

# One Circuit: Our Future, Reshaping for Mission



## TIME LINE

### SPRING '24

#### Conversations in Circuits

Worries and anxieties – overburdened by the amount and complexity of compliance and administration.

Hopes and dreams – to grow the church and to create new expressions of church in new places.

### MARCH '24

#### District Synod

Presentation of the conversations and 2 models from Scotland and from the Yorkshire North and East Districts about how they were reshaping their strictures to enable growth.

### SEPT '24

#### District Synod

Presentations from Revds Ann Lett and Andy Lindley about how the reshaping in Yorkshire North and East was helping them increase a missional outlook in their Circuits.

### APRIL '25

#### District Synod

4 possible models for the way forward:

- 1 Circuit
- 3 brand new Circuits
- A model based on Yorkshire North and East with an overarching administrative Circuit which geographical Circuits would opt into when they were ready, but retaining their Circuit status.
- Not changing

Synod gave the go ahead from more work to be done on 1 Circuit.

## **SUMMER '25**

Working Groups established, Terms of Reference set out.

Discipleship and Mission

Resources

Making it Work (Governance)

## **MARCH '26**

District Synod

Presentation of a 'Hub and Spoke' model of reorganising churches into groups for discipleship and mission alongside the centralisation of compliance and administration.

## **SUMMER '26**

Conversations in Circuits

Seeking responses to and questions on the proposed model.

## **SEPTEMBER '26**

District Synod

Further details to be discussed, seeking agreement to formally propose the model to the churches and Circuits.

## **AUTUMN '26- SPRING '27**

Formal consultation with every Church Council and every Circuit Meeting.

## **APRIL '27**

District Synod

Reports back from Circuit Meetings and Church Councils.

Seeking ratification of the proposal

## **JUNE '27**

Methodist Conference

Ratification of agreement from Synod

## **SEPTEMBER '27**

Interim Year to begin implementation of the new Circuit.

## **SEPTEMBER 1<sup>st</sup> '28**

New Circuit is formally created.