

1/1 The Conference in its Presbyteral Session assembled in Southport at 14.15, The Revd Kenneth G Howcroft, the President of the Conference, in the Chair.

1/2 **HOLY COMMUNION**

The Conference shared in a service of Holy Communion, during which the sermon was preached by the Vice-President of the Conference, Ms Gillian M Dascombe.

1/3 The Conference adjourned at 15.26.

1/4 The Conference reassembled at 16.15.

1/5 **MEMBERSHIP OF THE CONFERENCE**

The Conference adopted the membership of this Session of the Conference, being those presbyters who are listed in the Agenda (pp 552-559) as members of the Representative Session, with any substitutions duly made, together with the officers of this session appointed by the last Conference, associate members, and those presbyters listed in the Agenda (p 560) who have received the permission of their Synods or, where appropriate, the President to attend this Session by their own arrangement, with the following corrections:

Liverpool District

Adding The Revd Andrew J Lunn (*vice a Deacon*)

Associate Members

For 'to be confirmed Methodist Church Sierra Leone' *reading*

Bishop Hannah Faal-Heim Methodist Church The Gambia

For 'to be confirmed The Methodist Church in Fiji' *reading*

The Revd David Bush The Methodist Church of New Zealand

Presbyters attending the Conference at their own expense

Deleting The Revds J Laurence Bullas, Nigel Cowgill, James A Heap and Sandra Heap and The Revd Dr Neil G Richardson

1/6 **LETTERS**

The Conference directed that letters of greeting be sent to presbyters with more than 70 years of service:

The Revd John D Ashplant (1945)
The Revd Leonard G Bridgeman (1945)
The Revd T Brian Coleman (1945)
The Revd James W Errington (1945)
The Revd William Farrell (1945)
The Revd John Garfoot (1942)
The Revd Dr Ronald C Gibbins (1945)
The Revd Robert O Higginson (1945)
The Revd Eric Jones (1942)
The Revd James Mills (1943)
The Revd R Keith Parsons (1938)
The Revd Wallace H White (1945)

- 1/7 **HOURS OF SESSION**
The Conference agreed that these should be 14.15-15.45 and 16.15-18.15 on Thursday, 25 June; 09.15-10.45, 11.15-12.45, 14.15-14.45, 15.15-16.30 and 17.00-18.30 on Friday, 26 June.
- 1/8 **APPOINTMENT OF SCRUTINEERS**
The Conference appointed the Committee of Scrutineers as follows:
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| The Revd Richard J Byass | The Revd Leslie Jones |
| The Revd Olufemi R W Cole-Njie | The Revd Dr Paul Nzacahayo |
| The Revd Robert O Hilton | The Revd Paul Rees |
- 1/9 **APPOINTMENT OF ATTESTORS**
The Revds Kavula J John and Adam J Stevenson were appointed to attest the 'written portion' of the Daily Record of the Presbyteral Session.
- 1/10 **63. THE REPORT OF THE PRESBYTERAL SESSION BUSINESS COMMITTEE**
The Conference adopted Resolution 63/1.
- 1/11 **6. CONFERENCE ARRANGEMENTS**
The Conference adopted Resolutions 6/3, 6/4, 6/5 and 6/6.
- 1/12 The President led the Conference in a discussion on the theme ***Issues of Responsibility, Supervision and Accountability in Ministerial Practice.***
- 1/13 The Conference shared in worship, and adjourned at 18.01.

2/1 The Conference assembled at 09.15, and shared in worship.

2/2 **OBITUARIES**

2/2/1 The Conference adopted the Obituaries as printed and circulated to the Conference, and the Obituaries below,

directing that if, after checks have been carried out in the Conference library, it is necessary to correct inaccuracies in these Obituaries, the Secretary of the Conference be authorised to make such corrections before the Obituaries are published in the Minutes of the Conference.

[The following amendments were made to Obituaries after Conference: In the Obituary for Dorothy Joan Glover, 'Queen's College' was corrected to 'Wesley House, Cambridge'. In the Obituary for Alan Weatherspoon, after the end of the sentence which finishes 'in Chester', a new sentence was inserted saying, "He appreciated the support and confirmation of his ministry especially within his family and within the Sectors.']

2/2/2 **1. In Great Britain**

David Frederick Clarke: Born in Drybeck, Appleby, Westmorland on 20 April 1933. He spent his first nineteen years at "Newlands", in the quiet security of a loving Methodist farming family. He was educated at Oakbeck Primary School and Appleby Grammar School. After national service in the RAF, he trained at Wesley College, Headingley, where he was also College Organist. He graduated from Leeds University with a BA (Theology) in 1958 and was admitted to the degrees of MPhil (Church History) in 1971 and PhD (History and Phenomenology of Religion) in 1983, at Leeds and Leicester Universities respectively. He served in the following circuits: Pateley Bridge, Bacup, Lancaster, Coalville, Coventry, Kineton and Barking & Ilford. David was chairman of the West Midlands Wesley Historical Society (1988-92), contributing articles and a review in its journal. In 1989 the Royal Army Ordnance Corps published his booklet on Chaplaincy to the Forces, which was also used by the Home Mission Division. He was a member of the working party which brought a report on Sabbaticals to the 1985 conference, and then became involved in ministerial further training, including District Sabbatical Secretary. Beginning in the sixties, he led annual circuit midnight hikes to the summits of Ingleborough, Coniston Old Man and others; there were dawn services on each summit, in which hundreds of young people took part. Beginning in the seventies, he led annual pilgrimages to the Royal Albert Hall where, among others, Coventry, Kineton and Dagenham Methodists sang "Messiah from Scratch". His wife, Elaine, had the great ability to make him laugh, which, in two circuits, was very necessary. They retired to Dagenham in 1997, David becoming assistant organist at Romford Trinity and later, at Wesley's Chapel, City Road. David reluctantly moved to Cornwall to be near his caring daughter, Joanne. He is also survived by his son Julian, whose brother, David, died at the age of 27. David died on the 23 September 2014 in the eighty-second year of his age and the fifty-sixth year of his ministry.

2/2/3 **James Gartside:** Born in Chadderton, Oldham on 11 March 1927. Jim was dyslexic and was told that he was not bright enough to become a carpenter. Becoming an office boy in a dyeing and finishing mill, Jim's intelligence and Protestant work ethic

ensured him rapid promotion. Jim's war experience with the Royal Navy caused him to reflect deeply. Returning to work at the mill, work colleagues reintroduced Jim to the church; as a child he had attended a Methodist Sunday School. During his final year of training at Hartley Victoria College, Jim met Patricia Summersgill. They were married on 14 August 1958, after which Jim took up his probationer appointment. He served in the following circuits: Stockport (South), Pontefract, Bradford (Woodhouse Grove), Orrell and Lamberhead Green, Southport, Leeds (South), and Shipley and Bingley. Devoted to Pat, and justly proud of his three daughters – Delia, Katy and Sally – Jim was a creative, inspirational and 'hands-on' father. A staunch Lancastrian, whenever his family was living outside the county Jim regarded himself as a missionary. Jim's ministry focussed on the 'common man', with outreach expressed in practical as well as spiritual terms in the economically and socially challenged communities to which he felt drawn. A good administrator, Jim had limited patience with status, politics or hierarchies. Keen on social equality and ecumenism, Jim was disappointed with the outcome of the Methodist/Anglican talks of the 1960s. A life-long learner and self-improver, Rotary provided Jim with an escape from a household of women. He enjoyed DIY and had an enormous collection of tools kept in an orderly fashion in his workshop. Jim's dry and mischievous sense of humour ensured that there was always laughter when he was around; something which he put to good use in home and social life as well as at work. Ill health led to Jim's early retirement, but he found great fulfilment in ministry as an active supernumerary in Flamborough. Moving to Bedford to be nearer to family, Jim spent much of the last decade caring devotedly for Pat as she developed Alzheimer's, which caused him great pain. Survived by Pat, his three daughters and six grandchildren, Jim died on 10 April 2015 in the eighty-ninth year of his age and the fifty-seventh year of his ministry.

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Ronald Kettell: Born in the village of Butt Lane, Newcastle-under-Lyme on 9 April 1920. He worked at Wolstanton County Grammar School as a laboratory technician for 7 years, and passed his local preachers exams aged 19. In 1942, Ron was called up, joining the Bradford Royal Artillery Signals Regiment, and was posted on active service to India and Burma. He assisted the padres with services, and also preached with the chaplain to camouflaged units of troops in the tea plantations of Assam. Ron trained at Wesley College, Headingley, being ordained at the Newcastle-on-Tyne Conference in July 1947. They were called the 1940 men, because of the different circumstances of their candidature due to the war. It was recognised by the Methodist Conference that their status as being in Full Connexion would date from 1943. Ron married his fiancée Ethel Burndred the week after his ordination, following a seven year engagement. They had a daughter Cynthia and a son Peter. He served in the following circuits, Cheadle Staffs, Macclesfield, Long Eaton, Oakham, Burslem Hill Top, Wolstanton and Audley, Wem and Prees Green, Dudley, and Grantham. While in Oakham, Ron was Methodist chaplain at Ashwell Open Prison and RAF Cottesmore. In 1985, Ron retired to Wilmslow and became chaplain for twelve years at the NHS Stepping Hill Hospital. He is remembered as a gentle man with great strength of character, excellent pastoral care and great kindness. Due to illness Ron moved to Bignall End, close to his daughter and was registered blind in 2004. His strong Christian faith supported him as he found different ways to enjoy life. Aged 93, Ron moved into residential care, and two years later to nursing care in 2015. Ron's ministry was a varied and full one. He was a good listener and encouraged many local preachers through their exams. His faith and his love for the Lord gave him strength, especially through the trials of his later life. His wife, Ethel who sadly died in 2005, lovingly supported Ron throughout his ministry. He died on 23 May 2015, in the ninety-sixth year of his age, and in the seventy-second year of his ministry.

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Arthur Penlington Middlehurst: Born in St Helens into a Methodist family on 9 June 1918. The family moved to Liverpool where he joined The Boys Brigade at Aintree Methodist Church and was received into church membership. He entered the ministry in 1942 after training at Didsbury and Hartley Victoria Colleges. He offered for overseas work in Africa but due to wartime restrictions on travel he was sent to Ceylon (now Sri Lanka). He began his ministry there in 1943 and served in Matara, Badulla, and Kandy. In Kandy he was officiating nonconformist chaplain to South East Asia Command Headquarters and for a time was officiating chaplain to The East Indies Fleet at Trincomalee. His fiancée Anne Lowton, a Methodist from Prescott came from England to join him after three and a half years wartime separation and they were married at Kandy Methodist Church on 11 February 1946. Anne was to be an unstinting support throughout his ministry. Their first child David was born in Ceylon. In 1948 the family returned to England where he served in the following circuits: Runcorn, Northwich (Middlewich), Droylsden, Widnes, Redruth, Birkenhead, Newquay and Walkden and Worsley. Sons Peter and Philip were born at Chester and Droylsden. Arthur enjoyed singing and when the 'new' hymn book, 'Hymns and Psalms' was introduced, while he was in circuit at Walkden, he undertook to be sponsored to raise money for a local good cause and sang continuously a verse from every hymn in the 'old' book, including verses to the additional tunes - a total of 1008! On his retirement to Hoylake he was active in the circuit and beyond conducting worship. He often gave illustrated talks on Methodism and travelled around the Wirral and Liverpool, including the Anglican Cathedral where he became an accredited guide. Arthur cared deeply for people and simply hoped to be a minister of God to them as well as he was able. He died on 14 May 2015 in the eighty-seventh year of his age and the seventy-third year of his ministry.

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John Gordon Mitchell: Born in Greenock, Renfrewshire on 3 July 1929 the eldest of four children of John and Annie and baptized in the Church of Scotland. He left school at 14, worked briefly on a farm, and then gained an engineering apprenticeship. During this time he was a band member in the Salvation Army, but later was influenced greatly by the minister and people of Roxburgh Methodist Church, where in Boys Brigade, Youth Fellowship and as superintendent of the Sunday School, he played an integral part. He became a Fully Accredited Local Preacher in 1949 and then was accepted for ordained ministry and trained at Wesley College Headingley in 1950, where mixed with his studies he was the football team's goalkeeper and Sports Secretary. During his candidating process a friendship grew with Chris, but marriage had to wait until after ordination in 1956, beginning a partnership that enriched the Church. They had two children Anabel and Elspeth. He served in the following circuits: North of Scotland Mission, Haltwhistle, Sunderland North, Newcastle Mission, Consett, and Chair of Newcastle upon Tyne District. During his ministry he held many district and connexional roles including Synod Secretary. John was an excellent pastor, approachable; always having time for people, greatly revered for his excellent memory. His immaculate preparation for meetings always began with careful devotions that were meaningful and inspiring and his leading of worship and preaching was of a high order and when he stepped down from this he continued his pearls of wisdom in his blog. He was a great ecumenist, in each appointment working well to bring about closer working between denominations. A man of many parts, who loved and was loved by his family; respected and admired by his colleagues. Tidy to the last, he died on the last day of the quarter having finished his blog, the last in a trilogy, between watching the Scottish and English Cup finals on television the day before. He died on 31 May 2015 in the eighty-sixth year of his age and the sixty-second year of his ministry.

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Hubert Allan Pitts: born in Exeter on 23 September 1920 and influenced into Methodism by the Boys Brigade, having passed the Civil Service exam Hubert moved to London at 17 and trained as a Local Preacher. He served in the Admiralty before and during the War, including in Malta from 1941-45, experiencing the difficult siege conditions and continuous bombardments, but meeting Bertha, a WREN, in 1944. After the War, Hubert candidated, trained and achieved his BD at Richmond College, receiving special permission to marry (although during college still had to live apart). From 1949, Howard, Susan and Stephen were born, and they served in The Church of South India. Hubert learnt the local language; was ordained in 1950; travelled large distances by bullock cart; and later lived in basic conditions in Chamrajnagar. He established churches; trained pastors; distributed famine relief; took leading roles in schools and the Mysore mission hospital; and, moving to Bangalore, served as Diocesan Treasurer. The family returned to Bristol in 1960, although from 1961-64 Hubert returned to teach theological students in Tumkur. From 1965, Hubert served in the Folkestone, Marlborough, Bristol South, and Bristol Kingswood circuits. Enthusiastically supported by Bertha, Hubert conscientiously engaged in circuit ministry, each afternoon visiting the sick, lonely, elderly and housebound. He helped to establish Marlborough Ecumenical Parish, and was Superintendent in Bristol South. In 1985 they retired to Tewkesbury, leading retirement courses or tours to the Holy Land and India and becoming guides at the Abbey. As a scholar and ecumenist, Hubert served as an Open Learning Centre and Local Preachers Apologetics tutor; translated St Mark into Kanarese (for adaption into Braille); and delighted in music, painting, Fellowship of the Kingdom, Methodist history, and, especially, family and friends. Frail in later years from a stroke, Hubert was supported by and supported Bertha, until her passing in 2011, but even in patiently 'letting go' in these last years, Hubert's humour, grace, and quiet, strong, steadfast faith were an inspiration and encouragement to others. He died on 25 March 2015, in the ninety-fifth year of his age and sixty-eighth year of his ministry.

