

53. Nominations Committee

1. Following recruitment to the Nominations Committee during 2024-25, the current membership comprises a Chair and five members. This includes two appointments made during the year by the Council, acting on the Conference's behalf, of the Revd Tom Osborne and Mr Brian Oakley. The committee brings the additional nomination of the Revd Bonni-Belle Pickard and reports the resignation of Verity Wild, thanking her for her service.
2. The Committee is grateful to Bala Gnanaprasagam for his leadership of this work as chair of the committee. At the time of writing the recruitment process is in train to identify his successor.
3. The Committee has continued to exercise its responsibilities in partnership with the bodies to which appointments need to be made. It does this through scrutiny of both the paperwork and advertising, interview and selection process. Usually, a member of the Committee sits on the shortlisting and interview panel.
4. The Nominations Committee has been involved in the recruitment processes of the Chair and Deputy Chair of the Ministries Committee and members of the Connexional Council.
5. The Committee was asked to participate in the process to appoint a Chair of Trustees of Methodist Central Hall, Westminster, and recommends to the Conference that the appointment of Conference Property Trustees be brought within its purview.
6. The Committee advertised for and interviewed candidates for the membership of the Council. It brings four nominations for the appointment of members to the Connexional Council, noting that (if the Conference agrees) this will now leave the membership of the Council at 18 (its minimum size) and it therefore advises that a further recruitment process be run before the 2026 Conference. The nominations are:

The Revd Mucharutya Chisvo
Thomas Hart
Judith Neal
The Revd Cliff Shanganya.

7. On the advice of the Council, the Committee nominates Anna Malnutt to be deputy Chair of the Connexional Council. The full list of nominations (with the appropriate resolution) is in the report on committee appointments.
8. The Nominations Committee was directed by the 2024 Conference to confer with the chairs of the Justice, Dignity and Solidarity, Faith and Order, Law and Polity and Safeguarding Committees as to how the work of the Nominations Committee might support the recruitment to those committees.
9. All four committees were content that the Nominations Committee review and approve paperwork for recruitment and that a member of the Nominations Committee be involved in the interview process.
10. It is suggested that there should be an annual meeting between the Chair of the Nominations Committee and the Chair of each of those four committees, to review how the processes are working and to provide an opportunity to highlight any upcoming or expected recruitment needs.
11. The Nominations Committee made the recommendation to the Oversight and Trusteeship Task Group that these four committees should be embedded into the work of the Nominations Committee and the Standing Order changed to reflect that.
12. The Committee has continued to work closely with the Connexional Team's HR officers and the Director of Inclusion to review and refine its processes.

***RESOLUTION

53/1. The Conference received the Report.