

Paper X1

Synod changes

North Western and Mersey Synods

Basic information

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Action required	
Draft resolution(s)	General Assembly transfers Wilmslow United Reformed Church from the North Western Synod into Mersey Synod, and instructs the two Synods to effect this transfer at a date convenient to all parties, and to notify that date to the General Secretary.

Summary of content

Subject and aim(s)	Agreement of movement of a Church between Synods.
Main points	
Previous relevant documents	
Consultation has taken place with...	

Summary of impact

Financial	None.
External (eg ecumenical)	

Following conversations within North Western Synod, Wilmslow United Reformed Church began thinking about its place within the Synod and sensed a call to consider whether it might be better located within Mersey.

Those conversations led to the following process, described on behalf of Wilmslow URC:

In the Autumn of 2022, the Elders from Wilmslow URC contacted North Western Synod Executive with a request to explore the possibility of moving from North Western Synod into Mersey Synod as one option in thinking about the future ministry and mission of the Church.

The meeting with representatives of North Western Synod and Mersey Synod was held with three Elders in January 2023. At this meeting both Synods made it clear to the Church that it was for it to discern its future and that the Synods would support that

