

## **Appointment of senior leader to key role in the new North West England District**

The North West England District Regional Review Group is delighted to announce the appointment of Rev Phil Gough to be the District Secretary in the Ministry and Vocations Hub of the new District.

Subject to Conference approval, Phil, who is currently the Chair of the Lancashire District, will take up his new position on September 1st, 2024, when the new District comes into being as a result of the amalgamation of the existing Districts of Cumbria, Lancashire, Liverpool, Bolton & Rochdale and Manchester & Stockport.

The District Secretary in the Ministry and Vocations Hub is one of the three senior leadership roles in the new District alongside the nominated District Chair, Rev Dr James Tebbutt, and the District Secretary for Administration and Compliance. Recruitment is currently under way for this last role.

Phil said, "I am delighted, honoured and excited to be appointed to this role and, with God's help, will use the gifts and skills I have been given to further God's work in the new District".

James commented, "Phil brings with him many years of experience in the Methodist Church, as well as the gifts of pastoral sensitivity, empathy and humour. He is a very natural fit for this new role, and I very much look forward to working with him as the new North West England District becomes established".