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2. In Ireland

David Stanley Ross, BSc, was born in Belfast on 8 June 1927. Brought up in a Presbyterian home, he was nurtured in the Christian faith from birth. He followed his father's career and became a graduate mechanical and electrical engineer, first in Harland and Wolff and subsequently in Short Brothers and Harland. In his twenties, following the death of both his parents, he came to a fresh assurance of faith. His sense of the need to share God's love with all people led to him offering, along with his wife Dorothy, for service with the Methodist Missionary Society as lay missionaries in Nigeria, where they served for three years. While in Nigeria he felt a call to ordained ministry and, returning to Ireland, offered as a candidate. Following training in Edgehill College, he was appointed to Carlow (Athy) before returning to Nigeria where he served for four years, first as chaplain and teacher in the Methodist Boys' High School, Oron, and then as tutor in New Testament in Umuahia Theological College. He was ordained at the Conference of the Methodist Church, Nigeria, in 1963. The outbreak of war in Biafra necessitated a return to Ireland, where he was appointed to Ballinamallard, and thereafter to Belfast (Jennymount), Belfast (Cregagh) and Newry. He was proud of his links with Nigeria and retained a lifelong interest in the World Church. Appointed to minister in situations of high tension, both in Nigeria and Ireland, he sought to develop links across divided communities and longed for reconciliation. He took delight in thinking and speaking of God, holding his deep evangelical faith with integrity, and expressing it both in honest, faithful, thoughtful preaching and in compassionate concern for others. He had a gentle sense of humour, and a wide knowledge and enjoyment of steam trains. His wife Dorothy, to whom he was married for sixty years, was a devoted partner throughout his ministry. They had three children, Carol, David and Heather.

Following a period of increasing frailty, he died in Cregagh Nursing Home on 28 May 2015 in the eighty-eighth year of his age and the fifty-fourth year of his ministry. His body was laid to rest in Roselawn Cemetery, Belfast.

2/3 **14. ISSUES OF CONNEXIONALISM IN THE 21ST CENTURY**

The Conference engaged in a discussion about this Report.

2/4 The Conference adjourned at 10.51.

2/5 The Conference reassembled in closed session at 11.20.

2/6 **44. PRESBYTERAL CANDIDATES AND PROBATIONERS OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE**

1. Candidates for Presbyteral Ministry

2/6/1 The Conference concurred with the recommendations of the Candidates Appeals Committee.

2/6/2 The Conference recommended, with the required majority, acceptance by the Representative Session of the following candidates, to proceed unconditionally into pre-ordination training:

Esther Akam	Anne Lawrence
Clare Anderson	Matthew Lunn
Nicola Briggs	Jonathan Paul Parker
Timothy Charles Broughton	Lyndsey Josephine Phillpot
Calvin Cheung	Christine Pamela Preece
John Colenutt	Claire Rawlinson
Philip Anthony Dixon	Karl Aidan Rutledge
Samantha Hagerman	Benjamin Scrivens
Melanie Zoe Hartley	Tony Simpson
Sydney Samuel Ekundayo Lake	Karen Siân Williams

2/6/3 The Conference adopted Resolution 44/2.

2/7 **2. Special Reports**

2/7/1 The Conference agreed that an accepted candidate who has not yet commenced training, Philip Cotton, be allowed to delay for one further year before commencing training.

2/7/2 The Conference received a report that Rebekah Joy Stennett, accepted as a candidate at the last Conference and given permission to delay entry into training, was ready to enter training in 2015.

2/7/3 The Conference agreed the following changes in expected date of Reception into Full Connexion:

To a later date:

Moses Kweku Agyam	2018 (from 2017)
Gabriele Elisabeth Britton-Voss	2017 (from 2015)
Grace Cauldwell	2019 (from 2018)
James Alan Cruddas	2016 (from 2015)
Philip John Griffin	2018 (from 2017)
Jennifer Avrille Matthews	2016 (from 2015)
Derek John McLean	2016 (from 2015)
Greg Obong-Oshotse	2018 (from 2017)

Jemina Elizabeth Strain 2016 (from 2015)
Morwenna Wills 2018 (from 2016)

2/7/4 The Conference heard special reports regarding student presbyter Grace Cauldwell and probationer presbyter Morwenna Wills.

2/7/5 The Conference heard a special report regarding student presbyter Simon Young whose expected date of Reception into Full Connexion is uncertain.

2/7/6 The Conference received a report that the probation of Leslie Dinning had been discontinued.

2/7/7 The Conference received a report that the probation of Mary Mawonera had been discontinued subject to her right to seek a further appeal, the period for which had not elapsed. The Assistant Secretary reported that if no further appeal was lodged the decision to discontinue Mrs Mawonera's probation would become effective once that period had elapsed.

2/7/8 The Conference adopted Resolution 44/1,

p 401, **1.5 Changes in expected date of Reception into Full Connexion**
(b) To a later date
adding Grace Cauldwell 2019 (from 2018)

p 402, **1.6 Special cases**
deleting Leslie Dinning
adding Grace Caudwell

1.12 Discontinuance
adding Leslie Dinning

2/8 **3. Preachers Recommended for Continuance on Trial**

The Conference adopted Resolution 44/4,

p 404, *for* Grace Cauldwell 2018 *reading* Grace Cauldwell 2019

2/9 **4. Preachers on Trial presented to the Conference for Reception into Full Connexion.**

2/9/1 The Conference accepted the recommendation of the Ministerial Candidates and Probationers Committee that the following are fit to be admitted into Full Connexion with the Conference as presbyters:

Gillian Rosemary Baalham
Karen Anne Beecham
Christopher Blackshaw
Peter Jonathon Brazier
Audrey Delores Browne
Hannah Mary Bucke
Helen Ruth Byrne
Ruth Helen Childs
Graham Keith Claydon-Knights
Christopher John Collins
Alan John Combes
Victoria Elizabeth Davidson
Catherine Dixon

Simon Christopher Edwards
Patrick Michael Evans
Nathan Stuart Falla
Anna Flindell
Christine Anne Margaret Fox
Timothy John Francis
Caroline Julia Hague
Ben Richard Haslam
Gordon William Hay
Lorette Jayne Hinson
Rachel Lesley Hope
Deborah Humphries
David Richard Lawton

Katherine Anne Leonowicz
Catherine Louise Lewis
Gillian Phillippa Long
Neil Andrew Maynard
Helen Margaret Millward
James Barrie Morley
Timothy Colin Nicholls
Barry Owen
Linda Patricia Pearce
Katherine Jill Pickering
Jarel Adrian Robinson-Brown

Simon Andrew Rose
Bruce Jonathan Sawyer
Michael Richard Simpson
Ruth Simpson
Eleanor Janet Smith
David Michael Ruthven Somerville
Sarah Sally Spencer
Sharon Jane Thraves-Pennington
Karen Webber
Denise Elaine Williamson

2/9/2 The Conference, by a Standing Vote, adopted Resolution 44/5,

P 407, for Timothy Collins Nicholls *reading* Timothy Colin Nicholls

2/10 **62. PRESBYTERAL TRANSFERS AND REINSTATEMENTS**

1. Recommendations of the Ministerial Candidates Selection Committee acting as Transfer Committee (under S.O.730)

2/10/1 The Conference accepted, with the required majority, the recommendation of the Ministerial Candidates Selection Committee that the following be received into Full Connexion by transfer in 2015:

Kong Ching Hii (The Methodist Church in Malaysia)
Bernardino Matias Mandlate (The Methodist Church of Southern Africa)

2/10/2 The Conference accepted, with the required majority, the recommendation of the Ministerial Candidates Selection Committee that the following be received by transfer to proceed into pre-ordination training and probation:

Andrew Richard Harper (United Methodist Church)
Nancy Nazi Ndoho (The Methodist Church in Kenya)

2/10/3 The Conference accepted, with the required majority, the recommendation of the Ministerial Candidates Selection Committee that the following former presbyter of another church be received into Full Connexion in 2015 (under Standing Order 731):

Arlington Wingrove Trotman (Wesleyan Holiness Church)

2/10/4 The Conference accepted the recommendation of the Ministerial Candidates Selection Committee that the following be recognised and regarded as presbyters in Full Connexion with the Conference under Standing Order 732(2) and (3):

Eric Agyenim-Boateng (The Methodist Church, Ghana)
Gyula Ferenc Fiak (Church of the Nazarene)
Japhet Kaberia Kabilu (The Methodist Church in Kenya)
Mark Robert Mander (Independent Methodist Church in Ireland)
Lansford Penn-Timothy (Congregational Evangelical Mission)

3. Recommendations for Reinstatements to Full Connexion

2/10/5 The Conference concurred with the recommendations of Reinstatement Committees and recommended to the Representative Session that John Beebe and Stephen Noel Heath be reinstated to Full Connexion.

2/10/6 The Conference adopted Resolution 62/1.

2/10/7 The Conference, by a Standing Vote, adopted Resolution 62/2.

2/11 **56. PERMISSIONS TO SERVE**

The Conference adopted Resolution 56/1,

p 520,

2. TRANSFER TO OTHER CONFERENCES AND DENOMINATIONS

Adding Suzanna Bates (United Church of Canada)

2/12 **RESIGNATIONS**

2/12/1 The Conference accepted a report that the President had accepted the resignation of the following presbyters in Full Connexion, according them the status indicated:

John W Dean	no status
Roger B Hardman	no status
Rosario Leto	no status
Ronald C J R Martin	no status
Fiona A Spandler	member
Kirk Thomasson	no status
Michael J Worsey	no status <i>[as corrected by 6/21/2]</i>

2/12/2 The Conference resolved to appoint a committee of reference in respect of the status of [a presbyter].

2/13 The Conference adjourned at 12.50.

2/14 The Conference reassembled in open session at 14.15.

2/15 **MEMORIAL SERVICE**

A solemn Memorial Service was held during which the Secretary of the Conference read the names of those presbyters who had died during the year, as follows:

1. In Great Britain

Charles Colin Allen	Rosemary Dale
Alfred John Austin	John Gordon Dawson
Eric William Baker	Andrew Douglas Cargill Deans
Ethel Myfanwy Bridges	James Henry Gordon Easthope
Phyllis Brock	Geoffrey Thackray Eddy
Colin Malcolm Brown	Christopher Gerald Edwards
Brian Frederick Burns**	John Michael Flintham
Lewis Burton	Ronald William Frost
Thomas Fielding Cawthera	James Gartside
Eric Challoner	George Edward Gittner*
David Frederick Clarke	William Bell Glenesk
Ernest Alexander Clarke	Dorothy Joan Glover
Shirley Ann Clayton*	John Allen Goodhall
Thomas Stanley Clayton	Wilfred Green*
Samuel Connolly	David Ronald Gregory
Geoffrey Richard Cornell	Edward Henry Griffiths
Denis John Creamer*	Timothy Peter Hall
John Dale	Raymond John Hodgkinson

Peter Neville Hudson**
 Geoffrey Charles Huggett**
 Raymond Hughes**
 Maurice Bernard Johnson
 Ronald Kettell**
 Donald George Knighton
 John Dempsey Knox
 David Lawrence*
 Ian William Lewis
 Alan George Loosemore
 Horace Marshall**
 Graham McIntosh
 Alan Merchant*
 Alan George Merritt
 Arthur Penlington Middlehurst
 John Gordon Mitchell
 Robert Moore*
 Peter Michael Mowbray Neatham
 Arthur Nelson
 Roy Norman Newell
 Brian Hartley Norris
 Keith John Parr
 Hubert Allan Pitts
 James Platten*
 John Proudman

Hazel Queripel**
 Inez Agatha Reid**
 Frank Rothwell
 Harry Salmon
 Raymond Edward Sargent
 Grace Mary Seymour
 Norman Raymond Skinner
 Raymond Smith
 Gerald Stanger
 Joseph Stephens
 Neville Stewart
 William Strawson
 Gordon Alfred Turner
 Arthur Sydney Valle
 Ralph Waggett
 William Ronald Waine
 Michael Bryan Walker
 Ian Campbell Waugh*
 Alan Weatherspoon
 John Peter Wheaton*
 Henry Wilkinson
 Douglas Charles Williamson
 Gordon Leighton Wilson
 Raymond Wright

2. In Ireland

Samuel Wesley Blair

David Stanley Ross

* Presbyters who had died before or during the previous Conference but whose Obituaries are presented to this Conference.

** Obituaries for these Presbyters will be presented to the next Conference.

2/16 The Conference adjourned at 14.45.

2/17 The Conference reassembled at 15.15.

2/18 The President of the Conference conducted a conversation with Bishop Ivan Abrahams, General Secretary of the World Methodist Council, and the Conference engaged in discussion.

2/19 The Conference remembered the recent tragedy at Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church, Charleston, South Carolina, in its prayers.

2/20 The Conference adjourned at 16.27.

2/21 The Conference reassembled at 17.00.

2/22 **PASTORAL ADDRESS**

The President of the Conference addressed the Conference.

- 2/23 **60. PRESBYTERS BECOMING SUPERNUMERARY OR RETURNING TO THE ACTIVE WORK**
- 2/23/1 The Conference adopted Resolution 60/1,
 p 538,
 in **1. Recommended to return to the active work** for 'No case' reading
 Andrew Orton, Alfred H Williams
- in **3. Presbyters requesting permission to become supernumerary** adding
 John C A Barrett (47)
 *Mark M Roper (22)
 *Steven Talbot (10)
- 2/23/2 The Conference adopted Resolution 60/2, noting the additions under **3.** above.
- 2/24 **THANKS TO THE PRESIDENT**
 The Revd Ruth M Gee expressed the thanks of the Conference to the President of the Conference.
- 2/25 **LETTERS**
 Letters of greeting and concern were sent in the name of the Conference to The Revd Dr Margaret A Goodall, The Revd Sandra Heap, Mrs Audrey Lewis and The Revd Robert Senior.
- 2/26 **ANNUAL INQUIRY**
 The Chairs of the Districts gave to the Conference the assurances as to the character and discipline of the presbyters and presbyteral probationers required by Standing Order 154.
- 2/27 The Conference shared in worship.
- 2/28 The Conference resolved by a Standing Vote to adjourn to 14.15 on Saturday 27 June for the Representative Session.
- 2/29 The Conference adjourned at 18.13.

3/1 The Conference in its Representative Session assembled in Southport, at 14.15, The Revd Kenneth G Howcroft, the President of the Conference, in the Chair.

3/2 **PRAYERS**

The President of the Methodist Church in Ireland, The Revd Brian Anderson, led opening prayers.

3/3 **WELCOME TO THE CONFERENCE**

The Secretary welcomed the Conference.

