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Windows of Opportunity

Issue 3

It was great to welcome two groups of Lay Preachers and Worship Leaders to Westminster for our annual residential courses in August and September. It is always good to spend time with people who offer so much to the life of the denomination. Jonathan Soyars, our New Testament Tutor, led his first sessions in the August gathering as we focused on Matthew's Gospel ahead of the new lectionary year. Given that Jonathan had only arrived from the States with his wife and children a couple of weeks beforehand he did an amazing job!

As well as welcoming our new and returning students at the start of the academic year we are also involved in much ongoing work with Synods, local churches and the wider denomination. As part of our work as a Resource Centre for Learning, one of our successful recent collaborative events was a day of talks and workshops, in November, designed to help people better understand dementia, and explore ways to make our churches and worship more dementia-friendly. Given the numbers that attended, this is clearly an area of great interest and concern for our churches.

I am excited that in partnership with the Mission team at Church House we will be offering three residential courses in 2020 for those involved in Pioneering and Fresh Expressions of Church. These courses are a new development, and one that we hope will encourage people who are trying to share the love of God with their communities in new ways. Mike Moynagh, Francis Brien, Linda Rayner and I will be leading these sessions. Planning also continues for a vocational gap year at Westminster for 18-25 year olds with many conversations taking place to make it the best experience possible. We hope to welcome the first intake in 2021. Until next time,

Peter





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**As ever some upcoming events are listed for your prayers
and to share as you wish**

Coming up 2020

Lay Pioneer—The Gathering

Tuesday 21st — Wednesday 22nd January, Friday 17th — Saturday
18th July and Monday 12th — Tuesday 13th October

Ministers' Refresher Week

Monday 16th– Friday 20th March

Life Together—LEP's Today & Tomorrow (With Wesley House)

Saturday 6th June

Supporting Lay Preachers and Worship Leaders

Monday 10th - Wednesday 12th August or
Friday 11th - Sunday 13th September

Ongoing Opportunities

In the Company of...

The opportunity to enjoy space and time, to think, read, write and
talk. Dates to suit you.

Sabbatical Opportunities funded by The Cheshunt Foundation

See website for further information

www.westminster.cam.ac.uk/urc/sabbaticals

Team Building

For a single day or a residential stay. A chance for Elders, Ministry
Teams, Synod groups and others to have space to reflect together
on the ministries they are called to as a team. This can be led or
simply a space to spend time together.

You can come along and stay even if you aren't taking part in a course. We have a number of different accommodation options and room types suitable for a single night through to a full term. URC members are welcome to join us at any time throughout the year, call us on 01223 330630 (please tell us you are part of the URC).

We now offer an early bird discount on our URC events. Contact us for details.

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