod appoints Steve Armitage, Peter Conwell, Sarah Dodds, Bill Flett, Liz Haestier, Robert Hoyle, Rev Andrew Lonsdale and John Niven to the joint Listed Buildings Advisory Committee, to serve from 1 October 2021 to 30 September 2024.
- d) Synod appoints the Northern and Yorkshire Synod Property Officers as members *ex officio* of the joint Listed Buildings Advisory Committee.

- e) Listed Buildings Advisory Committee reserves the right to co-opt additional members as necessary.

Resolution No 7

Yorkshire Synod accepts the recommendation of Yorkshire Synod's Safeguarding Committee and agrees to enter into formal discussions with Northern Synod to create a Joint Safeguarding Group.

Resolution No 8

Yorkshire Synod, meeting at Longcauseway Church, Dewsbury on 9th October 2021 both receives and adopts the Yorkshire Synod Environmental policy.

Resolution No 9

Mrs Ruth Roddison has stood down as Convenor of the Children and Young Peoples Committee. Synod wishes to place on record its thanks to Mrs Ruth Roddison for her years of service to Synod in this and other roles within the Children and Young Peoples Committee.

Resolution No 10

Mrs Pauline Blackman has stood down as a member of the Listed Buildings Advisory Committee. Synod wishes to place on record its thanks to Mrs Pauline Blackman for her years of service to Synod in this role.

Resolution No 11

Rev Tony Lee has stood down as a member of the Trustee body of the Cottingley Project. Synod wishes to place on record its thanks to Rev Tony Lee for his many years of service to the Cottingley Project on behalf of Synod. Synod in this and other roles within the Children and Young Peoples Committee.

Resolution No 12

Rev Matt Stone has stood down as Stipendiary Representative on the Ministries Committee. Synod wishes to place on record its thanks to Rev Matt Stone for his service to the Synod and the Ministries Committee in this role.

Resolution No 13

Synod thanks Rev Fran Kissack for her three years of service as Synod Mission Council representative and appoints her to serve a further three-year term until March 2024 as Synod Assembly Executive representative.

Resolution No 14

Synod appoints Mrs Terasa Raddings to serve as a Trustee to the Cottingley Project.

Resolution No 15

Synod records with sadness the closure of Pickering United Reformed Church on 11th May 2021. Synod offers thanksgiving for the life and witness of its members over the years since its foundation in 1788 and most recently its work in the Ryedale area of Yorkshire.

Resolution No 16

Synod records with sadness the closure of Eccleshill United Reformed Church on 9th June 2021. Synod offers thanksgiving for the life and witness of its members over the years since its foundation in 1823 and most recently its work in that part of Bradford.

Resolution No 17

Synod records with sadness the closure of Christ Church with Trinity URC, Kirk Ella, Hull on 30th September 2021. Synod offers thanksgiving for the life and witness of its members over the years; Trinity since 1898, Christ Church since 1964 and together since 1993.

Resolution No 18

Synod records the amalgamation of Hall Gate, Doncaster United Reformed Church and Intake United Reformed Church to create Ardeen Road United Reformed Church, Doncaster. Synod offers thanksgiving for the life and witness the constituent churches and prays that the new church well in its future endeavours.