

Global and Intercultural Ministries – Working in Partnership

[especially related to Belonging to World Church, Commitment for Life and Racial Justice and Intercultural Ministry]

Raising awareness, energising local communities and facilitating renewed commitment to the Jesus way of full life for all, across the whole of the URC, are key aspects of GiM's work. We rely heavily on commitment volunteers in both an advocacy role and in accompanying those involved in this key aspect of our life together. There are a variety of advocates (racial justice, intercultural, world church, green apostles, commitment for life, church and society, and more) across Synods involved in the life of local churches and synods. Our approach is one of networking/collaborating.

GiM's work is especially supported by **Synod intercultural, global and commitment for life** coordinators (known in some synods as advocates). Most of our synods would have a designated global (used to be world church) and intercultural (used to be racial justice) coordinator. Commitment for Life would also have a named contact across the synods. And synods would have a varying number of other advocates related to the above areas.

To support work related to justice and partnerships (globally and locally) GiM offers a variety of opportunities and resources. Among these is **our annual joint residential gathering** (normally in September or October) for global, intercultural and commitment for life **coordinators**. We hope that other Synod advocacy coordinators may be able to join us when possible. The Residential Meeting is organised by **Global and Intercultural Ministries** and is designed to facilitate continuing training/support with a focus on a theme of interest, as well as to enable space for specific group conversations and for collective sharing stories/insights into good practices and offering support to each other.

Synod Coordinator's Role (some [indicative pointers](#))

[Check: Has your Synod adopted an '**Intercultural Advocacy Synod Policy Statement**' (see the Multicultural Church, Intercultural Habit Charter 2010). Also, please be aware of the **Commitment for Life Advocate Charter**, 2014)]

Whatever the nature of our advocacy focus, we encourage and affirm a vision of one family (one human family) with its rich diversity of peoples where each and all of us are created in God's image. We also affirm that God's message and way of love (an economy of full life for all) is for all people everywhere. A coordinator will be proactive in partnering with others to make the above vision real in the practice/life of congregations across their respective synods. This vision is geared at renewal of our whole life together!

Suggested tasks/role/commitment may include:

- will ensure that you are supported and recognised by synod and GiM
- will commit to embark on a journey of personal learning and growing in the areas of intercultural awareness, healthy partnerships, and global justice.
- will encourage, facilitate and participate in advocacy, intercultural, world church, and Cfl activities, in synod.
- will work with interested, gifted and passionate people across the synod (and beyond) to resource, highlight, identity and encourage participation in appropriate events and gatherings.
- will work with a small task group (representative of the intersecting interests) to help carry out the role.
- will communicate with the synod/congregations on behalf of the advocates, for input into the synod on related matters
- will make links with other ecumenical, interfaith, and community groups committed to justice, intercultural, world church and advocacy matters.
- will raise/ask relevant questions related to area of focus and as pertinent to the Synod's priorities, agenda and gatherings.

- will encourage and support synod resolutions related to the area of work when/where appropriate.
- will consider (if necessary and appropriate) the need to meet with other advocates in the synod for collective exploration of issues, support and networking.
- will communicate with the synod Moderator; to keep her/him informed and to encourage her/him to highlight the work in all synod strategy planning and reporting.
- will work with the synod to establish a small budget to support the work.
- will attend the annual URC Global, Intercultural and Commitment for Life Coordinators Residential
- will work closely with the GiM team based at Church House. [The GiM team includes the Secretary for Global and Intercultural Ministries, the Programme Officer for Global Justice and Partnerships and the administrator for GiM

INTERCULTURAL (RJ) COORDINATORS

Synod	Contact Person
<i>Northern</i>	Synod Admin (to receive all correspondence)
<i>North Western</i>	Synod Admin (to receive all correspondence)
<i>Mersey</i>	Susan Branch
<i>Yorkshire</i>	Zaidie Orr
<i>East Midlands</i>	Synod Admin (to receive all correspondence)
<i>West Midlands</i>	Virginia Becher and Richard Becher
<i>South Western</i>	Maria Mills
<i>Wessex</i>	Enala Bhebhé
<i>Eastern</i>	Wendy Cooper; Stephen Broadhurst
<i>Thames North</i>	Sandra Ackroyd and Synod Admin
<i>Southern</i>	Sharon Henriquez Vernon
<i>Wales</i>	Beverley Humphreys
<i>Scotland</i>	Joanna Smith and Synod Admin

GLOBAL (World Church) COORDINATORS

Synod	Synod Global Co-ordinator/ Contact Person
<i>Northern</i>	Meg Hobb
<i>North Western</i>	Barbara Redmond
<i>Mersey</i>	Vacant (Synod Office)
<i>Yorkshire</i>	Vacant (Synod Office)
<i>East Midlands</i>	Judith North
<i>West Midlands</i>	Margaret Marshall
<i>South Western</i>	Dougie Burnett
<i>Wessex</i>	Nigel Appleton
<i>Eastern</i>	Lindsey Brown
<i>Thames North</i>	Vacant (Synod Office)
<i>Southern</i>	Vacant (moderator)
<i>Wales</i>	Victoria Turner
<i>Scotland</i>	Mitchel (Bungie) Bunting

COMMITMENT FOR LIFE (CFL) COORDINATORS

Synod	Commitment for Life Co-ordinator/Advocate/ Contact Person
<i>Northern</i>	Chris Eddowes
<i>North Western</i>	Synod Office
<i>Mersey</i>	John Griffith
<i>Yorkshire</i>	Anne Parker
<i>East Midlands</i>	Charles Jolly
<i>West Midlands</i>	Glenis Massey
<i>South Western</i>	Martin John Nicholls
<i>Wessex</i>	Chris McMillan & David Hoadley
<i>Eastern</i>	Samuel Cyuma & Wendy Cooper
<i>Thames North</i>	Synod Office
<i>Southern</i>	Christine Thompson
<i>Wales</i>	Synod Office
<i>Scotland</i>	Alan McGougan

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