Welcome to the first of a three times a year newsletter that will offer some reflections on life at Westminster as well as letting you know what is upcoming over the next year or so. Our hope is that you will use this communication to pray for and promote the events listed as you feel appropriate and to offer feedback and new ideas for us to include in our developing life here.

Having been in post for eighteen months and reflecting on our life at Westminster and as a Resource Centre for Learning serving the URC it is clear that nothing is set in stone. This makes planning more difficult as we look to respond to requests from Synods and local churches and at the same time plan ahead to provide a programme that both excites and resources our denomination. Alongside this we have the developing Stepwise programme that we will be involved with as well as initiating a Vocational Gap Year programme for 18-25 year olds. For this reason it continues to be important to keep listening to and including your voices in our life here. It has been good to include some ministers and lay people, TDO’s, CYDO’s and Mission Enablers in both the production and delivery of some of our courses. I am hoping this will include Church Related Community Workers over the coming year. It would be great if you could let me know if you have specialisms or experience that we can call on in the future.

Until next time

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Living with Change Conference
Wednesday 9th Jan – Thursday 10th January - East Midlands Synod
Tuesday 19th – Thursday 21st November - Thames North Synod

Ministers Refresher Week
Monday 18th – Friday 22nd March

Gateways into Worship (TLS)
22nd-24th March

Gateways into Worship (TLS)
7th-9th June

Westminster Roadshow to SW Synod
Sunday 23rd – Friday 28th June - All teaching staff away

Supporting Elders 2019
Friday 5th - Sunday 7th July

Lens, Pen and Paintbrush
Saturday 17th – Sunday 18th August

Supporting Lay preachers and Worship Leaders – Sing a New Song – The use of Scripture in Worship
Monday 12th – Wednesday 14th August
Friday 13th – Sunday 15th September

Blue Planet – Blue God (with The Faraday Institute & Wesley House)
Wednesday 11th – Friday 13th September

Developing your Appreciative Enquiry Practice
Monday 16th September-Wednesday 18th September

What is it to be Human? (with The Faraday Institute)
Saturday 30th March – Understanding Artificial Intelligence
Saturday 2nd November – Understanding Dementia and Dementia friendly workshop

Welcome to the URC
Sunday 16th- Tuesday 18th October

Further details on our website: www.westminster.cam.ac.uk

For your diary:

Ministers Refresher Weeks:
16th-20th March 2020 - Keynote speaker Dr Ed Kessler
and
8th-12th March 2021