



Statement for the Churches in the Districts forming into the North West England District.

*Please disseminate the following statement, preferably by reading out during Worship on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November or as soon as possible thereafter. It may, thereafter, be included in written material, websites etc.*

The Synods of each of the Districts forming the new North West England District, have agreed to nominate to the Conference that the Revd Dr James N Tebbutt be designated to be the Chair of the North West England District from 1 September 2024. This will be for an initial period of 6 years, subject to the annual stationing of the Conference. Dr Tebbutt currently serves as Chair of the Cumbria District and has been part of the regional review group guiding the process of merger.

This recommendation was agreed by each of the Synods on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> November, meeting collectively, but voting separately by ballot, and resulting from the relevant processes under Standing Order 423A.

Please pray for all involved in this discernment, and those impacted by this nomination who will be further discerning God's calling upon their lives and ministry in the coming weeks and months.

*Issued on behalf of the Synods of Bolton & Rochdale, Cumbria, Lancashire, Liverpool, and Manchester and Stockport Districts.*

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