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Last weekend the young people of the URC gathered for Youth Assembly 2019. It is always good to be with such vibrant and inspiring young people. The URC Youth Executive planned and delivered an excellent programme around the Children's and Youth theme for the year 'One Body'. Our young people will be feeding back at our Synod meeting in March, and if you have any young people from your church who attended please do encourage them to share with you their experience.

What always strikes me is the way that the young people engage in the keynotes, workshops and business sessions. Prayerfully considering decisions and not afraid to share their faith. Assembly concludes with the induction of our new Moderators and Youth Executive. This year there are 2 URC Youth Moderators, and one of them is Natalie Gibbs from East Midlands Synod. Georgina Henderson-Neale is our Synod Youth Representative and this year elected to serve 2 years as Youth representative to General Assembly and Mission Council was AJ Mills also from East Midlands Synod.

Please pray for all young people in the Synod, that they may be encouraged in their faith and service to the church.

Jane Henderson, CYDO



SSPRG (Synod Structures and Priorities Review Group) – Implementation is happening – why not play a part?

After months of detailed planning and following the agreement of Synod in October 2018 the process of implementation is underway. This is an exciting time as we re-shape the organisation of our Synod to enable us to give even sharper focus on our Mission.

In some areas, such as the new Training and Development Group, transitional meetings have already begun with much enthusiasm. While we hope to have most of the areas up and running by the time of the next Synod meeting our progress will be much faster if we are able to mobilise as much support as possible.

So! This challenge is to everyone in the Synod – will you help us make the changes as quickly as possible?

We need Group Convenors (transitional or permanent), networkers, local enablers, in fact anyone who can offer help.

If you are unsure of what the terms mean or what is involved please contact Helen Lidgett the Synod Clerk (clerk@urc5.org.uk) or via the Synod Office. She will be delighted to answer your questions or put you in touch with another member of the team who will be happy to respond. There is no obligation to take things further after the initial inquiry – so why not make contact?

Geoff Shaw

Yours in Christ,

*****The various leaflets explaining the new structures are now available here:-*****

<https://www.urc5.org.uk/content/synod-structures-and-priorities-review-group-ssprg-%E2%80%93-implementation-happening-why-not-play>

PEOPLE

It is with regret that we inform you of the death of **Mrs Mollie Hanger**, Secretary at Anstey URC on Friday 18th January. Mollie served the church and Synod for many years and our thoughts and prayers are with her family and with Anstey URC.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Children and Youth Development Practitioner Yorkshire Synod

An exciting opportunity has arisen within The United Reformed Church Yorkshire Synod, to appoint an experienced Children and Youth Development Practitioner.

Salary: £27,148

Actual salary: £27,148

Fixed term for 2 years

Hours of work: 5 days per week (35hrs) flexible including evenings and weekends

You must have experience working with children and young people in a Christian setting, having the ability to inspire and enthuse young people and their leaders in God's Mission. You should also possess exceptional organisational and communication skills as you will be expected to work strategically at Synod level.

The post holder will work across the geography of Yorkshire's 98 Churches, with the councils within the structure of the Synod, and the Moderator. The successful candidate will work closely with our other Children and Youth Development Practitioner.

The Closing date for applications will be Thursday 28 February 2019. Interviews and practical assessments will be held on Thursday 28 March in one of the Yorkshire churches. Candidates applying for the post are asked to keep this date free.

It is a genuine occupational requirement that the post holder is a committed Christian.

Informal enquires, can be made to Mrs Sally Duxbury or Mrs Anne Ward *Tel: 0113 2898490* who will arrange for an informal discussion with one of the team. Completed applications must be returned to

Office@urcyorkshire.org.uk The post is subject to an enhanced DBS check.

Trust Secretary, Yorkshire – Part time – 20 hours pw

Salary: £19,026pa /Permanent

Based at the offices of the Yorkshire Synod of the United Reformed Church in Morley, Leeds. Responsibilities include:

- Carrying out the responsibilities attached to the post of Company Secretary
- Acting as Secretary to the Annual General Meetings of the Trust Companies
- Preparing Trust papers and agendas
- Being the principal point of contact with the Synod's solicitors
- Working with the Property Officer to take the lead in transactions relating to land and property

We are looking for someone who is:

- An excellent administrator
- Educated to degree level or equivalent
- Able to prioritise work in the face of conflicting demands
- Familiar with church structures
- Able to represent the Synod and the United Reformed Church

Application pack available from the Synod Office - office@urcyorkshire.org.uk

Closing date for applications: Noon, January 31st 2019.

Interviews: February 26th 2019 at the Yorkshire Synod Office



Supporting the Farming Community

Please find attached to this E-letter a letter for general circulation from the Churches Rural Group of Churches Together in England (January 2019).

CHRISTIAN RESOURCES EXHIBITION (CRE)

CRE is coming to Event City Manchester, Phoenix Way, Off Barton Dock Rd, Manchester M41 7TB, on Wednesday 13th March 10am to 8pm and Thursday 14th March 10am to 4pm. FREE

TICKETS AVAILABLE TO ALL CHURCH MEMBERS using the link

<https://eventdata.uk/Comp/CRE2019.aspx?TrackingCode=URC>

The URC is running a Joint Public Issues Team (JPIT) stall, and volunteers are being sought from the six closest Synods, including East Midlands, to go on a rota to assist on this stall for the whole of the event. Volunteers gain free entry and will only be on the stall for an hour, if we have enough volunteers. There will be two volunteers at one time, and a member of the JPIT team will be there all of the time. So – if you are able to volunteer for an hour on the stall, for either day, please contact Rita Griffiths, Mersey Synod Clerk, on 07838 103310 or

synodclerk@merseysynodurc.org.uk

There will be an information/guidance flyer for volunteers provided before the event starts.



Core Skills Training

Core Skills Training for Youth and Children's Leaders will be running at Bulwell URC on:

- **Saturday 16th February 2019** (please note that this is a change from the previously advertised date of 23rd February), 10:00 – 16:00 (please bring your own lunch)
- **Saturday 23rd March 2019**, 10:00 – 16:00 (please bring your own lunch)

For more information contact Jane Henderson: cydo@urc5.org.uk and to book click this link,

<https://bulwellurc.churchsuite.co.uk/events/zsk0py48>

Bulwell URC

BOOK NOW
YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS THIS ONE!

Youth Weekend

8th - 10th March 2019

£25.00 per person

9-16 Years

Bulwell, Nottingham

For More Info contact: dave@bulwellurc.org.uk

or eleanor@bulwellurc.org.uk

MESSY CHURCH AND HOLY HABITS DAY

Come along to find out more about family ministry and get lots of ideas!

Saturday 9th March 2019 from 10am – 4pm in the Synod Meeting Room

Please bring your own lunch. Booking is essential!

To book your place please email Jane Henderson: cydo@urc5.org.uk



"Whom Shall I send"

This is the day for you if you feel God is calling you to serve in some way but you are not sure what or where or how.

Here is an opportunity to come and hear from people engaged in a range of ministries who will share their stories and answer questions you might have.

Annual Returns

Just a polite reminder that the Annual Returns are due back in the office please by 31st January 2019.
Thank you to those who have already returned theirs.

Chris Willis

AND FINALLY: - This E letter is sent on behalf of The URC East Midlands Synod, 1 Edwards Lane, Sherwood, Nottingham, NG5 3AA. Telephone: 0115 9609241

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