

Westminster College

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*Thank you, God of
the possibility and
the power,
for your calling to
each and every
one of us, your
welcome home,
your gift of love,
your offer of life
made new.
Walk with us into
the future made
less lonely, less
scary, less
ordinary, less
empty because it
is yours.
Amen.*

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... a regular
reflection from
me as I journey
with you in this
adventure that
is our life
together at
Westminster.

NEIL

Walking the Way

May begins with the majority of the URC's active ministers, including four Westminster teaching staff, gathered together for a unique opportunity to worship, reflect and learn together.

We've gathered at a time when ministry in the URC is under plenty of pressure. There are all sorts of experiments going on across Synods to see how ministers can best be used to build up churches. There's lots of change and uncertainty which might well be possibility if we have wisdom.

A few things strike me with incredible force:

- Being a URC minister is an incredible privilege and something

Woolf Institute - open!

It was a joy and privilege to be present for the official opening of the Woolf Institute in April. The Princess Royal, patron of the Woolf appeal, spoke powerfully about the significance of its work in building bridges of understanding, friendship and trust. The Westminster team

for which I continue to thank God for in my own life. I need to never take for granted what the URC is entrusting me with. I must always avoid cynicism.

- The URC has gifted people who serve with diligence, self-sacrifice and skill. Of course I want to fully rejoice in the gifts everyone brings to the life of the world. But sometimes we have maybe played down what our ministers offer.
- Rowan Williams shared stories with us. One was of Pierre Maurin, a French Roman Catholic who was influenced by St Francis of Assisi and who



influenced a powerful stream of Christian activism in the US. His thought-provoking summary of following Jesus: live in such ways that goodness and generosity become more likely around us because we are there; *live so we make the world an easier place to do good in.*

I give my life to that.

predecessor, Revd Dr Susan Durber, who did so much to makes this happen through her vision. It is a new chapter for us, awash with possibilities.