3/4 **MEMBERSHIP OF THE CONFERENCE**

The Conference adopted the membership of this session of the Conference as set out in the Agenda (pp 552-559), as amended by Daily Record 1/5 and the following substitutions and corrections:

Warden of the Methodist Diaconal Order

Deacon Karen McBride *vice* Deacon Susan W Culver

Youth Assembly representatives

Ms Rebecca Belshaw *vice* Mr Gethin Wood

Liverpool District

The Revd Andrew J Lunn *vice* Deacon Judith Ireland

Manchester and Stockport District

Ms Diana Ogden *vice* Mrs Ling Henry

Plymouth and Exeter District

Mr David Watson *vice* Ms Jane Allin

London District

Mr Anthony Boateng *vice* Ms Barbara Eze

Associate Members

recording that Bishop Samuel Aguilar-Curi of Iglesia Metodista del Perú is unable to attend [as corrected by 6/21/3]

3/5 **APPOINTMENT OF SCRUTINEERS**

The Conference appointed the Scrutineers as follows:

Mr Timothy Baker
The Revd Richard J Byass
The Revd Olufemi R W Cole-Njie
Mrs Angela Doyle
Mrs Jennie Harris
Deacon Katharine A C Hays
The Revd Robert O Hilton
The Revd Leslie Jones

Ms Hayley Moss
The Revd Dr Paul Nzacahayo
The Revd Paul Rees
Ms Virtue Ryan
Mrs Caroline Stead
Mrs Jessica Taylor
Mrs Christine Thompson

3/6 **PRESIDENT AND VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE CONFERENCE**

3/6/1 The Revd Steven James Wild, having been nominated according to rule at the preceding Conference, was duly elected by a Standing Vote as President of the Conference (Resolution 1/1).

3/6/2 Dr Barbara Jill Barber, having been nominated according to rule at the preceding Conference, was duly elected by a Standing Vote as Vice-President of the Conference (Resolution 1/2).

3/6/3 The Induction of the President and the Vice-President took place.

3/7 **THE LOYAL ADDRESS**

The Conference directed that a letter of greeting be sent to Her Majesty the Queen.

3/8 **WORLD CHURCH AND ECUMENICAL REPRESENTATIVES AND GUESTS**

3/8/1 The Conference welcomed full members and Associate members of the Conference from Eglise Protestante Méthodiste du Bénin, Methodist Church Ghana, Methodist Church Nigeria, United Church of Zambia, Methodist Church The Gambia, Opera per le Chiese Evangelische Metodiste in Italia (OPCEMI), United Methodist Church Central Conferences of Central and Southern Europe, Germany (Evangelisch-methodistische Kirche) and Northern Europe, Igreja Evangelica Metodista Portuguesa, Iglesia Evangélica Metodista en El Salvador, Iglesia Metodista de Columbia, The Methodist Church, Sri Lanka, The United Church in the Solomon Islands, The Methodist Church of New Zealand, The United Methodist Church and The Methodist Church in Ireland, and from among our Mission Partners.

3/8/2 The Revd Eduardo Manuel da Silva Conde De Almeida of Igreja Evangelica Metodista Portuguesa responded on behalf of the World Church representatives.

3/8/3 The Conference welcomed local ecumenical and interfaith guests: Lay Canon Maggie Swinson of Liverpool Cathedral, The Rt Revd Thomas Williams, Auxiliary Bishop for the Archdiocese of Liverpool, and Mr Zia Chaudhry and Dr Shiv Pande of the Merseyside Council of Faiths.

3/8/4 The Conference welcomed the President's ecumenical guests: The Revd Roger Bush, Dean of Truro Cathedral, Canon David Smith, Secretary of Churches Together in Cornwall, Mr Phillip Rodda, Director of Ambassadors for Christ, and The Rt Revd Timothy M Thornton, the Bishop of Truro.

3/8/5 The Conference welcomed the ecumenical Associate members of the Conference from The Church of England, The United Reformed Church, Pioneer and The Church of Scotland.

3/8/6 The Rt Revd Timothy M Thornton, the Bishop of Truro, responded on behalf of the ecumenical and interfaith representatives and guests.

3/9 **PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS**

The President of the Conference delivered his inaugural address.

3/10 The Conference adjourned at 15.54.

3/11 The Conference reassembled at 17.00.

3/12 **THE VICE-PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS**

The Vice-President of the Conference delivered her inaugural address.

3/13 The Conference adjourned at 17.43.

3/14 The Conference reassembled at 17.50.

3/15 **HOURS OF SESSION**

The Conference agreed that the hours of session from Monday 29 June should be 09.15-10.45; 11.15-12.45; 14.15-16.30; and 17.00-18.45.

3/16 **2. FIRST REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE BUSINESS COMMITTEE**

The Conference adopted Resolution 2/1.

3/17 **SECOND REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE BUSINESS COMMITTEE**

3/17/1 The Business Committee brings this update to its Report printed in volume 1 of the Agenda (item 2, page 21).

1. As set out in paragraph 7 of that report (page 25), the Conference is required to elect one member of the Business Committee, a minister, to serve on the Committee for three years (the Conferences of 2016, 2017 and 2018). Nomination forms are available from the Helpdesk and should be placed in the ballot boxes by 14:00 on Tuesday 30 June with voting taking place on Wednesday 1 July.
2. Nomination forms for Conference-elected representatives are available from the Helpdesk. This year, of the three Conference-elected representatives to serve from 2016-2018, two will be lay and one will be diaconal, thus fulfilling SO 103(2A). Nominations must be submitted by 14:00 on Tuesday 30 June with voting taking place on Wednesday 1 July.
3. The schedule of business has been available on the Conference website and regularly updated. It now shows the current situation. Any Conference member wishing to have a hard copy can obtain one from the Helpdesk.
4. The Conference is advised that in the event of a counted vote on Saturday, the count will be conducted by the scrutineers who are presbyters, the Chief Scrutineer and the Chair of the Conference Business Committee. Normal scrutineering arrangements will begin on Monday morning.
5. Nominees for President and Vice-President of the Conference for 2016 and as Conference-elected Representatives 2016-2018 are kindly asked to have their photographs taken, for use in the visual projection during breaks. Would they please see John Howard-Norman in the Conference Arrangements Team office in the Waterfront Room 2 as soon as possible and no later than the respective closing times for nominations given in the Agenda page 26. In the event that nominees are not present at the Conference, it would be most helpful if those making the nominations could arrange for nominees' photos to be sent electronically to asc@methodistchurch.org.uk
6. There are two ballot boxes on each side of the hall. These can all be used at any time on Saturday until 19:00 and from Monday morning onwards for all nomination papers and for all completed ballot papers, strictly observing the

deadlines given on page 26 of the Agenda. Please do not place your envelope with your completed Trustee Declaration Form and Register of Interest form in these boxes; they should be deposited in the box by the Helpdesk.

7. Upon the recommendation of the Memorials Committee, all Memorials will either be taken with existing business to which they relate or placed in *en bloc* as shown in the table below [*table not included in the Record*].
8. Please note that the following members of the Conference are available to offer help in the drafting of notices of motion:
The Revd Dr Keith Davies (kjs.davies63@btopenworld.com)
Mr David S Walton (David.Walton@dwf.co.uk)
Mrs Louise C Wilkins (WilkinsL@methodistchurch.org.uk).
9. The list of *en bloc* items of business (page 27) has since been updated and is as printed below [*list not included in the Record*]. Agenda item 29. MDO General Report has now been removed from the *en bloc* list following a request from six members of the Conference. It will be taken at either 11.15am on Tuesday 30 June or 14.15pm on Wednesday 1 July.

3/17/2 The Conference adopted as Resolution B/1:

The Conference receives the Report.

3/18 **61. REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE DIACONAL COMMITTEE**

3/18/1 The Conference adopted Resolution 61/1,

p 542, **4. Training and Probation**

Special cases:

deleting Liane Justine Elizabeth Kensett

Withdrawals:

(c) Probationers

for 'No case' reading Liane Justine Elizabeth Kensett

p 545, **7. Resignations**

for 'No case' reading Susan E Huband

3/18/2 The Conference adopted Resolution 61/3, noting the corrections under **4. Training and probation** above.

3/19 **5. APPOINTMENT OF THE SECRETARY AND ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE CONFERENCE**

The Conference adopted Resolutions 5/1 and 5/2.

3/20 **36A. CONNEXIONAL CENTRAL SERVICES BUDGET**

The budget was presented.

3/21 **MEMORIALS**

The Assistant Secretary of the Conference presented the replies to Memorials.

3/22 The Conference adjourned at 18.35.

- 4/1 The Conference assembled at 10.45.
- 4/2 The Conference shared in worship, during which the President preached, and the following business was transacted.
- 4/3 **RECEPTION INTO FULL CONNEXION AS PRESBYTERS**
The following persons were presented for admission into Full Connexion, the Presbyteral Session having judged that they were fit for such admission and, if appropriate, for ordination:
- 4/3/1 The preachers on trial:
- | | |
|------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Gillian Rosemary Baalham | Deborah Humphries |
| Karen Anne Beecham | David Richard Lawton |
| Christopher Blackshaw | Katherine Anne Leonowicz |
| Peter Jonathon Brazier | Catherine Louise Lewis |
| Audrey Delores Browne | Gillian Phillippa Long |
| Hannah Mary Bucke | Neil Andrew Maynard |
| Helen Ruth Byrne | Helen Margaret Millward |
| Ruth Helen Childs | James Barrie Morley |
| Graham Keith Claydon-Knights | Timothy Colin Nicholls |
| Christopher John Collins | Barry Owen |
| Alan John Combes | Linda Patricia Pearce |
| Victoria Elizabeth Davidson | Katherine Jill Pickering |
| Catherine Dixon | Jarel Adrian Robinson-Brown |
| Simon Christopher Edwards | Simon Andrew Rose |
| Patrick Michael Evans | Bruce Jonathan Sawyer |
| Nathan Stuart Falla | Michael Richard Simpson |
| Anna Flindell | Ruth Simpson |
| Christine Anne Margaret Fox | Eleanor Janet Smith |
| Timothy John Francis | David Michael Ruthven Somerville |
| Caroline Julia Hague | Sarah Sally Spencer |
| Ben Richard Haslam | Sharon Jane Thraves-Pennington |
| Gordon William Hay | Karen Webber |
| Lorette Jayne Hinson | Denise Elaine Williamson |
| Rachel Lesley Hope | |
- 4/3/2 Three people to be received by transfer:
- Kong Ching Hii
Bernardino Matias Mandlate
Arlington Wingrove Trotman
- 4/3/3 Two people to be reinstated:
- John Beebe
Stephen Noel Heath

4/3/4 The Conference resolved by a Standing Vote that those persons whose names had been read to the Conference and are printed in the Agenda and Daily Record be now received into Full Connexion with the Conference as presbyters, and that those not already ordained, be ordained by prayer and the laying on of hands on the afternoon of this day, the twenty-eighth of June 2015, at:

Chester Cathedral
Holy Trinity, Southport
Leyland Road Methodist Church, Southport
Linacre Methodist Mission
Liverpool Cathedral
Trinity with Palm Grove United Reformed and Methodist Church, Birkenhead

(Resolution 44/6) *[as corrected by 7/32/2]*

4/4 **RECEPTION INTO FULL CONNEXION AS DEACONS**

4/4/1 The following persons were presented for admission into Full Connexion and as full members of the Methodist Diaconal Order, the Conference Diaconal Committee having judged that they were fit for such admission and, if appropriate, for ordination:

Prudence Elizabeth Cahill
Dawn Nicola Canham
Sheila Mary Dawson
Michaela Jayne Doherty
Annette Sharp
Joy Anne Sykes
Jill Taylor
Liesl Collette Warren
Linda Watkin

4/4/2 The Conference resolved by a Standing Vote that those persons whose names had 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 twenty-eighth of June 2015, at Blackburn Cathedral.

(Resolution 61/4)

4/5 The Conference adjourned at 12.13.

5/1 The Conference assembled at 9.15, and was led in worship by the Methodist Peace Fellowship.

5/2 **APPOINTMENT OF ATTESTORS**

5/2/1 Mr John Cooper and Deacon Josephine F A Critchley were appointed to attest the Daily Record and related documents.

5/2/2 The Revd J A Jade Bath and Mr R Arfon Williams were appointed to attest the Journal and related documents.

5/3 **LETTERS**

5/3/1 The Conference directed that letters of thanks be sent to those responsible for the Conference and Ordination Services and those who took part in them.

5/4 **FIRST REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE FINANCIAL COMMITTEE**

5/4/1 The Conference Financial Committee exists under Standing Order 136A to identify all resolutions in the Agenda or otherwise circulated to the Conference which would have financial implications, other than those for which provision has already been made in the budget, and shall notify the Conference accordingly.

Report 57 'District Resolution' asks the Conference to direct the Methodist Council and the Heritage Committee to liaise with the Cornwall District regarding the provision of "a worker to develop the Methodist heritage across the county". The report recognises that the resolution has financial implications which it hopes would fall into the budget of 2016/17.

The Financial Committee has no remit to comment on the merits of the proposal, but affirms the suggestion that if such a post was to be created and funded from within the Connexional Central Services Budget then it should be included as part of the 2016/17 budget. As such any recommendation should be included within the draft budget that will be proposed to the Finance Sub-committee of the Strategy and Resources Committee in February 2016; ie the proposal will need to be made by the end of January 2016 to fit within normal budget timescales.

The Committee reminds the Conference that it resolved in 2014 that provision be made to fund a worker at each of the four core heritage sites as defined in Standing Order 337(1)(vi) from within the connexional budget. The agreed provision is £35k per annum from the Connexional Priority Fund (CPF), rising annually in line with increases in the Council's pay scales.

It seems reasonable to assume that should resolution 57/1 be adopted and the resultant conversations produce a recommendation that a post be created within the Cornwall District, that the budget cost would be the same as the existing posts.

5/4/2 The Conference adopted as Resolution F1:

The Conference receives the Report.

- 5/5 **27. GENERAL SECRETARY'S REPORT**
- 5/5/1 The Conference adopted Resolutions 27/1 and 27/2.
- 5/5/2 **Notice of Motion 2015/101: Flourishing, fruitfulness and growth**
 The Conference welcomes the work of the Connexional Leaders' Forum (CLF) on 'the accountability and flourishing of our ministers and the fruitfulness and growth of our churches' (as outlined in paragraph 16 (Agenda p230) of Item 27. The General Secretary's Report) and invites the CLF to bring a report of their discussions via the Council to the Conference as soon as possible for wider discussion and action.
- The Conference adopted the Motion.
- 5/6 **18. UNIFIED STATEMENT OF CONNEXIONAL FINANCES**
 The Conference adopted Resolution 18/1.
- 5/7 **22. METHODIST COUNCIL part 1**
 The Conference adopted Resolutions 22/1, 22/2 and 22/6.
- 5/8 The Conference adjourned at 10.43.
- 5/9 The Conference reassembled at 11.15.
- 5/10 **47. SAFEGUARDING GENERAL REPORT**
- 5/10/1 The Conference adopted Resolutions 47/1, 47/2 and 47/3.
- 5/10/2 **Memorial M24 – Safeguarding Co-ordinators**
 The Conference received Memorial M24 and adopted as its reply that recommended by the Memorials Committee, both Memorial and reply appearing on pp 24-25 of the Supplement to the Agenda entitled 'Memorials to the Conference' (hereinafter 'Agenda Supplement').
- 5/11 **48. PAST CASES REVIEW: IMPLEMENTATION**
- 5/11/1 The Conference, by a Standing Vote, adopted Resolution 48/1,
amending the Report of Past Cases Review: *Courage, Cost and Hope* as follows:
 p 35, section H.3.6, para 4, line 1,
for 'mange' reading 'manage'
- p 70, graph C.2.1.b, *replacing* the percentage figures *with*:
 (27%), (0%), (5%), (6%), (12%), (4%), (35%), (2%), (9%)
- 5/11/2 The Conference adopted Resolution 48/2,
Agenda p 486, adding
 Chair: The Revd Gwyneth M Owen - Superintendent of the Christchurch and Wimborne Circuit with wide experience of issues of supervision
 The Revd Dr Stuart Jordan - Chair of the London District, becoming supernumerary in 2015
- 5/11/3 The Conference adopted Resolution 48/3.

