

52. Appreciations

The Revd Jennifer Dyer

Jenny Dyer has served as the Record Secretary for the Presbyteral Session of the Conference and the Journal Secretary of the Representative Session of the Conference since 2007, and in similar roles before that date. In these roles, which require sustained attention to detail and clear communications skill, Jenny has enjoyed the confidence of the Conference that its decisions were carefully and appropriately recorded. Both in her regular reports and her interventions to assist the Secretariat (within and outside the hall) she has operated with grace and gentle good humour.

The Conference is thankful to Jenny for the skills that she has offered in her service and the alertness and clarity which has greatly assisted the Conference in its work.

***RESOLUTION

52/1. The Conference expressed its thanks to the Revd Jennifer Dyer for her work as the Record and Journal Secretary to the Conference and wished her well for the future.

The Revd Alan Bolton

Alan Bolton has served as the Conference Letter Writer since 2019. In this role, Alan has brought great attention to detail understanding of the importance of the timely nature of this work, promptly communicating the Conference's greetings in limpid and elegant letters. He has also served as the editor of the obituaries, carefully checking the details and communicating sensitively with those who are grieving.

The Conference has cause to be grateful to Alan for his dedicated work at the Conference and for him offering his time willingly to ensure that in these aspects of the work the Conference's pastoral concerns are effectively and graciously communicated.

***RESOLUTION

52/2. The Conference expressed its thanks to the Revd Alan Bolton for his work as the Letter Writer for the Conference and wished him well for the future.

The Revd Kenneth Howcroft

Ken Howcroft has served as Chair of the Memorials Committee since 2021. Ken has brought to the role of Chair of the Memorials Committee his wide connexional experience, along with a clear understanding of the role of Memorials in the life of the Church. Ken has chaired the Committee with wisdom and sensitivity in respect of the wide range of subjects covered in the Memorials, while working hard to ensure the mission of the Church remains at the forefront of the committee's thinking and is reflected in the draft replies. Ken presented the memorials to the 2024 Conference knowledgeably and clearly, ensuring that opinions were reflected appropriately so that the Conference could make the decisions it needed to make. With his deep understanding of the Conference's previous decisions and ways of working, his theological acumen and his openness to new thoughts, Ken's contributions have been invaluable both in the meetings of the Memorials Committee and in the Conference.

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52/3. The Conference expressed its thanks to the Revd Kenneth Howcroft for his work as the Chair of the Memorials Committee and wished him well for the future.

The Revd Catherine Dixon

Catherine Dixon has brought considerable knowledge and experience to the role of Convener of the Memorials Committee from 2019. Catherine's clear understanding of the procedures of the Conference and the innovative ways of presenting the memorials have enabled the Conference to discharge of its duties in regards to the memorials received. Her ability to distil a complex piece of reasoning lucidly and at times humorously are gifts for which the Conference remains grateful.

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52/4. The Conference expressed its thanks to the Revd Catherine Dixon for her work as the Convener of the Memorials Committee and wished her well for the future.