



YORKSHIRE WEST DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

Greetings from myself and the members of the District Executive.

I do hope that you are keeping well. It seems very strange not to meet together and, though Zoom and other internet sources are keeping some of us connected, we have to be mindful of those who do not have that resource. The District Exec. did meet by Zoom and we felt that we wanted to put something together to pass on news to those who would have been coming to meetings and to those who are interested in our work even if they cannot get there.

We are ever conscious of what a big District we are and hoped that this year we had spread the meetings out into various areas, but of course we have now been thwarted by having to cancel the programme for this Methodist year. Some of the events can be transferred for a future time - we cannot really begin to guess when that will be.

We hope that you will be in agreement with the District Executive staying as it is for the next year. However, please keep in mind that we do need others to come forward to offer their services to keep MWiB in the District going - we were going to do an advertising campaign but, of course, that is not practical at the moment. However, if you feel that you could be involved in whatever capacity please be in touch. Also, we can only go to areas where churches are prepared to host and so if that applies to your church please let us know. We are also always looking out for speakers and so tell us about anyone you have heard that you think would be good for one of our meetings.

Thank you for your generosity to the District partnership with All We Can. Like all charities their income will have been somewhat depleted during this present time but the need will be even bigger. We will continue to support them.

I know that some of you were in the middle of arranging circuit Easter Offering services when suddenly we were placed in lockdown and so the Easter Offering didn't happen. We have been advised this week that the decision has been made to carry forward the material for next year. A short service will be arranged for the autumn on the effects of Covid 19 when contributions may be made to the World Mission Fund - more details to follow.

I have been asked about our planned weekend away at Red Lea, Scarborough, in October. At the moment we are hoping that this will still be able to go ahead and await advice from the hotel.

Connexionally, we are pleased that Ruth Parrott is to be our new Vice-President - we will miss the meeting at Conference where she would have been commissioned but something will be arranged for the future. We are encouraged to support the World Council of Churches Thursdays in Black as we recognise that home is not always a safe or happy place for everyone.

I pass on a greeting I have received - stay safe, secure and strong in body, mind and spirit.

Every blessing,

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