- 5/12 The Conference shared in worship and adjourned at 12.52.
- 5/13 The Conference reassembled at 14.15, and engaged in workshops on the subjects ***Marriage and Relationships, World Church Engagement Strategy, Resourcing Leadership and Releasing Property for Mission.***
- 5/14 The Conference reassembled in full session at 15.45.
- 5/15 **38. FAITH AND ORDER COMMITTEE**
The Conference adopted Resolutions 38/1 and 38/2.
- 5/16 **19. DISTRICT CHAIRS IN SCOTLAND AND SHETLAND ISLANDS**
The Conference adopted Resolutions 19/1, 19/2 and 19/3.
- 5/17 **41. COMMITTEE ON METHODIST LAW AND POLITY (2)**
The Conference adopted Resolutions 41/9 and 41/10.
- 5/18 **42. RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF MOTION 206 (2012)**
The Conference adopted Resolutions 42/1 and 42/2.
- 5/19 The Conference adjourned at 16.31.
- 5/20 The Conference reassembled at 17.00.
- 5/21 **DAILY RECORD**
- 5/21/1 The Daily Record of the Presbyteral Session on Thursday, 25 June and Friday, 26 June was presented, taken as read, and adopted as printed.
- 5/21/2 The Daily Record for Saturday, 27 June and Sunday, 28 June was presented, taken as read, and adopted as printed.
- 5/21/3 The Written Portion of the Daily Record of the Presbyteral Session was presented in headings only and adopted.
- 5/22 **11. 3GENERATE**
- 5/22/1 The Conference adopted Resolutions 11/1, 11/2 and 11/3.
- 5/22/2 **Memorial M23 – Induction of Youth Presidents**
The Conference received Memorial M23 and adopted as its reply that recommended by the Memorials Committee, both Memorial and reply appearing on p 24 of the Agenda Supplement.
- 5/23 **17. COMMITTEE ON METHODIST LAW AND POLITY (1)**
- 5/23/1 The Conference renumbered the two Resolutions on Agenda p 112 as Resolutions 17/6a and 17/6b respectively.
- 5/23/2 The Conference adopted Resolutions 17/1, 17/2, 17/3, 17/4, 17/5, 17/6a and 17/6b.
- 5/23/3 The Conference adopted Resolutions 17/7 and 17/8,

p 114 Standing Order 806, *inserting new sub-clause:*
(8) The provisions in Standing Order 807A, 807B, 807C and 807D are intended to reflect as closely as possible the statutory provisions for maternity and paternity leave, shared parental leave and adoption leave and should be interpreted to reflect this intention.'

p 115 Standing Order 807A,
replacing the proposed sub-clause (2)(iv) with:
if ordinary and additional maternity leave is to be shared, what part of the total entitlement to such leave the claimant intends to take, and on what dates, giving at least 8 weeks' notice.

p 116 Standing Order 807A,
amending sub-clause (4)(c) to read:
Subject to Standing Order 806(6), a qualifying person **or persons** taking **or sharing** maternity leave may, with the consent of the responsible officers, fulfil the responsibilities of ~~her~~ **the** appointment for up to ~~120~~ days in total (but not during compulsory maternity leave) without bringing ~~her~~ maternity leave to an end or extending the entitlement to maternity leave. This clause does not confer any right on a qualifying person taking maternity leave to fulfil the responsibilities of ~~her~~ **the** appointment, nor any right on the responsible officers to require a qualifying person taking maternity leave to fulfil the responsibilities of ~~her~~ **the** appointment.

Standing Order 807B,
amending sub-clause (1)(iii) to read:
living with the child's mother **or father** in an enduring family relationship but not an immediate relative.

5/23/4 The Conference adopted Resolution 17/9.

5/23/5 The Conference adopted Resolution 17/10,

p 120, Standing Order 512B(2)(ii)(b)
*for **Standing Order 930(4) or 931(1)***
*reading **Standing Order 930(4) or 931(1) or Section 98***

amending the proposed new Standing Order 512B(6)(i) by inserting:
subject to clauses (7) and (9) below,
at the beginning of the paragraph

amending the proposed new Standing Order 512B(6)(ii) to read:
... except to the extent that the direction applies them, which it may do with or without amendment. The direction shall in any event make provision for the chairing of circuit bodies;

in the proposed Standing Order 512B(6)(ii)
*for **except to the extent that the direction applies to them***
*reading **except to the extent that the direction applies them***

p 121, at the end of the proposed new Standing Order 512B(7) *adding:*
Any such appeal shall be brought by notice in writing signed by the chair and at least two other members of the old Circuit Meeting with the authority of the members of that Circuit Meeting given at a meeting convened for the purpose. The old Circuit Meeting shall be treated as remaining in existence solely for the purpose of holding such a meeting and deciding whether or not

to appeal. The membership of the old Circuit Meeting for this purpose shall consist of the members who constituted the members of the Circuit Meeting immediately prior to the making of the direction.

amending the proposed new Standing Order 512B(9) to read:

(9) The authorised body shall keep under review the question whether any such direction need remain in effect and if satisfied that it need no longer do so shall withdraw it in writing. Without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing, the authorised body shall in any event withdraw the direction no later than the end of the connexional year following the year in which the direction was made unless it resolves that the direction remains necessary, in which case it shall provide the members of the old Circuit Meeting, as far as reasonably possible, with a written copy of the resolution and an explanation of the reasons for it. The same procedure shall be followed in the next and each subsequent connexional year until the direction is withdrawn.

and adding new clauses to read:

(10) The members of the old Circuit Meeting, or any three of them, may at any time apply to the authorised body to withdraw such a direction, except that:

- (i) no such application shall be made within three months of a previous application;**
- (ii) no application by three members shall be entertained if it is made within three months after the old Circuit Meeting decided not to make such an application at a meeting held for the purpose of considering whether or not to do so.**

The last two sentences of clause (7) above shall apply mutatis mutandis for the purpose of enabling such a meeting to be held.

(11) If a direction is withdrawn the old Circuit Meeting shall be treated as reconstituted with a membership consisting as far as possible of those members who constituted the membership of the Circuit Meeting prior to the making of the direction and so that any members who would have ceased to be members by effluxion of time shall be treated as remaining members until the end of the connexional year in which the direction is withdrawn.

(12) At all times while a direction is in effect, the members of the old Circuit Meeting are obliged to do everything which may reasonably be required by the new Circuit Meeting to enable it effectively to exercise all its powers and discharge all its responsibilities.

Standing Order 611A(2)(ii)(b)
for **Standing Order 930(4) or 931(1)**
reading **Standing Order 930(4) or 931(1) or Section 98**

p 122, *amending the proposed new Standing Order 611A(6)(i) by inserting:*
subject to clauses (7) and (9) below,
at the beginning of the paragraph.

amending the proposed new Standing Order 611A(6)(ii) to read:

... except to the extent that the direction applies them, which it may do with or without amendment. The direction shall in any event make provision for the chairing of local bodies in that Local Church;

at the end of the proposed new Standing Order 611A(7) adding:

Any such appeal shall be brought by notice in writing signed by the chair and at least two other members of the old Church Council with the authority of the members of that Church Council given at a meeting convened for the purpose. The old Church Council shall be treated as remaining in existence solely for the purpose of holding such a meeting and deciding whether or not to appeal. The membership of the old Church Council for this purpose shall consist of the members who constituted the members of the Church Council immediately prior to the making of the direction.

p 123, amending the proposed new Standing Order 611A(9) to read:

(9) The authorised body shall keep under review the question whether any such direction need remain in effect and if satisfied that it need no longer do so shall withdraw it in writing. Without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing, the authorised body shall in any event withdraw the direction no later than the end of the connexional year following the year in which the direction was made unless it resolves that the direction remains necessary, in which case it shall provide the members of the old Church Council, as far as reasonably possible, with a written copy of the resolution and an explanation of the reasons for it. The same procedure shall be followed in the next and each subsequent connexional year until the direction is withdrawn.

adding new clauses to read:

(10) The members of the old Church Council, or any three of them, may at any time apply to the authorised body to withdraw such a direction, except that:

- (i) no such application shall be made within three months of a previous application;**
- (ii) no application by three members shall be entertained if it is made within three months after the old Church Council decided not to make such an application at a meeting held for the purpose of considering whether or not to do so.**

The last two sentences of clause (7) above shall apply mutatis mutandis for the purpose of enabling such a meeting to be held.

(11) If a direction is withdrawn the old Church Council shall be treated as reconstituted with a membership consisting as far as possible of those members who constituted the membership of the Church Council prior to the making of the direction and so that any members who would have ceased to be members by effluxion of time shall be treated as remaining members until the end of the connexional year in which the direction is withdrawn.

(12) At all times while a direction is in effect, the members of the old Church Council are obliged to do everything which may reasonably be required by the new Church Council to enable it effectively to exercise all its powers and discharge all its responsibilities.

[see further amendments to these provisions in Resolutions 66/2-4 at 8/43/2-4]

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23. A REVIEW OF NESTLE AND BREAST MILK SUBSTITUTES MARKETING

The Conference adopted Resolution 23/1.

5/25 **LETTERS**

5/25/1 Letters of greeting and concern were written in the name of the Conference to Deacon Susan W Culver.

5/25/2 Letters of congratulation on wedding anniversaries were written in the name of the Conference to The Revd Peter E Barber and the Vice-President, The Revd Dr Richard G and Mrs Kath Jones, and The Revd David F and Mrs Daphne Willie.

5/25/3 A letter of sympathy was written in the name of the Conference to Mr David Ensor OBE.

5/26 The Conference shared in worship and adjourned at 18.43.

- 6/1 The Conference assembled at 9.15, and shared in worship led by Methodist Women in Britain.
- 6/2 **SECOND REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE FINANCE COMMITTEE**
- 6/2/1 The Conference Financial Committee has noted *[as corrected by 7/32/1]* the decisions taken by the Conference with regard to the Past Cases Review. It considers that the implementation of the recommendations contained within the PCR report are likely to incur costs that are over and above those contained within the 2016/17 and 2017/18 budgets. It notes that there may also be an impact on circuit budgets in those years as improved practices become embedded within the life of the Church. It notes that the Terms of Reference of the Implementation Group include the need to consult with the SRC on the financial implications of the recommendations, which will then naturally inform the 2016/17 budget round.
- 6/2/2 The Conference adopted as Resolution F/2:

The Conference receives the Report.
- 6/3 **46. CONNEXIONAL ALLOWANCES COMMITTEE**
- 6/3/1 The Conference adopted Resolutions 46/1 and 46/2.
- 6/3/2 The Conference adopted as Resolution 46/2A:

The Conference further resolves that ministers in appointments in the control of the Church on the point of retirement who are moving house shall be entitled to a relocation allowance at the same level as those in the active work, the cost being met from the fund for the support of Presbyters and Deacons (FSPD).
- 6/4 **41. COMMITTEE ON METHODIST LAW AND POLITY (2) (continued)**
- 6/4/1 The Conference adopted Resolutions 41/3 and 41/4.
- 6/5 **46. CONNEXIONAL ALLOWANCES COMMITTEE (continued)**
- 6/5/1 The Conference adopted Resolutions 46/3, 46/4, 46/5, 46/6, 46/7, 46/8 and 46/9.
- 6/6 **Memorial M15 – Consideration of ministers from other denominations in assessment calculations**

The Conference received Memorial M15 and adopted as its reply that recommended by the Memorials Committee, the Memorial and reply appearing on pp15-17 of the Agenda Supplement.
- 6/7 **Notice of Motion 2015/208 – Conscientious Objection**

The Conference notes:

Christians have long grappled with questions of war, peace and what their faith has to say on each.

2016 marks 100 years since conscription was introduced in the United Kingdom, and with it 100 years since the right to Conscientious Objection was enshrined in law.

That the anniversary provides an opportunity to give thanks for the Christian men and women, including many Methodists, throughout the ages who have been challenged by faith to speak out against war, instead seeking to create a culture of peace.

The Conference directs the Methodist Council to engage the support of relevant connexional staff and work with Christian Peace Organisations to hold a web-streamed act of worship in February 2016 to mark 100 years since the right to conscientious objection was enshrined in law.

The Conference adopted the Motion.

6/8 The Conference adjourned at 10.50.

6/9 The Conference reassembled at 11.15.

6/10 **CHANGE TO MEMBERSHIP OF THE CONFERENCE**

6/10/1 The Conference resolved, by the required majority, to dispense with prior written notice of the following resolutions.

6/10/2 The Conference resolved to suspend the provisions of Standing Order 102(2) in respect of the appointment of a representative to the Conference representing the concerns of racial justice.

6/10/3 The Conference resolved, by the required majority, to rescind its resolution passed on 27 June 2015 adopting the membership of the Conference.

6/10/4 The Conference resolved, by the required majority, to appoint Rukudzo Rujeko Mashoko as such a representative in place of Tendai Mugodi and readopt the membership of the Conference with that amendment.

6/10/5 The Conference further resolved that the suspension of SO 102(2) should cease to have effect.

6/11 **Memorial M9 – Financial pressures faced by young ministers**

The Conference received Memorial M9 and adopted as its reply that recommended by the Memorials Committee, the Memorial and reply appearing on pp9-11 of the Agenda Supplement, replacing the third paragraph of the reply with the following:

However, the Conference would also draw attention to the Church's contribution to the support of the minister by this point. A full-time student will have been in receipt of a bursary (in 2015/16 of £12,504 per annum). Each minister entering his or her first appointment can claim a (means-tested) grant of £1300 plus £300 if they have a spouse (or £200 if they are a single parent) plus £150 per child under 18 yrs (which gives £1900 for a married minister with 2 children). The Connexional Allowances Committee (CAC) report to this Conference contains a proposal to increase the initial grant to a flat rate of £3000 from 1 September 2016. A minister can also apply for an interest-free loan of up to £5,000 (which the CAC is proposing to the Conference be increased to £6,000). From 1 September of his or her first appointment, the minister receives a manse and a stipend (which is index-

linked) at a time when complaints from people in their mid-twenties about the difficulty of getting onto the housing ladder are commonplace. The Circuit reimburses all out-of-pocket expenses with a mileage allowance that includes an element for depreciation on the vehicle and the Connexion will fund the major part (if not the whole cost) of probation studies. The probationer may also find himself or herself in receipt of occasional income from weddings and funerals. The Conference therefore believes that whilst the provision is not so generous that a young minister without previous employment can move into his or her first Circuit able simply to buy all that might be desirable to furnish the manse and to purchase a new or even nearly-new car, it is more than sufficient for someone of modest needs.

