

## **61. Report to the Representative Session of business conducted by the Conference Diaconal Committee**

The Conference Diaconal Committee ("the Committee") met during the Convocation of the Methodist Diaconal Order on 6 May 2015. The President took the Chair.

### **1. Deacons who have died**

The Committee approved the obituaries, as printed and circulated, of Daphne Lilian Collingwood, Wendy Anne Dunnington, Margaret Horn, Kathleen Mary McGown Jones and Dorothy Mary Tolson. The Committee also remembered Margaret Louise Cox and Iley Hearle, noting that obituaries had not yet been printed.

### **2. Candidates**

The Committee recommended, with the required majority, acceptance by the Representative Session of the following candidates to proceed immediately into pre-ordination training:

Beverley Jane Gibson

Jennifer Parnell

Sally Anne Wheadon

The Committee noted the following deacons recommended by the Ministerial Candidates' Selection Committee for training for presbyteral ministry upon transfer from diaconal ministry:

*No case*

The Committee noted the following accepted diaconal candidates recommended by the Ministerial Candidates' Selection Committee for training for presbyteral ministry:

*No case*

### **3. Transfer**

*No case*

### **4. Training and probation**

The Committee adopted the following special reports of the Diaconal Candidates' and Probationers' Oversight Committee:

Candidates accepted at previous Conferences and given permission to delay entry into training:

- a) Those given permission to defer by a further year

*No case*

- b) Those given permission to enter into training

*No case*

Candidates accepted at this Conference and to be given permission to delay entry into training:

*No case*

Candidates accepted at this Conference and to be given permission to transfer to another Conference:

*No case*

Candidates conditionally accepted at previous Conferences:

- (a) Those judged to have fulfilled the condition and therefore to be accepted as candidates  
*No case*
- (b) Those judged to have failed to fulfil the condition and thereby not to be accepted as candidates  
*No case*
- (c) Those still to fulfil the condition  
*No case*

Changes in expected date of Reception into Full Connexion:

- (a) To an earlier date  
*No case*
- (b) To a later date  
*No case*

Special cases:

Caroline Jane Holt

Deferred entry into probation:

*No case*

Withdrawals:

- (a) Candidates  
*No case*
- (b) Student deacons  
Valerie Hicks
- (c) Probationers  
Liane Justine Elizabeth Kensett

Transfer to other Conferences or Churches:

*No case*

Reinstatements:

- (a) Student deacons  
*No case*
- (b) Probationers  
*No case*

Discipline:

*No case*

The Committee noted, pursuant to SO 031, that the following students and probationers had been discontinued:

Karen McEwen

Steven Wayne Sowerby

The Committee recommended to the Representative Session that the following continue in training or on probation:

*In the following list:*

+ = candidates accepted by the 2014 Conference

<i>Surname</i>	<i>First name(s)</i>	<i>Due to be received into Full Connexion</i>
Allport	Angela Patricia	2016
Beaven	Melanie	2016
Brown	Corinne Anne	2018
Brown	Linda	2018
Coleman	Timothy Arthur	2016
Esama-John	Jacqueline Abigail Patricia Onike	2018
Evans	Laura	2016
Everingham	Jon Michael	2016
Gilson	Linda	2016
Harfleet	Elizabeth	2017
+Hassall	Shirley Dianne	2018
Howard	Maria	2016
Kirby-Girdlestone	Phillipa Mary	2017
Luxton	Pamela	2016
Mashoko	Yasha Rukudzo	2016
McMillan	Alison	2017
Morgan	Gail	2017
Morton	Julie	2016
Nisbett	Selina Jane	2017
Nkwelah	Lemia	2016
Patchett	Margaret Eleanor	2016
Reast	Peter George	2016
Samuel	Ramona	2016
Skuce	Marlene Alison	2017
+Stoddart	Judith Elizabeth	2019
Viana	Suzie Godinho Barony	2016
Wickett	Sarah Louise	2018
Wright	Jacqueline Linda	2018

## **5. Ordinands**

The Committee recommended to the Representative Session of the Conference that the following are fit to be received into Full Connexion with the Conference as deacons, and, if not already ordained, to be ordained and to be received into full membership of the Methodist Diaconal Order:

Prudence Elizabeth Cahill

Dawn Nicola Canham

Sheila Mary Dawson

Michaela Jayne Doherty

Annette Sharp

Joy Anne Sykes

Jill Taylor

Liesl Collette Warren

Linda Watkin

## **6. Deacons becoming supernumerary**

The Committee recommended to the Representative Session that the following deacons be permitted to become supernumerary:

Joan Cole

Jan Miles

David Smith

Hilary Smith

Geoff Tamblin

*(See the Presbyters and Deacons Becoming Supernumerary or Returning to the Active Work section of the Agenda for the resolution to be presented to the Representative Session.)*

## **7. Resignations**

The Committee noted that the President had given permission for the following deacons to resign:  
Susan E Huband

## **8. Annual inquiry**

The Deputy Warden of the Order gave to the President on behalf of the Convocation the assurances as to the character and discipline of the deacons and diaconal probationers required by Standing Order 183.

## **\*\*\*RESOLUTIONS**

**61/1. The Conference received the Report.**

**61/2. The Conference resolved, by a Standing Vote, that it accepted for training, unconditionally or conditionally as the case may be, the candidates for ministry recommended by the Diaconal Committee whose names are recorded in the report of that Committee:**

Beverley Jane Gibson

Jennifer Parnell

Sally Anne Wheadon

**61/3. The Conference adopted the report on diaconal students and probationers recommended for continuance in training or on probation as set out in section 4.**

**61/4. The Conference resolved by a Standing Vote that those persons whose names have been read to the Conference and are printed in the Agenda and Daily Record be now received into Full Connexion with the Conference as deacons, and, if not already ordained, to be ordained by prayer and the laying on of hands and to be received into full membership of the Methodist Diaconal Order on the afternoon of this day, the 28th day of June, at Blackburn Cathedral.**