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Dear Youth Assembly 2021 participants,

It's the time of year when we all start to get excited for Youth Assembly, and plans are in full flow, but unfortunately, we'll have to remain in anticipation for a little while longer.

Regrettably, due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, URC Youth Executive have reached the sad conclusion that Youth Assembly 2021 must be postponed until the following year. This was a very difficult decision to make and certainly was not taken lightly, as Youth Assembly means just as much to us as we know it does to many of you.

The truth of the matter is that this situation is fast-moving and changeable, and to continue to plan for a large in-person event where many of our valued friends and colleagues would be unable to attend, due to health concerns, possible local lockdowns, and other circumstances, is not in the inclusive spirit of URC Youth. The atmosphere of Youth Assembly is so unique that we felt we were unable to do it justice via an online replacement.

Of course, we haven't forgotten those of you who will be particularly disappointed by this announcement, due to Youth Assembly 2021 being your final assembly before you pass the upper age limit. We are doing all we can to work out how to include you next time.

We hope collectively we can carry the burden of this news. Remember to reach out to your URC Youth friends, CYDO+ team and Youth Exec for support and news about what's happening locally.

We couldn't let our weekend this January pass without doing something together, so we're working on a small way to connect as young people from afar. More news to follow about this and other plans across the year.

We can't wait to see you in person at Youth Assembly 28 to 30 January 2022 when we celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the United Reformed Church! We know this is tough news in an already tough year. Please keep us in your prayers- we'll be praying for you!

God bless,

Reuben Watt, URC Youth Moderator
On behalf of URC Youth Executive