6/12 **Memorials M13 and M14 – Circuit Assessments**

The Conference received M13 and M14 and adopted as its replies those recommended by the Memorials Committee, the Memorials and replies appearing on pp13-15 of the Agenda Supplement.

6/13 **14. ISSUES OF CONNEXIONALISM IN THE 21ST CENTURY**

6/13/1 The Conference adopted Resolution 14/1 in the following form:

The Conference receives the report,

p 93, for 'Hymns & Psalms 742' reading 'Hymns & Psalms 752'

6/13/2 The Conference adopted Resolution 14/2 in the following form:

The Conference:

- a) commends the report, along with the relevant sections of Called to Love and Praise, for study and reflection;
- b) invites responses to be submitted to the Secretary of the Faith and Order Committee by 30 September 2016;
- c) directs the Faith and Order Committee to present a further report to the Conference of 2017.

6/14 The Conference adjourned at 12.44.

6/15 The Conference engaged in a number of Mission and Heritage activities resourced by the President and Vice-President of the Conference before reassembling at 15.45.

6/16 **40. POSITIVE WORKING TOGETHER**

The Conference adopted Resolutions 40/1, 40/2, 40/3, 40/4 and 40/5.

6/17 The Conference adjourned at 16.41.

6/18 The Conference reassembled at 17.00.

6/19 **17. COMMITTEE ON METHODIST LAW AND POLITY (1) (continued)**

6/19/1 The Conference adopted Resolutions 17/11, 17/12, 17/13 and 17/14.

6/19/2 The Conference adopted Resolutions 17/15, and 17/16,

p126, line 3,
for SO 1126(3) reading SO 1124(11)

6/20 **41. COMMITTEE ON METHODIST LAW AND POLITY (2) (continued)**

6/20/1 The Conference adopted Resolution 41/5.

6/20/2 The Conference adopted Resolution 41/6,

p373, SO 321(2)

replacing with The persons under heads (i) and (ii) of clause (1) above shall be nominated by the committees concerned in accordance with a rota approved by the council **and include no fewer than six lay persons.**

p376, SO 724(3)(i) line 2

for Ministerial Candidates and Probationers Oversight Committees respectively, *reading Ministerial* Candidates and probationers Oversight Committees Committees respectively;

p 377, SO 725(2) line 2

for Ministerial Candidates and Probationers Oversight Committees *reading Ministerial* Candidates and Probationers Oversight Committees

p 377, SO 728A(e)

for The Diaconal Ministerial Candidates and Probationers Oversight [...] *read The Diaconal Ministerial* Candidates and Probationers Oversight Committee [...]

6/20/3 The Conference adopted Resolution 41/7.

6/20/4 The Conference adopted Resolution 41/8,

p 379, SO 232(1)(ii)

for (ii) at least five persons who, by virtue of seniority, experience or office held, will in the judgment of the council, command wide respect. *reading* (ii) [...]

p 380, SO 232(4)

renumbering (i), (ii) and (iii) as (a), (b) and (c).

p 380, SO 232(4)

for (4) **(a)** For the purpose of carrying out these functions *reading* (4) **(a)** For the purpose of carrying out these **its** functions

replacing SO 232(4)(b) :

to read **If the panel judges that a risk assessment is desirable for the carrying out of its functions, it may appoint a suitably qualified assessor to conduct that assessment.**

6/21 **DAILY RECORD**

6/21/1 The Daily Record for Monday, 29th June was presented, taken as read, and adopted as printed.

6/21/2 The Daily Record for Friday, 26th June was amended, by the required majority,

2/12/1 Resignations

for Michael J Worsley *reading* Michael J Worsley

- 6/21/3 The Daily Record for Saturday, 27th June was amended, by the required majority,
 3/4 Associate Members
deleting 'because he has been denied a visa'
- 6/22 **45. REPORT OF THE WORKING PARTY ON ACCESSIBILITY TO THE CONFERENCE**
- 6/22/1 The Conference adopted Resolution 45/1,
 p430, table at the bottom of the page
inserting 'Number of times attended'
- 6/22/2 The Conference adopted Resolution 45/2, adding to the wording of the Resolution:
 The Conference further directs that the terms of reference for the working party shall include further consideration of the issue of accessibility, not just the logistics of running the Conference, but how people can engage with the Conference, regardless of experience, ability or confidence, challenging itself to engage in a radical rethink. The membership of the working party shall include those who have expertise in these areas.
- 6/22/3 The Conference adopted Resolution 45/3, in the following form:
 The Conference adopts recommendations 2 and 12 and directs Districts and the Conference Secretariat to implement points a – f of paragraph 6.1 of the Report. *[see Resolution 66/1 at 8/43/1]*
- 6/22/4 The Conference adopted Resolutions 45/4 and 45/5.
- 6/23 **LETTERS**
- 6/23/1 Letters were sent in the name of the Conference to the following presbyters on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of their ordinations:
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| The Revd Barrie A Allcott | The Revd Ian D McKenzie |
| The Revd Roy C Allison | The Revd William C Middlemiss |
| The Revd David A Barker | The Revd James Needham |
| The Revd Philip McR Beuzeval | The Revd William Passman |
| The Revd Dr Malcolm L Braddy | The Revd John H Platts |
| The Revd Brian Bullick | The Revd David B Reddish |
| The Revd Jack R Burton | The Revd Keith A Reed |
| The Revd John Carr | The Revd John W R Robinson |
| The Revd Michael J Chapman | The Revd Donald J Sampson |
| The Revd Paul E Clifton | The Revd Anthony Shrimpton |
| The Revd Kenneth H Collins | The Revd David W Smith |
| The Revd John S Curnow | The Revd H Adrian Smith |
| The Revd Colin D Harbach | The Revd F John Swales |
| The Revd Kenneth S J Hext | The Revd John L Trudgill |
| The Revd C Brian Holliday | The Revd Albert Ward |
| The Revd Edward A Holmes | The Revd Maurice Weatherup |
| The Revd Keith A Horton | The Revd Malcolm W White |
| The Revd Prof Peter Jarvis | The Revd John W Young |
| The Revd Peter Jennings | |
- 6/23/2 Letters were sent in the name of the Conference to the following presbyters on the occasion of the 60th anniversary of their ordinations:

The Revd David M Caink
The Revd E Paul Coupland
The Revd George Graham
The Revd Edward Heyes
The Revd John P Horner
The Revd Godfrey Kenyon
The Revd C David Le Seilleur
The Revd Arthur C T Mignot
The Revd John L Mitchell

The Revd Dr Colin M Morris
The Revd Charles G H Nowell
The Revd T Laurence Smith
The Revd G Allan Stanton
The Revd Geoffrey S Todd
The Revd Kenneth R Tucker
The Revd Arthur W Wainwright
The Revd Stanley M Weary
The Revd John M White

- 6/23/3 Letters of greeting and concern were written in the name of the Conference to Ms Jane Allin, The Revd Ruth H Childs, Mr Antony Crerar, Mrs Ling Henry and The Revd Kenneth E Street.
- 6/24 The Conference went into closed session at 18.27.
- 6/25 The Conference received the report of the Convenor of the Safeguarding Advisory Panel.
- 6/26 The Conference received a report on behalf of the Convenor of Connexional Discipline, Pastoral and Appeal Committees.
- 6/27 The Conference received a report relating to the review directed by the Conference of 2014 (6/27) into how discipline committees should respond in cases where there has been a conviction under sexual offences legislation.
- 6/28 The Conference adjourned at 18.48.

- 7/1 The Conference assembled at 9.15.
- 7/2 The Conference shared in a celebration of Holy Communion, beginning outside the conference centre, during which the President preached, and in which prayers of thanksgiving were offered for the lives of the following who have died in the last year:
- (a) the presbyters remembered in the Presbyteral Session and listed at 2/15;
- (b) the deacons remembered in the Conference Diaconal Committee, and others who have since died:
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| Daphne Lilian Collingwood | Iley Hearle |
| Margaret Louise Cox | Margaret Horn |
| Wendy Anne Dunnington | Kathleen Mary McGown Jones |
| Christine Greening | Dorothy Mary Tolson |
- (c) the following lay people especially remembered in the Conference as servants of the Church:
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| Noel Clarkson | Doreen Moakes |
| Michael Collins | Gerald Sawyer |
| Charles Jacob | David L Wigley |
| Lois Louden | John Willmer |
| Pamela Luke | |
- (d) those who have served as Mission Partners:
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| Ruth Angove | The Revd Brian H Norris |
| Mary Ruth Anstey | Ruth Osborn |
| Harriet Birtwhistle | The Revd Hubert A Pitts |
| The Revd D Joan Glover | The Revd Dr Neville Stewart |
| Deacon Iley Hearle | Kathleen Mary Taylor |
| Dr John Holland | David Temple |
| The Revd Ian W Lewis | Muriel Edith Thomas |
| The Revd Arthur P Middlehurst | |
- (e) 359 accredited Local Preachers whose names are recorded in a Book of Thanksgiving held at Methodist Church House;
- (f) many others whose service is known to others and to God.
- 7/3 The Conference adjourned at 10.35.
- 7/4 The Conference reassembled at 10.55.
- 7/5 **DESIGNATION OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE CONFERENCE**
- The Revd Dr Roger L Walton was designated for appointment as President of the Conference of 2016.

7/6 **DESIGNATION OF THE VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE CONFERENCE**

Ms Rachel J Lampard was designated for appointment as Vice-President of the Conference of 2016.

7/7 **THIRD REPORT FROM THE CONFERENCE BUSINESS COMMITTEE**

7/7/1 The Business Committee proposes that the coffee and tea breaks on Wednesday are for 20 minutes, enabling the Conference to resume at 10:50 and 16:50 respectively.

The Business Committee proposes that the lunch break is reduced, enabling the Conference to resume at 14:00.

The Business Committee has considered the Notices of Motion not yet taken, and proposes that a number are dealt with during Wednesday, as shown in the order of business above. The Committee further proposes that the following are taken on Thursday morning:

- 215: Statement on Pornography
- 216: Fossil Fuels and Climate Change
- 218: Amendment to the Reply to M30
- 222: The Methodist Liaison Office in Jerusalem

The Business Committee proposes that Notices of Motion 210 (National Insurance payments – revised) and 211 (Significant Anniversaries) are referred to the Council, under Standing Order 131(17)(a)(i).

The Business Committee proposes that, in view of the business still to be conducted, speeches will be four minutes for presenters but will be reduced to two minutes for all other speeches.

7/7/2 The Conference adopted as Resolution B/2:

The Conference adopts the Report.

7/8 **Notice of Motion 2015/210 - National Insurance Payments**

The Conference:

- expresses its concern over the inability of the payroll service provided by the Connexion to many churches, Circuits and Districts, in regard to the payment of National Insurance (NI), to meet the situation where an individual has part-time employments with more than one church body;
- notes that, as a result of the payroll service not recognising churches, Circuits and Districts as separate employers, employees and employing bodies are paying extra NI over and above what is required, costing individuals and employing bodies considerable extra expense;
- directs the Methodist Council to consider carefully how this situation can be resolved, provide advice to churches, Circuits and Districts as quickly as possible and report to the Conference of 2016. *[text corrected after Conference]*

The Conference referred the Motion to the Methodist Council.

7/9 **Notice of Motion 2015/211 - Significant Anniversaries**

The Conference, mindful that 2018 will mark the 75th Anniversary of MHA, and 2019 the 150th Anniversary of Action for Children, looks forward to marking these significant landmarks.

Consequently it directs the Methodist Council to engage with both charities in order to ensure that 2018/19 will offer opportunities for the Methodist people to celebrate these two examples of our practical Christian Social Concern.

The Conference referred the Motion to the Methodist Council.

7/10 **22. METHODIST COUNCIL part 1 (continued)**

7/10/1 The Conference adopted Resolution 22/3 in the following form:

The Conference receives the Report with the exception of paragraph 16.2.

7/10/2 The Conference adopted Resolution 22/4.

7/10/3 The Conference adopted Resolution 22/5 in the following form:

The Conference directs the Council to undertake further work on the proposal to apply the levy in Standing Order 955(6) to local church capital model trust funds and to report their recommendations to the Conference in 2016.

7/11 **28. METHODIST COUNCIL part 2**

7/11/1 The Conference adopted Resolution 28/1.

7/11/2 The Conference adopted Resolution 28/2, adding the following further report:

The Law and Polity Sub-Committee has advised the Secretary of the Conference and the Chair of the Methodist Council that the proposed Standing Order 973(5)(i) should be withdrawn and detailed guidance on the classification of replacement projects be brought to the Conference in 2016. The advice has been offered and accepted in recognition of the significant impact the application of the Connexional Priority Fund levy and classification of replacement projects can have on a local church or circuit project. It is also recognised that the application of the levy and the classification of replacement projects can be a sensitive issue and the guidance should command the confidence of the whole connexion. It is on this basis that the Committee has advised that draft detailed guidance on the classification of replacement projects be brought to the Conference.

The Law and Polity Sub-Committee has clarified that in paragraph 1 of Section F of the Methodist Council Report the Council has recommended that the CPF levy policy be amended to enable the Council to grant an exception to the five year rule not exceptions to the policy generally. The Connexional Team as directed by the Council should still prepare interim guidance to define key terms.

7/11/3 The Conference adopted Resolution 28/3 in the following form:

The Conference amends Standing Order 973 as follows:

973 Replacement Projects. [.....]

(4) If the replacement project is not implemented forthwith then the levy shall initially be paid as if there were no such project, but if the project is implemented within five years of the disposition **or if the appropriate connexional authority has granted an exception to the five year requirement in this Standing Order**, the levy shall be cancelled or recalculated in accordance with clause (2) or clause (3) above, as appropriate, and the overpayment refunded with interest at the rate earned by the Central Finance Board's Trustees Interest Fund.

(5) The Methodist Council shall adopt criteria for any application for an exception under clause (4).

7/11/4 The Conference adopted as Resolution 28/3a:

The Conference directs the Council to bring draft detailed guidance on the classification of a project as a replacement project to the Conference in 2016.

7/11/5 The Conference adopted Resolutions 28/4, 28/5, 28/6, 28/7, 28/8 and 28/9.

7/12 **41. COMMITTEE ON METHODIST LAW AND POLITY (2) (continued)**

The Conference adopted Resolutions 41/1 and 41/2.

7/13 **28. METHODIST COUNCIL part 2 (continued)**

7/13/1 The Conference adopted Resolutions 28/10 and 28/11.

7/13/2 **Memorials M2 to M7 – Review of Ministerial Training, Review of Fruitful Field**

The Conference received Memorials M2 to M7 and adopted as its replies those recommended by the Memorials Committee, the Memorials and replies appearing on pp 4-8 of the Agenda Supplement.

7/13/3 The Conference adopted Resolutions 28/12, 28/13 and 28/14.

7/14 **39. REPORT OF THE WORKING GROUP ON 'FELLOWSHIP GROUPS'**

The Conference adopted Resolutions 39/1 and 39/2.

7/15 **57. DISTRICT RESOLUTION (CORNWALL)**

The Conference adopted Resolution 57/1.

