Pioneer Minister post within Eastern Synod

At General Assembly in July Resolution 27 was passed:

> General Assembly adopts the process for the 13 new pioneering posts intentionally to grow new Christian communities.

Each Synod is invited to make an application for a post to then declare a vacancy and call a Minister of Word and Sacraments based on the process and criteria outlined in paper H2:

> https://urc.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2025/06/H2-Criteria-for-13-new-pioneering-posts.pdf

As a Synod we wish to open up a discussion about where such a post could be based. We encourage local churches, Mission Partnerships and individuals to reflect on this possibility.

Your attention is drawn to the preference indicated for Innovators and Activists, p.3-4.

The discussion will begin as part of our Synod meeting in October, and expressions of interest are requested by **Monday 5th January 2026** to David Coaker, Eastern Synod Clerk: clerk@urceastern.org.uk or via the Synod office.

Those expressions of interest should include draft answers to the criteria set out in 5.2.1 and 5.2.2 on p.4, a named contact, the local church or Mission Partnership, and an indication of the local resources (e.g. people, buildings and finance) that could be available to support such a post:

Contact name:	
Contact email:	
Local Church / Mission Partnership	

Context. A description of the geographical area and context in which this ministry is to be exercised; the reasons that leads to this application and what are the theological assumptions lying behind them. Not all pioneers are the same. Nor should they be. There are common threads to their ministry; creativity, initiating things, building teams and so on. But it's the context that is key.
Central conviction. A description of the overall mission and ministry of the post, as well as the theological assumptions lying behind this, in no more than 50 words.
Local resources (e.g. people, buildings and finance) that could be available to support such a post.

24.09.2025   **David Coaker, Eastern Synod Clerk**