

 <p>The United Reformed Church</p>	<b>Thames North Synod Discipleship Steering Group</b>	<b>Paper H 22 October 2022</b>
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The Group have met once since the last meeting of Synod.

We supported a grant to Palmers Green for a part time Children's and Youth Worker.

We also supported a grant for Grassroots (Luton) to attend and deliver a workshop 'showcasing' their work. (See report)

Eddie Boon, our Mission Enabler is working with a number of individuals and churches. The mid-term review of his post took place which indicated that the original vision is being fulfilled. He continues to support the development of Lumen and is going to supervise Joe Amoah, a student from Westminster College who is to be doing a short placement there.

We regularly receive reports and review our ecumenical partnerships. We support Churches Together in Hertfordshire, Essex and East London and Bedfordshire. The Moderator regularly represents the Synod at the Leaders' meetings of these groups and is now Chair of Churches Together in Bedfordshire. He also attends meetings of the London Church Leaders. There will be a special meeting on Monday with the Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew of Constantinople.

The Synod also supports the University Chaplaincies in Hertford and Bedford, as well as the Chaplaincy at Luton Airport. Revd John Mackerness is a Special Category Minister on the chaplaincy team at Heathrow. The Moderator recently visited the airport to see something of the work of the chaplaincy. We have a five-year financial commitment to the Grassroots Interfaith Project in Luton.

The Group is able to award small grants from the Walking the Way Fund and considers applications for other mission related grants, making appropriate recommendations to the Resources Committee. There have been very few applications recently and churches are strongly encouraged to consider making applications.

George Watt  
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17<sup>th</sup> October 2022