7/16 **Notice of Motion 2015/204 – Mapping the Way Forward: Regrouping for Mission**

The Conference:

- notes with appreciation the significant impact the initiative of Mapping the Way Forward: Regrouping for Mission has had on the life of the Methodist Church for almost a decade – helping Circuits to review their readiness for mission and the structures needed to facilitate that mission;
- notes that a significant consequence of this work has been the reconfiguring of many Circuit;
- recognises that there are many anecdotes as to the perceived positive and negative effects of such reconfigurations for both large and small Circuits;

However there has never been any quantitative or qualitative research into the impact and effect of Mapping the Way Forward: Regrouping for Mission for the mission of the Church. Given that the process has now been underway for almost a decade the Conference is of the view that the time for a formal research project examining the evidence would be extremely helpful to the Church as it continues to reshape for effective mission in the twenty-first century.

The Conference therefore directs the Methodist Council to make arrangements for and oversee such research and report its findings to the Conference of 2016. This may be an interim report.

The Conference adopted the Motion.

7/17 The Conference adjourned at 12.43.

7/18 The Conference reassembled at 14.00.

7/19 **Notice of Motion 2015/213 – Food Banks, Welfare Cuts and Protecting the Vulnerable**

The Conference notes:

- a) The rise of food banks in the UK is evidence of growing food poverty, with Trussell Trust food banks feeding almost 1.1 million visitors in 2014-15. Other independent food banks also report growth in recent years. Around the Connexion, Methodist churches have been involved in running and supporting food banks.
- b) The feeding Britain inquiry update in June 2015 demonstrates that at least 50% of food bank referrals are made due to delayed benefit payments or benefit sanctions.
- c) On 8th July Her Majesty's Government is expected to announce the breakdown of a further £12bn in cuts to the welfare budget.
- d) The detailed plans have not yet been revealed but these cuts are expected to impact some of the most vulnerable people in our society, not least those unable to work because of mental or physical ill health.

The Conference therefore:

- a) commends the work of the Joint Public Issues Team in continuing to challenge the media's negative portrayal of benefit claimants and holding government to account over benefit sanctions;
- b) encourages members of the Methodist Church in Britain to contact their local MPs and ask them to ensure that any future savings in the welfare budget will not increase the poverty of the most vulnerable groups in our society; and
- c) encourages the Methodist Council to ensure that the Connexional Team continues to work towards enabling the Methodist church in Britain and its members to:
 - i. speak out alongside those affected by changes in welfare provision; and
 - ii. challenge the structural causes of poverty in Britain.

The Conference adopted the Motion.

7/20 **29. METHODIST DIACONAL ORDER GENERAL REPORT**

The Conference adopted Resolutions 29/1 and 29/2.

7/21 **51. MARRIAGE AND RELATIONSHIPS TASK GROUP**

7/21/1 The Conference adopted Resolution 51/1.

7/21/2 **Memorial M26 – Blessing of Same Sex Marriages**

The Conference received Memorial M26 and adopted as its reply that recommended by the Memorials Committee, the Memorial and reply appearing on pp 26-27 of the Agenda Supplement.

7/21/3 **Notice of Motion 2015/219 – Cohabitation**

The Conference, recognising that a response to cohabitation is a critical part of the whole debate and not something to be considered in isolation:

- directs the Marriage and Relationships Task Group, in consultation with the Faith and Order Committee, to ensure that amongst the resources to be identified or produced, to facilitate and support further discussion on the wide-ranging nature of human relationships, the issues around cohabitation are not overlooked;
- directs the Task Group and the Faith and Order Committee to ensure that, should the Conference decide to revisit the question of embarking upon a process of revising the Methodist Church's definition of marriage, consideration of cohabitation should form part of this process;

The Conference adopted the Motion.

7/22 **Notice of Motion 2015/201 - Reinstatement as a Presbyter**

Due to the ambiguity of our current procedures, clarification is needed as to the point when a former presbyter or probationer seeking reinstatement should seek to be reinstated as a local preacher. Therefore, the Conference directs that a former presbyter who wishes to return to the active work must first seek reinstatement as a local preacher as set out in SO 761(14), this clarification to be included in SO 761(1).

The Conference further directs the Law and Polity Committee to bring amendments to Standing Orders, to this effect, to the Conference of 2016.

The Conference adopted the Motion.

7/23 **Notice of Motion 2015/202 – Review of the Complaints and Discipline Process**

The Conference notes the need, highlighted in the Past Cases Review (PCR) report, for a culture change at all levels in the church addressing areas of 'weak accountability' (PCR – H1-7). Noting the significant role of the Complaints and Discipline procedures as part of the reporting process the Conference is concerned about the loss of trust in its processes noting that they 'were an area that a number of survivors/victims described as leaving them feeling very angry and hurt' (PCR – H2).

The PCR report says the most complex cases involving Complaints and Discipline led to a learning review. Whilst this will have informed the existing recommendations the Conference is concerned that if the required culture change is to be achieved then a much deeper and fuller review is needed of the whole Complaints and Discipline process – on behalf of respondents as well as complainants.

The Conference therefore directs that recommendations 10-14 are implemented in the context of a full review of the Complaints and Discipline procedure, guided by independent advisors who will bring experience of best practice in various fields.

Also recognising that those who have been party to the process bring a vital insight into its effects, the Conference requires that the review should seek input from such individuals who have been involved in all ways with the Complaints and Discipline processes over the past 5 years.

The full independent review to report to the Conference in 2018 with interim reports to be part of the annual audit as per PCR recommendation 9.

The Conference agreed that the Motion not be put.

7/24 **Notice of Motion 2015/203 – Selection Criteria for Candidating**

Recent experience of the candidating process has drawn attention to the fact that even though all reports from District Candidates Committees are prepared in response to current selection criteria, nowhere in Standing Orders is there any reference to these selection criteria.

Whilst recognising that it would be inappropriate for the selection criteria themselves (which may be modified from time to time) to appear in Standing Orders, it would nevertheless seem sensible for the procedures which are set out in standing orders to include reference to the selection criteria. This would serve both to confirm and clarify the role which they play in our candidating procedures and also to allow for a clearer process of appeal, should it be considered that a decision of the Ministerial Candidates Selection Committee runs counter to the selection criteria currently in use.

Accordingly, the Conference directs that the Ministerial Candidates and Probationers Oversight Committee, in conjunction with the Law and Polity Committee, review those Standing Orders that relate to the candidating process so as to include reference to the selection criteria.

The Conference adopted the Motion.

7/25 **Notice of Motion 2015/214 – Home for Good**

The Conference:

- notes that in December 2014, 2,960 children were waiting for an adoptive family in England alone (Department for Education 2015) and an estimated 8,600 foster homes are needed in the UK. The Church can play a vital role in responding to this need;
- the ‘Home for Good’ campaign aims to raise awareness of the desperate need for foster and adoptive families, to encourage people to reflect on whether they could foster or adopt, and to equip churches to appropriately support people who foster or adopt or children who are fostered or adopted;
- supports the ‘Home for Good’ campaign and encourages churches and church members to reflect on how they can respond to this need;
- directs the Methodist Council to ensure that the Connexional Team consider ways in which the Methodist Church can further engage with ‘Home for Good’ and the wider subject of support related to fostering and adoption.

The Conference adopted the Motion.

7/26 **Notice of Motion 2015/220 – Migrating People and Sanctuary**

The Conference welcomes the Statement by the Conference of European Churches (CEC) (3 June 2015) regarding those fleeing war, conflict and hunger by risking their lives to cross the Mediterranean, and commends the work of the Churches Commission for Migration in Europe (CCME) in this urgent situation, as well as the efforts of the Churches in Greece and Italy, especially the ‘Mediterranean Hope’ project of the Federation of Protestant Churches in Italy in which the Methodist Church in Italy is deeply involved.

The Conference notes the launch of the ‘Sanctuary for All’ initiative at the Queen’s Foundation, Birmingham on 11 May 2015, which offers inspiring biblical, worship, theological and practical resources for local churches, especially for Racial Justice Sunday, and encourages the Council to ensure that the Connexional Team explores how this resource might be published, possibly in association with others.

The Conference welcomes the enormous contribution that migrant people and refugees have made and are making to Britain, and calls on all our Methodist churches to consider offering sanctuary to at least one individual or family who have reached Europe across the Mediterranean, until they can fend for themselves.

The Conference directs the Secretary of the Conference to write to Her Majesty’s Government:

- incorporating the spirit of this Notice of Motion;
- urging continued financial assistance for refugees within the region;
- advocating an even more generous and compassionate approach to a situation to which we, by some of our actions in the region have contributed;
- urging Her Majesty’s Government to accept a much increased number of those arriving in Europe, commensurate with our size and resources.

The Conference adopted the Motion.

7/27 **12. ALL WE CAN – METHODIST RELIEF AND DEVELOPMENT**

The Conference adopted Resolution 12/1,

p 80, **Statement of Financial activities for the year ended 31 August 2014**

Other recognised gains/losses				
<i>for the figures</i>	33,020	—	(728,572)	(728,572)
<i>reading</i>	33,020	—	33,020	(728,572)

7/28 The Conference adjourned its Representative Session at 16.27 and reconvened in its Presbyteral Session.

7/29 The Conference recommended to the Representative Session that The Revd Isabel Marie Greenwood be given permission to become supernumerary, and therefore added her name and ‘(36)’ to the list on pp 538-539. *[as corrected by 8/45/1]*

7/30 The Conference adjourned at 16.29.

- 7/31 The Conference reassembled in its Representative Session at 16.50. *[as corrected by 8/45/1]*
- 7/32 **DAILY RECORD**
- 7/32/1 The Daily Record for Tuesday, 30 June was presented, taken as read, and adopted as printed,
at 6/2/1, for ‘had notes’ reading ‘has noted’
- 7/32/2 The Daily Record for Sunday, 28 June was amended, by the required majority,
at 4/3/4, for ‘Resolution 46/6’ reading ‘Resolution 44/6’
- 7/32/3 The Written Portion of the Daily Record of the Representative Session on Tuesday, 30 June was presented in headings only and adopted.
- 7/33 **8. METHODIST MINISTERS’ HOUSING SOCIETY**
The Conference adopted Resolution 8/1.
- 7/34 **Notice of Motion 2015/212 – The Value of Human Life**
- 7/34/1 The Conference:
- believes that every human life is of intrinsic value and ought to be affirmed and cherished;
 - notes its previously expressed opposition to euthanasia, in the Statement adopted by the 1974 Conference;
 - expresses serious concern about moves to legalise assisted dying, which would have a seriously detrimental effect on the wellbeing of individuals and on the nature and shape of our society, and can only add to the pressures that many vulnerable terminally ill people will feel, placing them at increased risk of distress and coercion at a time when they most need love and support;
 - believes that the hallmarks of a truly compassionate society include high quality palliative care, greater support for carers and enhanced end of life services. It commends those who provide these, whether professionally or voluntarily, but feels that more could and should be done;
 - calls upon Her Majesty’s Government to give such services a higher priority and upon the Methodist people to increase the practical and prayerful support they give to the terminally ill and to their carers.
- 7/34/2 **Notice of Motion 2015/221 - Amendment to Notice of Motion 2015/212 ‘The Value of Human Life’**
Third bullet point to read:
‘Notes the serious concern expressed by many about moves to legalise assisted dying, which they believe would have a seriously detrimental effect on the wellbeing of individuals and on the nature and shape of our society and could add...’ (last lines as printed).
Fourth bullet to read:

'Also notes the position of others that, where death is considered both certain and imminent, a compassionate due judicial dispensation to allow assisted end-of-life could be appropriate'

7/34/3 The Conference referred the above two Notices of Motion to the Methodist Council.

7/35 **15. AN ORDER FOR THE REAFFIRMATION OF BAPTISMAL FAITH INCLUDING THE USE OF WATER**

The Conference adopted Resolutions 15/1 and 15/2,

amending para 2 of the Notes on p 99 to read:

When, at item 10, the candidate is invited to sign themselves or be signed with water, it may be done in a variety of manners as decided appropriate in the local contexts. It may for some, for example, be done by either signing themselves or being signed by a member of the Church using water from the font whilst others may feel a greater volume of water to be an appropriate symbol. It remains a principle that this is not a service of Baptism and care must be taken in the use of words to ensure that this principle is not compromised.

p 101, para 5, line 3, *for* 'call' *reading* 'calls'

amending para 10 on p 102 to read:

Those reaffirming their Baptismal Faith sign themselves, or are signed by a member of the Church, with water. The manner in which they do so, and the volume of water used, may be determined according to local usage.

7/36 **37. HOLY COMMUNION MEDIATED THROUGH SOCIAL MEDIA**

The Conference adopted Resolution 37/1 in the following form:

The Conference receives the report as an interim report and directs that the further work be undertaken (including the involvement of those set out in the original response to the M13 (2011), young people involved with 3Generate, CODEC and others with broad, in- depth expertise in this fast developing area) and that a fuller report be presented to the Conference no later than 2018.

7/37 **Notice of Motion 2015/205 – Tunisia Terror Attack**

The Conference extends its condolences to the families of those killed in recent terrorist attacks around the world especially those in Tunisia and offers its prayers for all those affected.

The Conference condemns all forms of violence conducted in the name of religion and supports efforts at challenging extremist ideologies that seek to undermine the liberties of civil society.

The Conference calls upon the Methodist people of Great Britain to engage in constructive dialogue with people of faiths other than our own in order to overcome the misconceptions and prejudices that are developing.

The Conference adopted the Motion.

- 7/38 **Memorials M1, M8, M10 to M12, M16 to M22, M25, M31 and M32**
 The Conference received Memorials M1, M8, M10, M11, M12, M16, M17, M18, M19, M20, M21, M22, M25, M31 and M32 and adopted as its replies those recommended by the Memorials Committee, the Memorials and replies appearing on pp 4, 8-9, 11-13, 17-24, 25-26 and 31-32 of the Agenda Supplement.
- 7/39 **Notice of Motion 2015/209 – Concerns for Christians Across a Number of Areas of the World**
 The Conference expresses its horror at the situations Christians find themselves in, across a number of areas of the world, including the Middle East, Nigeria and Pakistan. Particular concern arises in regard to:
- the barbaric actions of Islamic State in their attacks upon Christian communities. We recognise that our abhorrence of these actions is shared by the vast majority of our Muslim neighbours;
 - the increasing vulnerability of the Christian communities of Israel/Palestine noting with grave concern the recent arson attack on the Church of the Loaves and Fishes at Tabga;
 - the bombing of Churches in Pakistan with such horrific loss of life;
 - the many deaths of Christians and Muslims in northern Nigeria as a result of the actions of Boko Haram.
- The Conference adopted the Motion.
- 7/40 **LETTERS**
- 7/40/1 Letters of greeting and concern were sent in the name of the Conference to The Rt Revd Albert S Beah of the Methodist Church Sierra Leone, Mr John Nodding, and The Revd Harvey S and Mrs Carole Richardson.
- 7/40/2 A letter of sympathy was sent in the name of the Conference to Mrs Margaret Jacob, widow of Mr Charles Jacob.
- 7/40/3 Letters of thanks were sent in the name of the Conference to the chairs of discipline committees.
- 7/41 The Conference shared in worship and adjourned at 18.55.

8/1 The Conference assembled at 9.15, and shared in worship led by members of 3Generate.

