**Chair wanted for the Regional Working Group**

**of the ERMD (Eastern Region Methodist Districts)**

**from September 2021**

* *Are you skilled at helping people and organisations to consider transition and change?*
* *Would you be excited by the prospect of working with a group of people who are exploring ways of being able to work more closely together as the Eastern Region Methodist Districts?*
* *Do you have the ability to think strategically, creatively and in the best interests of the mission of the Church?*

*If so, then this might be the role for you!*

**Role Description:**

We are seeking to appoint a lay person to chair the Regional Working Group comprising representatives from the following Districts: East Anglia, Lincolnshire, Nottingham and Derby and Northampton. The group has been tasked with exploring and taking forward the plans for closer regional working between the four districts in the eastern region at a time when the Connexion is entering a period of review, transition, and organizational change as we become, for a while, at least, a smaller church. The group meets approximately 6 times a year and comprises of four representatives from each district. The work of the group is aided by the formulation of smaller working groups who are commissioned to do pieces of work on our behalf.

**Responsibilities:**

To chair the meetings of the RWG and ensure that all participants can contribute towards the work of the group.

In advance of each meeting to formulate an appropriate agenda after consulting the members and calling for agenda items.

To monitor the work of small task groups / working parties and ensure that appropriate reports are produced in time for meetings of the RWG.

To ensure that appropriate minutes are produced for each meeting and that necessary action points are followed up in a timely fashion.

**Attributes:**

A good working knowledge of the structure and ethos of the Methodist Church in Britain.

A standard DBS Check.

Some relevant experience of chairing meetings, formulation of agendas and administration.

An ability to think strategically, creatively and in the best interests of the mission of the Church.

To have a good awareness of the issues of inclusion, justice, and solidarity.

To discuss the role in more detail, contact the current Chair of the group, the Rev’d Loraine N. Mellor [chair@methodist-nd.org.uk](mailto:chair@methodist-nd.org.uk)

Please send any completed Expression of Interest forms to:

**Rosie Farrow** [**facilities@methodist-nd.org.uk**](mailto:facilities@methodist-nd.org.uk)by **noon on Friday 18th June.**