

LEEDS NORTH EAST CIRCUIT
CIRCUIT MEETING SUMMARY - MARCH 2010

Rev Diana Zanker and **Mrs Anne Smith** were welcomed to Circuit Meeting as observers from the Deanery Synod.

The Circuit's representatives to the Deanery Synod are **Rev Jane Craske** and either **Paul Butler** or **Roger Hartley** from Roundhay.

Our representative to the Deanery Mission and Pastoral committee is **Rev Graeme Dutton**.

Rob Garlick will take over as **Circuit Financial Steward** from September and **Andrew Wray** as **Circuit Property Adviser** with immediate effect.

The **Circuit's Safeguarding Policy** 'POLICY FOR THE SAFETY AND WELFARE OF CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE' was distributed.

The policy needs to be reviewed and updated annually.

Safeguarding Training is ongoing and the following were appointed as **Circuit Safeguarding Trainers**: Angela Britton, Anne Kirkland, Sue Noble, Margaret Orchard, Morris Smith and Val Smith.

The **Budget for 2010/11** showed an increase of £22 000 - most of which arose from items beyond Circuit control such as increased pension contributions for ministers and District and Connexional assessments. It was appreciated that this would cause difficulties for some of our churches but it was hoped that better off churches would be able to offer more in order to raise this amount..

The **Accounts for the 12 months ended 31st August 2009** (fully audited) were accepted.

It was agreed to increase the **Circuit Office Administrators** hours by 2 per week. (Office opening hours will remain unchanged).

Some possible options for Circuit mergers and realignments in the Leeds District were outlined. Our Circuit will be continuing the conversations, which have already begun, with the **Leeds East Circuit**.

A summary of responses to the [Circuit Vision Document](#) from churches about the future mission of churches and the circuit was presented and some discussion followed.

Further comments can be sent to the Circuit Office.

Moortown are trying out a new worship pattern this quarter and next.

There will be a **Circuit Testimony Service** for **Rev Graeme Dutton** on **23rd May at 6.30pm at Alwoodley Park**