8/2 **CONFERENCE-ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES**

The Conference elected the following to serve as Conference-elected Representatives at the Conferences of 2016-2018:

Ms Rachel Allison
Mr John Cooper
Deacon Eunice Attwood

8/3 **CONFERENCE BUSINESS COMMITTEE**

The Conference elected the following to serve on the Representative Session Business Committee for the Conferences of 2016-2018

The Revd Susan Levitt

8/4 **20. FOSSIL FUELS AND ETHICAL INVESTMENT**

8/4/1 The Conference adopted Resolution 20/1.

8/4/2 **Memorials M27, M28 and M29 – Investment in Fossil Fuels**

The Conference received Memorials M27, M28 and M29 and adopted as its replies those recommended by the Memorials Committee, the Memorials and replies appearing on pp27-30 of the Agenda Supplement.

8/4/3 **Notice of Motion 2015/216 – Fossil Fuels and Climate Change**

The Conference:

- welcomes the Report *Fossil Fuels and Ethical Investment* as part of the Methodist Church's continuing contribution to responding to the theological, economic and scientific challenges raised by climate change, inter alia found in the Conference Statement *Hope in God's Future* and the enormous contribution now made to this crucial issue by Pope Francis in *Laudato si'*;
- believes there are unique moral perspectives that people of faith can bring to questions of investment and sustainability and is grateful for the Report's promises of ongoing engagement;
- requests JACEI to continue to work with the CFB to develop clear criteria for possible divestment from fossil fuel companies, in accordance with the CFB Policy Statement on Climate Change, and including a timeline and conditions for possible reinvestment in the future, and to report on all these matters to the Conference of 2016, and subsequently as appropriate;
- encourages the Methodist people to study both this new Report and the CFB's Position and Policy Papers; and

- a) urges the CFB to continue to divest from companies which have significant holdings in Thermal Coal and Tar Sands or are primarily involved in exploration for fossil fuels, all such divestment to be completed by the Conference of 2017;
 - b) encourages the CFB to seek from companies especially in the fossil fuel, insurance and financial sectors a Low Carbon Business Plan incorporating a target of a maximum 2 degrees increase in global temperatures;
 - c) requests the CFB to develop and report on a strategy for increasing its investments in renewable energy, with a target of 5% of equities in mind, even if this involves modest 'risk';
- directs the Methodist Council to:
 - examine how these issues can be raised effectively with Her Majesty's Government, for example by adopting a high carbon price;
 - ask JPIT to make as widely known as possible within current resources the information available from Operation Noah, A Rocha, Zero Carbon Britain, Christian Aid, All We Can and other appropriate bodies, for Districts, Circuits and Local Churches to explore this issue and take appropriate action.

The Conference adopted the Motion.

8/5 **9. RESPONSE to THE CHURCH: TOWARDS A COMMON VISION**

The Conference adopted Resolution 9/1.

8/6 **3. TRUSTEES FOR THE BAILIWICK OF GUERNSEY METHODIST CHURCH PURPOSES**

The Conference adopted Resolution 3/1.

8/7 **4. METHODIST HOMES (MHA)**

The Conference adopted Resolutions 4/1 and 4/2.

8/8 **7. WORLD METHODIST COUNCIL MINISTERIAL EXCHANGES**

8/8/1 The Conference adopted Resolution 7/1,

p 39, **1. Approval of Exchanges**

for Stephen Caddy (29/8 Beverley) with Hubert F Jicha III (United Methodist Church, USA)

reading Stephen Caddy (29/8 Beverley) with Jacob Waybright (United Methodist Church, USA)

for Timothy J Thorpe (20/2 Newcastle upon Tyne (West)) with Jacob Waybright (United Methodist Church, USA)

reading Timothy J Thorpe (20/2 Newcastle upon Tyne (West)) with Hubert Jicha III (United Methodist Church, USA)

8/8/2 The Conference adopted Resolutions 7/2 and 7/3.

- 8/9 **10. THE TRUSTEES FOR JERSEY METHODIST CHURCH PURPOSES**
The Conference adopted Resolution 10/1.
- 8/10 **13. ECUMENICAL REPORT**
The Conference adopted Resolution 13/1,

 p 83, para 6.3, line 3
 after the Church of Scotland,
 inserting the Scottish Episcopal Church,
- 8/11 **16. METHODST FORCES BOARD**
The Conference adopted Resolution 16/1.
- 8/12 **21. THE METHODIST CHURCH JOINT ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON THE ETHICS OF INVESTMENT – SUMMARY REPORT**
The Conference adopted Resolution 21/1.
- 8/13 **24. STATIONING COMMITTEE REPORT**
8/13/1 The Conference adopted Resolution 24/1, adding, further to paragraphs 4.2 and 5.3, the following updated report:
- At the first Stationing Action Group in February, 37 appointments were unfilled. At the end of March, 23 Circuits sought permission to withdraw their appointments and with the agreement of the Convener of the Stationing Action Group, the Chair of the Stationing Matching Group and the Chair of the Stationing Committee, approval was given so that alternative arrangements could be made.
- During the period from the beginning of February to the end of March, the Stationing Action Group had already proposed various matches and this work continued until the end of May when two further Circuits were given permission to withdraw their appointments. In this period, a number of presbyters and deacons also became available for stationing and some circuit appointments were added to the list and these were duly considered. From the beginning of June, the appointments where either a minister was not available, a match had not been agreed or where the minister had severe geographical restrictions which could not be met were placed in the hands of the Unstationed Ministers' Group convened by the Secretary of the Conference. I am now able to report that since that meeting and at the time of writing (23 June 2015) two appointments (one presbyteral and one diaconal) remain without a minister and three ministers (one who has been recommended for Recognised and Regarded status) are at present without an appointment. It is hoped that further work on this and related matters will continue during the Conference.
- 8/14 **25. TRUSTEES FOR METHODST CHURCH PURPOSES**
8/14/1 The Conference adopted Resolution 25/1,

 p 205, top of page
 Right hand column *for 2014 reading 2013*

 p 208, para 10
 the figure for Trade Creditors should be in bold

p 208, para 11
right hand column *for 2014 reading 2013*

p 209
for Net Pension Asset reading Net Pension Liability

p 210, para 14 and 15
The heading Nature of Transaction should be in bold

8/14/2 The Conference adopted Resolution 25/2.

8/15 **26. BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF WESTMINSTER COLLEGE OXFORD TRUST LTD**

The Conference adopted Resolution 26/1.

8/16 **30. ACTION FOR CHILDREN**

The Conference adopted Resolutions 30/1 and 30/2.

8/17 **31. METHODIST MINISTERS' PENSION SCHEME (MMPS)**

8/17/1 The Conference adopted Resolutions 31/1, 31/2, 31/3 and 31/4.

8/17/2 The Conference adopted Resolution 31/5, *for 'paragraph 43' reading 'paragraph 46'* in the wording of the Resolution.

8/17/3 The Conference adopted Resolutions 31/6, 31/7 and 31/8.

8/18 **32. METHODIST INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS TRUST**

The Conference adopted Resolutions 32/1, 32/2, 32/3, 32/4, 32/5, 32/6 and 32/7.

8/19 **33. MANAGING TRUSTEES OF THE METHODIST CENTRAL HALL, WESTMINSTER.**

8/19/1 The Conference adopted Resolution 33/1.

8/19/2 The Conference adopted Resolution 33/2,

p 293, *adding* *Grace Sangmuah

Reasoned Statement:

Grace Sangmuah has been a member of MCHW for 35 years, holding many leadership positions. She has extensive media experience, latterly for a national newspaper.

8/20 **34. WESLEY HOUSE, CAMBRIDGE**

8/20/1 The Conference adopted Resolution 34/1.

8/20/2 The Conference adopted Resolution 34/2 in the following form:

The Conference ratifies the appointment of The Revds Molly Chitokwindo, Catherine Dixon and Julian M Pursehouse and the Right Revd Martin Seeley as trustee directors of Wesley House, Cambridge.

8/20/3 The Conference adopted as Resolution 34/2A:

The Conference thanks Mr Derek Nicholls for all his work during his many years of service as a trustee of Wesley House, Cambridge.

8/21 **35. MANAGING TRUSTEES OF THE NEW ROOM BRISTOL (WESLEY'S CHAPEL) AND 4-5 CHARLES STREET, BRISTOL**

The Conference adopted Resolutions 35/1 and 35/2.

8/22 **43. RELIEF AND EXTENSION FUND FOR METHODISM IN SCOTLAND**

8/22/1 The Conference adopted Resolution 43/1,

p 399, IV. SETTLEMENT OF AID para 1,
*for 'until the Connexional Legal Department shall certify that, in their opinion,'
reading 'until appropriate legal advice has been obtained that'*

8/22/2 The Conference adopted Resolutions 43/2 and 43/3.

8/23 **49. NOMINATIONS FOR THE 2016-2021 QUINQUENNIAL OF THE WORLD METHODIST COUNCIL**

The Conference adopted Resolutions 49/1 and 49/2.

8/24 **50. CENTRAL FINANCE BOARD (CFB)**

The Conference adopted Resolutions 50/1 and 50/2.

8/25 **53. REFERRED MEMORIALS AND NOTICES OF MOTION**

The Conference adopted Resolution 53/1.

8/26 **55. PRESBYTERAL AND DIACONAL CANDIDATES' AND PROBATIONERS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEES**

The Conference adopted Resolutions 55/1 and 55/2.

8/27 **NEW ITEM: 65. JOINT COVENANT ADVOCACY AND MONITORING GROUP**

8/27/1 1. The 2014 Methodist Conference and the General Synod (in November 2014) approved the three main recommendations of the final report of the Joint Implementation Commission, 'The Challenge of the Covenant', namely:

a. that the Faith and Order Commission of the Church of England and the Faith and Order Committee of the Methodist Church work together to bring forward proposals for:

i. the Methodist Church to consider afresh expressing the Conference's ministry of oversight in a personal form of connexional, episcopal ministry and the Church of England to recognise that ministry in the Methodist Church as a sign of continuity in faith, worship and mission in a church that is in the apostolic succession;

ii. the Church of England and the Methodist Church to address the question of reconciling, with integrity, the existing presbyteral and diaconal ministries of our two churches, which would lead to the interchangeability of ministries;

- b. that our churches at local and regional level, supported and advised by the Methodist Anglican Panel for Unity in Mission, give priority to making full use of what is already possible for them to do together, and especially to plan together for mission and worship, deployment of ministry and the use of resources;
 - c. that a Joint Covenant Advocacy and Monitoring Group, co-chaired by a President or Vice-President of the Methodist Conference and a Diocesan Bishop and including two other Methodist and two other Anglican members should be established, with access to the key policy making bodies of our churches, to replace the Joint Implementation Commission in the next quinquennium. This body will monitor progress of faith and order conversations and other on-going work under the Covenant and advocate new initiatives; facilitate communication of Anglican–Methodist developments in England, Wales, Scotland and Ireland; and report annually to the General Synod and Methodist Conference;
2. The Methodist Church’s Faith and Order Committee and the Church of England’s Faith and Order Commission held a joint meeting in March and considered the tasks that have been given to them. Each body has appointed members of a Joint Sub-Group to carry forward the work. Terms of reference and a provisional timetable for the work have been agreed by the two Faith and Order bodies.
 3. The Methodist-Anglican Panel for Unity in Mission has continued its review of its priorities and methods of working in the light of the second of the recommendations. The Panel has circulated a handbook, called Being Real, summarising the resources available for developing joint mission under the Covenant to Dioceses, Districts and Circuits.
 4. In March and April, the Methodist Council and the Appointments Committee of the General Synod appointed the Co-Chairs and members of the Joint Covenant Advocacy and Monitoring Group as follows:

Co-Chairs:	The Rt Revd Paul Bayes (Bishop of Liverpool) Mr David S Walton (Vice-President of the Conference 2008)
Church of England Members:	The Revd Robert Cotton Mrs Margaret Swinson
Methodist Members:	The Revd David Gamble The Revd Michaela A Youngson

5. The co-secretaries are The Revd Dr Roger Paul (National Ecumenical Officer, Council for Christian Unity) and The Revd Neil A Stubbens (Connexional Ecumenical Officer).
6. Preparations are in hand for the Group’s first meeting and terms of reference are in the process of being agreed.

8/27/2 The Conference adopted as Resolution 65/1:

The Conference receives the Report.

8/28 **36A. CONNEXIONAL CENTRAL SERVICES BUDGET for three years commencing 2015/16 (continued)**

The Conference adopted Resolutions 36A/1, 36A/2 and 36A/3.

8/29 **36B CONNEXIONAL CENTRAL SERVICES BUDGET 2015/16 – District Allocations**

The Conference adopted Resolution 36B/1.

8/30 **6. CONFERENCE ARRANGEMENTS**

The Conference adopted Resolutions 6/1, 6/2 and 6/7.

8/31 **Notice of Motion 2015/215 – Statement on pornography**

The Conference directs:

- that the Methodist Council appoint a Working Group to prepare a draft Conference Statement and discussion materials appropriate for different age groups on pornography and to report to the 2017 Conference;
- that the Working Group has a membership with expertise in sexual ethics, psychology and the nature of digital media, and also representatives from the 3Generate Age Group;
- that the Terms of Reference be agreed by the Methodist Council in consultation with the 3Generate representatives to the Methodist Council.

The Conference adopted the Motion.

8/32 The Conference adjourned at 10.48.

8/33 The Conference reassembled at 11.00.

8/34 **Notice of Motion 2015/222 – The Methodist Liaison Office in Jerusalem**

The Conference offers prayerful support to the work of the Methodist Liaison Office in Jerusalem which has been supported by the Methodist Church of Great Britain, The United Methodist Church and the World Methodist Council since 2012 and encourages Christian pilgrims and organisers of pilgrimages to make contact with the Jerusalem office.

The Conference adopted the Motion.

8/35 **Memorial M30 – Tax Justice**

The Conference received Memorial M30 and adopted as its reply that recommended by the Memorials Committee, the Memorial and reply appearing on pp30-31 of the Agenda Supplement, but deleting the second paragraph of the reply and replacing it with the following:

The Conference recognises that Tax Justice is a crucial element in challenging injustice and addressing inequality, both in the UK and the wider world, and that it will not be achieved without considerable long-term effort. The Conference directs the Methodist Council to ensure the Connexional Team continues to work with Joint Advisory Committee on the Ethics of Investment (JACEI), the Central Finance Board (CFB), the Joint Public Issues Team (JPIT) and the Methodist Tax Justice Network (MTJN) for at least the next three years, as resources allow, and directs the Methodist Council to review

progress in this area of work in early 2018 and to report to the Conference of that year.

8/36 **54. AUTHORISATIONS COMMITTEE**

8/36/1 The Conference adopted Resolution 54/1.

