

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!



**Net Zero Lead**: champion the Synod's response to the climate crisis, guiding our journey towards Net Zero and helping churches care for God's creation through practical action and shared inspiration.

**Mission Lead**: inspire and resource mission and evangelism across the Synod, supporting churches as they reach out to their communities and discover fresh ways of sharing God's love.

**New Christian Communities Lead:** encourage and support the creation of new Christian communities and fresh expressions of church, helping to identify and nurture pioneering mission across the Synod.

**Racial Justice Advocate**: promote racial justice and inclusion throughout the Synod, raising awareness, supporting local churches in good practice, and keeping equality central to our shared life.

**Rural Advocate**: champion and support the life of rural churches, ensuring their voices are heard, their needs understood, and their ministry celebrated and strengthened.

**Trustees**: serve as a trustee to help oversee Synod resources and property in line with charity and company law: we seek people who understand local church situations and needs, and care about the URC's mission in Wessex

**Convener of Synod Executive**: chair meetings and guide the work of the Synod Executive, ensuring good communication, clear follow-through on decisions, and a spirit of collaboration and encouragement in Synod leadership.

**Local church file sorting**: we have a number of local church files inherited from District Councils which now need to be weeded and sorted before they are scanned and digitized. This can be done from home or from the Synod Office. This needs to be a URC member with enough awareness to know what to keep and what can be destroyed.

All volunteers work within the context of a supportive staff team, a collaborative team on the Synod Executive, and full expenses reimbursed. All roles are open to ministers and lay people, and there are no age restrictions (except legal requirements for the Trust). Volunteer roles are normally for a maximum term of four years, which can be renewed if all parties wish. The Synod follows a Safer Recruitment process for everyone wishing to serve, and the Synod reserves the right not to appoint every applicant.

To express interest email Deborah Walker on <u>office@urcwessex.org.uk</u>

To ask for more information, or to suggest possible candidates,
please email Michael Hopkins on <u>moderator@urcwessex.org.uk</u>

AS SOON AS POSSIBLE – we are hoping to have a team in place by 1 January 2026.