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Appointment of Transition Champion: The Revd Sarah Moore

The United Reformed Church (URC) National Synod of Scotland is delighted to announce that Revd Sarah Moore, currently Cumbria Area President for the URC, has been called to be the 'Transition Champion' for the Synod.

Against the background of rapid changes in society, including the life of our churches, and falling numbers of stipendiary ministers, Sarah's special category ministry role is to work with ministers and local churches, supporting, nurturing and equipping them as faith communities that may flourish with potentially different patterns of leadership and new way of living for the 21st century.

Lesley Richmond, who led the recruitment exercise, said: "The role of Transition Champion will challenge us all, for change is rarely comfortable. However, a living, vibrant church is always in a state of 'becoming' and just as our forebears shaped new ways of being church in their time, so our calling is to transform church life for current and future generations. We look forward to Sarah helping the whole Synod to explore and embrace new ways of living out our calling to be disciples of Jesus."

The Revd Dr David Pickering, Moderator of the URC National Synod of Scotland, said: "I am delighted to hear that Sarah has accepted the call to be our Transition Champion. Sarah brings many gifts, including theological insights, years of fruitful ecumenical work, and valuable experience of the Cumbrian 'God for All' initiative which aims to help every person in Cumbria discover more of God by 2020. I look forward to welcoming Sarah to the Synod and to working with her in the coming years. Exciting times ahead beckon."

Sarah added: "I am excited to move to Scotland and to work with ministers and churches across the Synod. My work in Cumbria has been grounded in building relationships

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between churches and encouraging God's people to deepen both their own discipleship and to consider anew how to witness to the good news of Jesus Christ in their everyday lives. I look forward to bringing this experience to Scotland.”

Sarah will conclude her role in Cumbria at the end of 2019, and move to Scotland and begin her new role in January 2020.