

To: West Midlands District – Synod Members
CHAIR’S LETTER TO SPRING REPRESENTATIVE SYNOD – 2026

25 March 2026

Dear Friends,

We look forward to welcoming you to the Spring Synod of the West Midlands District to be held at **The Church at Carrs’ Lane, Birmingham, B4 7SX on Saturday 25th April 2026, 10am-4pm.**

This session of Synod will focus upon the theological underpinning of our eco-policy and the Christian motivation for environmental concerns. We will also be welcoming **Ruth Valerio as our keynote speaker**. Ruth is currently the Partnerships and Advocacy Director for Embrace the Middle East and has a particular interest in climate and environmental issues having previously worked at Tearfund and A Rocha UK where she spearheaded Eco Church. She has written extensively on justice, environment and lifestyle issues.

In the afternoon there will be a number of workshops exploring various aspects of the theme. Details of how to sign up for your preferred workshop will be sent with the Synod papers which will be circulated shortly.

Any proposed Memorials to be sent to the Conference from the Synod need to be with us by Thursday 2nd April.

We would welcome nominations for the two outstanding circuit representatives (one lay, one ordained) on the District Policy Committee in advance of the meeting. A nomination form has been sent with this calling letter and should be returned to the Synod Secretary rammy.obeng@wmmethodists.org.uk by **Thursday 16th April**.

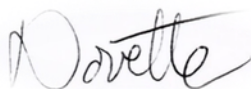
We encourage Synod Representatives to bring their own travel mug for refreshments during the day and to please use public transportation into Birmingham – either into New Street Station or Moor Street Station. There are extremely limited parking facilities at this venue, available only to those with mobility issues. Please inform Rammy Obeng, Synod Secretary (email above) if you will require disabled parking access.

We express our thanks to the Birmingham Circuit members who will be hosting Synod and providing refreshments available from 9.30am, and the Sutton Park Circuit for resourcing the registration desk. Please remember to bring your packed lunch.

Various displays will be on show at Synod, amongst them the Peace Fellowship, and the Logos Resources Bookstall.

May God’s joy and peace be present through this Spring Representative Synod.

Grace and peace,



Revd Novette Headley
Chair – West Midlands District



Revd Rachel Deigh
Chair – West Midlands District