

# Enfield Methodist Circuit

**Equality, Diversity & Inclusion Steering group invite you to a seminar**

***'Embracing Diversity: Seeing 'The Other' from God's Perspective'***

**Saturday, 6<sup>th</sup> February 2021 from 10am-1pm on Zoom**

## **Invited Speakers**

### **Revd Sonia Hicks - *'British, Black and Belonging: Singing the Lord's Song in a Strange Land'***

Sonia Hicks has been a Methodist Presbyterian for 30 years. She has served in the Methodist Church in Ireland (Dublin District) and in the Methodist Church in the Caribbean and Americas (Jamaica District). Presently Sonia is serving in the Wembley Circuit as Superintendent Minister. She is the first woman from a BAME background to be the President-Designate of the British Methodist Conference.

### **Mr Richard Reddie – *'Why we should be interested in racial justice'***

Richard Reddie is a writer, researcher, broadcaster and a religious and cultural commentator. He has written for a number of publications and from 1998 to 2005, he was the editor of "Focus", the quarterly publication of the African Caribbean Evangelical Alliance, which sought to be a voice for Black Majority Churches in Britain.

He is also the author of *"Abolition! The struggle to abolish slavery in the British colonies"* (Lion, 2007), and the ground-breaking, *"Black Muslims in Britain"* (Lion, 2009). He is currently working on the book *"Race for Justice"* (Lion) which will explore racial justice in Britain's churches.

He is currently the Director of Justice and Inclusion for Churches Together in Britain and Ireland.'

### **Gabriel Dedji - *'Creating Utopia: Understanding the language of a youthful uprising'***

In 2018, when he was only 16 years' old, Gabriel was elected Young MP for the London Borough of Enfield. He is the Chair of Enfield Methodist Circuit Youth Group.

In 2019 at the age of 17 Gabriel published his first book *'The Escape: A Tale of Change and Revolution'* (Austin Macauley, 2019), which featured on ITV News on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2020. He has been guest speaker on a number of Radio shows, including BBC London Radio.

Gabriel is currently a student in Politics and International Relations at UCL.