

 <p>The United Reformed Church</p>	<b>Thames North Synod Executive Committee Report</b>	<b>Paper H 16 March 2024</b>
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### **Synod Executive**

The Executive has met twice since the last Synod, which included an ordinary meeting and an extraordinary one to review the Risk Register. Unfortunately the meeting in February had to be cancelled because of the Moderator's ill health. Another brief meeting is planned this week.

### **Lumen**

The refurbishment work is almost complete and includes workspace on the first floor of the tower.

We need urgent advice on the VAT implications of running the café.

Consideration needs to be given as to what legal entity would best suit the potential activities of Lumen.

Unfortunately the Centre Manager has been off sick for a good part of 2024. But it is hoped he will return shortly.

### **Presbyterian Church of Ghana**

It was agreed to invite the PCG to send an observer to our Synod Meetings as one way to foster closer relationships. Other areas of collaboration are being considered.

### **Membership**

Unfortunately there has been very limited response to get more members for the Synod Executive. It is becoming an urgent matter and it is important that a spread of Local Area Groups are represented.

### **Moderator's Sabbatical**

The Moderator will be on Sabbatical 14 June – 29 September (including 2 weeks' holiday). He will be looking at the subject of Ecumenism. Arrangements are being made for cover in his absence.

### **Future priorities**

- looking to complete the review of the Risk Register as soon as possible
- considering the use and disposal of buildings
- identifying the appointment of an Ecumenical Officer

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