The **Methodist** Church in Scotland

Autumn Synod, 21st November 2015
Clydebank Methodist Church
35 Second Avenue, Clydebank, G81 3AB

(Coffee, etc from 10.15am)

Dear Friends,

I am writing to invite you to our Autumn Synod which, as you know, is being held in November so that we can, following discussion of the matter in the Circuits, make a response before February to the Connexional Working Party on Marriage and Relationships.

If you are unable to attend perhaps you would complete the apologies form that came with this; also, don't forget to order lunch if you need it.

May I remind you that we take a collection at our Autumn Synod for the Methodist Ministers' Children's Relief Association (MMCRA). Coffee will be available from 10.15am.

Because of the time of year, I hope that we will be able to finish by 2.30pm for the sake of those who have long journeys.

Thanks and best wishes,

David Easton

Agenda

10.45   A time for any **brief** updates and information on other District matters
Synod Matters: times of sessions, etc.

11.15   A conversation on Marriage and Relationships led by Belinda and Andrew Letby.
This session will lead into worship at the end of the morning

12.45   LUNCH

1.30   A conversation on the possibility of applying for a Connexional Grant for a person to work with scattered Methodists and 'Churchless Christians'.
This conversation will be held in small groups following a presentation by the Chair before gathering together towards the end of Synod
(See the accompanying Synod Briefing Paper)

Background to this Agenda Item:
Members of Synod will probably be aware that we have explored the possibility of appointing someone to work with scattered Scottish Methodists and Churchless Christians. At a recent Superintendents' Meeting there was some discussion about whether this should be a priority for us when there is still much to do in the Circuits. It was agreed, therefore, that the matter should be brought to Synod for a full discussion.

2.15   Closing Worship, led by Inverness

Refreshments will be served at the close of Synod