

27<sup>th</sup> April 2020

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

**Stationing Matching 2020/2021**

We are writing to you to update you regarding the arrangements for stationing matching this year. Firstly, it would be a great help to us if you could confirm with Helen via the District Office if you expect to be in stationing this year or if you are expecting to be involved in a re-invitation process.

Secondly, due to the Coronavirus restrictions, some of which are still likely to be in place on the planned Stationing Briefing Day on May 16<sup>th</sup>, we are cancelling the physical Stationing Briefing Day and will be conducting it slightly differently.

Attached to this letter you will find the new Code of Practice relevant to stationing for 2020-21. We will make available to you shortly a Powerpoint presentation which you need to read through carefully so that you are aware of any changes to our processes and procedures. I have attached to this email the list of changes made since last year.

Additionally, this year, at the request of the Methodist Council there is also an Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Powerpoint/vodcast which all members of Circuit Invitation Committees are expected to work through and become aware of and familiar with its contents. I expect that will be available to you in two weeks and we must stress that engagement with this material is essential work for a circuit Invitation Committee.

After you have read the information we are then inviting you to book a conversation with us when you can raise any issues and ask any queries that you may have. These conversations will take place via ZOOM (if you are unsure how to do this please contact the District Office). We know that this is not ideal but it does give us an opportunity to still deliver the training and ensure that you are confident with the process.

Each session will last between 20-30 minutes and you can book a conversation with us on one of the following dates:

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May (morning and afternoon)

Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> May (morning only)

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May (evening only)

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May (morning and evening)

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Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May (morning and evening)

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May (evening only)

Could you please book a time and date with Susie or Jenny through the District Office, by email ([northampton.distoffice@gmail.com](mailto:northampton.distoffice@gmail.com)) or by ringing Susie (07310 007712) or Jenny (07864 156529).

We are still hoping that we will be able to hold face-to-face conversations in August when you come along to discuss your profiles.

Every blessing for Eastertide

Helen and Sue

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