8/36/2 The Conference adopted Resolution 54/2,

pp512-513, **List A**

<i>adding</i>	2/16	Mid Glamorgan Mission	Stephen Richardson	D
<i>adding</i>	12/11	St Ives and Hayle	William Rodney Orr	L
<i>adding</i>	25/1	Sheffield	Richard Wilshaw	L
<i>adding</i>	29/37	Hull (Centre and West)	Iain M Ballard	P
<i>adding</i>	34/4	South Bedfordshire	J Stephen Jones	L
<i>adding</i>	34/4	South Bedfordshire	Roger J Owers	L
<i>adding</i>	36/09	Worthing	Gabriele E Britton-Voss	P

pp516-517, **List C**

<i>deleting</i>	12/4	Truro	Mary Mawonera	P
<i>adding</i>	23/14	Rugby and Daventry	Janet Thomas	D
<i>adding</i>	22/14	Mid-Derbyshire	John Moorley	L
<i>for</i>	22/14	Mid-Derbyshire	Valerie Rollison	L
<i>reading</i>	22/14	Mid-Derbyshire	Valerie Rollison	L
<i>deleting</i>	28/21	Telford	Gabriele E Britton-Voss	P

8/37 **60. PRESBYTERS AND DEACONS BECOMING SUPERNUMERARY OR RETURNING TO THE ACTIVE WORK**

8/37/1 The Conference adopted Resolution 60/3,

pp538-9, **3. Presbyters requesting permission to become supernumerary**

<i>adding</i>	John C A Barrett	(47)
<i>adding</i>	I Marie Greenwood	(36)
<i>adding</i>	* Mark M Roper	(22)
<i>adding</i>	* Steven Talbot	(10)

8/37/2 The Conference adopted Resolution 60/4,

pp540, **3. Deacons requesting permission to become supernumerary**

adding * Susan Hibberd

8/37/3 The Conference adopted as Resolution 60/5:

The Conference permits the following presbyters to return to the active work:

p538, **1. Recommended to return to the active work**

<i>for</i>	No case
<i>reading</i>	Andrew Orton
	Alfred H Williams

8/38 **44. PRESBYTERAL CANDIDATES AND PROBATIONERS OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE**

The Conference, by a Standing Vote, adopted Resolution 44/3.

- 8/39 **61. REPORT TO THE REPRESENTATIVE SESSION OF BUSINESS CONDUCTED BY THE CONFERENCE DIACONAL COMMITTEE**
The Conference, by a Standing Vote, adopted Resolution 61/2.
- 8/40 **52. PRESBYTERS AND DEACONS FROM OTHER CHURCHES**
8/40/1 The Conference, by a Standing Vote, adopted Resolution 52/1,
p505, **(2) Presbyters of other autonomous Methodist Conferences**
Deleting

Michael Crockett	34/9	Methodist Church of Southern Africa
Kong Ching Hii	35/2	Methodist Church Ghana
Charles F Makonde	21/16	Methodist Church Kenya
Bernardino M Mandlate	35/31	Methodist Church of Southern Africa
Monwabisi Vithi	15/1	Methodist Church of Southern Africa
John Yap	36/21	Methodist Church Malaysia
- 8/40/2 The Conference, by a Standing Vote, adopted Resolution 52/2,
p506, **(3) Presbyters of other communions applying to be recognised and regarded**
Adding

Mark R Mander	26/FC
Michael Moon	34/10
Lansford Penn-Timothy	29/32

Deleting

Arlington W Trotman	35/17
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Douglas S Rix	<i>for 24/1 reading 24/8</i>
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- 8/40/3 The Conference adopted Resolutions 52/3, 52/4 and 52/5.
- 8/41 **58. DESIGNATIONS FOR APPOINTMENTS OF DISTRICT CHAIRS**
8/41/1 The Conference adopted Resolutions 58/1 and 58/2.
8/41/2 The Conference adopted, with the required majority, Resolutions 58/3, 58/4, 58/5 and 58/6.
- 8/42 **59. COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS**
8/42/1 The Conference adopted Resolution 59/1,
p526, (ii) *for 'A vacancy' reading The Revd Timothy A Swindell*
- 8/42/2 The Conference adopted Resolution 59/2.
8/42/3 The Conference adopted Resolution 59/3,
p527, *adding Ms Gillian M Dascombe*
Vice President of the Conference 2014
- 8/42/4 The Conference adopted Resolution 59/4.
8/42/5 The Conference adopted Resolution 59/5,
p527, *deleting The Revd Dr Jane V Craske*

and adding

The Revds Graham R Jones, Andrew Letby, Dr Paul Nzacahayo
Deacons Julie Hudson, Belinda S Letby

The Revd Graham R Jones worked for five years as a Residential Social Worker for Action for Children before training for ordained ministry. Graham has experience as a prison and university chaplain and spent eight years at the Arthur Rank Centre as the National Rural Officer for the Methodist Church and the URC. Graham is currently serving as a Learning and Development Officer in the Yorkshire Plus region with responsibility for ministry development.

The Revd Andrew Letby has extensive experience of serving in rural and city-centre circuits, as well as chaplaincy in health care and Industrial Mission. Andrew has provided many placement opportunities for those exploring vocation and student ministers and has supervised a number of probationer presbyters and deacons. Andrew has served on the District Candidates' Committee in two districts including as Secretary in Scotland.

The Revd Dr Paul Nzacahayo is currently the Superintendent of the Vale of Stour Circuit. In September 2015, Paul is due to take up an appointment at the Queen's Foundation. He is a gifted teacher with significant experience of formation, specializing in Black and Asian theology and enabling the vocations and ministries of Black and Asian individuals.

Deacon Julie Hudson has extensive experience of discernment processes; she has served on the MDO Religious Order Advisory Committee for several years, accompanied students and probationers and mentored a candidate for ordained ministry.

Deacon Belinda S Letby is currently serving at City of Edinburgh Methodist Church, working with homeless and vulnerable people and through workplace chaplaincy at the city council and a local theatre. Belinda has previously acted as placement supervisor for candidates and has supported a local candidate through the district committee.

8/42/6 The Conference adopted Resolution 59/6,

p528, *adding* The Revd Dr Paul Nzacahayo

Currently Superintendent Minister of the Vale of Stour Circuit, and due to take up an appointment at the Queen's Foundation in September 2015. He is a gifted teacher and has a good understanding of Methodism and the formation of student ministers. Part of his role will be to foreground the teaching of Black and Asian theology and to enable Queen's to nurture the vocations and ministries of Black and Asian students.

8/42/7 The Conference adopted Resolution 59/7.

8/42/8 The Conference adopted Resolution 59/8.

p529, **Lay member of the Diaconal Stationing Sub-Committee**
for '[To be confirmed]' *reading* Mr Malcolm Pearson

8/42/9 The Conference adopted Resolution 59/9,

p529, (d) Churches Together in England Forum
for '28-30 October 2015' *reading* '28-30 September 2015'

p530, (e) Action of Churches Together in Scotland (ACTS): Members' Meeting
Alternate: *for* Mr David Easson *reading* The Revd T Alan Anderson

8/42/10 The Conference adopted Resolutions 59/10 and 59/11.

8/42/11 The Conference adopted Resolution 59/12,

p530-1,

(ii) The Lead Connexional Treasurer

for 'to be appointed' reading The Revd Timothy A Swindell

Nominated by the Council to the Conference as Lead Connexional Treasurer.

(iii) Four District Chairs

for 'a vacancy' reading The Revd Dr Andrew D Wood

Nominated to the Council by the Chairs' Meeting.

(iv) District Representatives

for The Revd Jacqueline P Evans reading The Revd Keith A Reed

Nominated to the Council by the Leeds District.

for 'one vacancy' reading Ms Janet Baker

Nominated to the Council by the Southampton District

8/42/12 The Conference adopted Resolutions 59/13 and 59/14.

8/42/13 The Conference adopted Resolution 59/15,

p532,

Recording Officers: for 'names to be listed on the Order Paper' reading

Deacons Lorraine Brown and Belinda Letby

Reporting Officer: for 'name to be listed on the Order Paper' reading Deacon

Lorraine Brown

8/42/14 The Conference adopted Resolution 59/16,

p532, adding Deacon Michelle Legumi

8/42/15 The Conference adopted Resolutions 59/17, 59/18, 59/19, 59/20 and 59/21.

8/42/16 **Appointment of the Lead Connexional Treasurer**

Timothy Swindell is a chartered accountant and for 25 years worked as a finance officer in a number of national and international finance companies, with increasing levels of professional responsibility. Over several years he felt called to presbyteral ministry but equally to exercise that ministry within a professional financial context. He was thus ordained a presbyter in 2010 and has served the church professionally in a number of part-time roles, including being Joint Chief Executive Officer for the Methodist Independent Schools Trust and, since 2010, Executive Chair of Central Hall Westminster Ltd. He is also a Governor and Trustee of Queenswood School and has been a Trustee of the North Bank Estate.

He is stationed in the Enfield Circuit and performs non-stipendiary duties for the Circuit as required. He is very committed to serving the Methodist Church however he can and now has the time to fulfil the honorary role of Lead Connexional Treasurer.

The Council nominates the Revd Timothy A Swindell to serve as Lead Connexional Treasurer for an initial period of six years from 1 September 2015.

The Conference adopted as Resolution 59/22:

The Conference appoints the Revd Timothy A Swindell to serve as Lead Connexional Treasurer for an initial period of six years from 1 September 2015.

8/43 **NEW ITEM: 66. REPORT OF THE LAW AND POLITY CONFERENCE SUB-COMMITTEE**

8/43/1 Report: The sub-committee proposes the following resolution under Standing Order 131(25):

The Conference adopted as Resolution 66/1:

By way of consequential provision [*relating to Resolution 45/3 at 6/22/3*] the Conference amends Standing Order 417(5) by deleting the existing text and substituting the following:

(5) The district representatives shall meet the Chair at least once before the date of the Conference at a briefing meeting which shall:

(i) cover the procedures and ways of working of the Conference;
(ii) include agenda information on major items of business; and
the meeting shall be held sufficiently in advance of the Conference to facilitate attendance and other members of the Conference resident or stationed in the District shall be invited to attend.

8/43/2 The Conference adopted as Resolution 66/2:

For the better achievement of its intention the Conference amends the new Standing Order 512B(10) by deleting the last sentence of the existing text [*see Resolution 17/10 at 5/23/5*] and substituting the following:

The old Circuit Meeting shall be treated as remaining in existence solely for the purpose of holding such a meeting and deciding whether or not to apply to withdraw the direction. The membership of the old Circuit Meeting for this purpose shall consist of the persons who constituted the members of the Circuit Meeting immediately prior to the making of the direction.

8/43/3 The Conference adopted as Resolution 66/3:

For the better achievement of its intention the Conference amends the new Standing Order 611A(10) by deleting the last sentence of the existing text [*see Resolution 17/10 at 5/23/5*] and substituting the following:

The old Church Council shall be treated as remaining in existence solely for the purpose of holding such a meeting and deciding whether or not to apply to withdraw the direction. The membership of the old Church Council for this purpose shall consist of the persons who constituted the members of the Church Council immediately prior to the making of the direction.

8/43/4 The Conference adopted as Resolution 66/4:

For the better achievement of its intention the Conference amends the following new Standing Orders:

806(8) The provisions in Standing Order 807A, 807B, 807C and 807D are intended to reflect as closely as possible the statutory provisions for maternity and paternity leave, shared parental leave and adoption leave applicable to

employed person and should be interpreted to reflect this intention. [see Resolutions 17/7-8 at 5/23/3]

SO 512B(6)(i) replacing **(9)** with **(10)**
512B(7) replacing **'consist of the members'** with **'consist of the persons'**
512B(11) replacing **'members who constituted the membership of the Circuit Meeting prior to the making of the direction and so that any members'** with **'persons who constituted the membership of the Circuit Meeting prior to the making of the direction and so that any persons'**
SO 611A(6)(i) replacing **(9)** with **(10)**
611A(7) replacing **'consist of the members'** with **'consist of the persons'**
SO 611A(11) replacing **'members who constituted the membership of the Church Council prior to the making of the direction and so that any members'** with **'persons who constituted the membership of the Church Council prior to the making of the direction and so that any persons'**

[for these see Resolution 17/10 at 5/23/5]

8/43/5 The Conference adopted as Resolution 66/5:

The Conference delegates to the Methodist Council the making of any outstanding appointments and the completing of any outstanding business required to be made or done by the Conference of 2015, and directs that any such actions be reported to the Conference of 2016.

8/43/6 The Conference noted that there were no special resolutions requiring submission for consultation.

8/44 **THE STATIONS**

8/44/1 The Stations were presented to the Conference in the form of the Draft previously circulated with the following amendments:

SYNOD CYMRU
1/1 Cymru
Supernumeraries
Deleting Raymond Hughes

THE WALES SYNOD
2/3 Bangor and Holyhead
Supernumeraries
Adding David A Ray

2/6 Bridgend
Supernumeraries
Adding Phillip A Poynor

2/12 Conwy and Prestatyn
For Malcolm Chester (*Chaplain MHA Adlington House and Coed Graig*)
reading Malcolm Chester (*Chaplain MHA Adlington House and Coed Craig*)
Supernumeraries
Deleting David A Ray

2/15 Llanelli and Carmarthen
Supernumeraries
Deleting Alfred H Williams

Deleting Phyllis M Withington (D)

2/16 Mid-Glamorgan Mission

Adding Alfred H Williams

2/26 Wrexham

Adding Christopher J Mabb (WA) who shall act under the direction of the Chair of the District

THE BIRMINGHAM DISTRICT

5/1 Birmingham

Deleting Neil S Riches (AP)

Supernumeraries

Adding Donald P Ker (RR)

The Queen's Foundation

Adding Paul Nzacahayo (*Tutor*)

5/6 Birmingham (West) and Oldbury

Supernumeraries

Adding Brian D Taylor

5/15 Stratford and Evesham

Supernumeraries

Deleting C Brian Holliday

THE BOLTON AND ROCHDALE DISTRICT

6/2 Bolton Mission

Deleting Paul Martin (A)

6/3 Farnworth and Worsley

Adding Jane Greenhalgh (AP)

For Neville C Markham (WA)

reading Neville C Markham (*Hospital Chaplain*)

THE BRISTOL DISTRICT

7/2 Bristol and South Gloucestershire

Supernumeraries

Adding Emmanuel M Jacob

7/7 Gloucestershire

Deleting Roxanne Simpson (WA) who shall act in respect of ministerial duties under the direction of the Secretary of the Conference

7/15 Gordano Valley

Supernumeraries

Adding Heather Noel-Smith

7/20 Wiltshire United Area

Adding Gary J Gotham (AP)

Adding Ruth E Whittard (WA)

THE CUMBRIA DISTRICT

9/9 Penrith

Adding Terence G Wilcock (AP)

9/14 South Lakes
Supernumeraries
Deleting Robert Barker (B)

THE CHESTER AND STOKE-ON-TRENT DISTRICT

11/22 North Staffordshire
For Alison J Brookes
reading Alison J Anderson

THE CORNWALL DISTRICT

12/4 Truro
Deleting † Mary Mawonera

12/7 St. Austell
Supernumeraries
Deleting Geoffrey W Tamblin (D)

12/14 The Lizard and Mounts Bay
Supernumeraries
Adding Geoffrey W Tamblin (D)

12/17 Launceston Area
Deleting Rona E Eastman (D)

THE DARLINGTON DISTRICT

13/3 Stockton
Deleting Derek W Rosamond (AP)

13/4 United North East
Deleting David M Payne (*Hospital Chaplain*)

13/5 Stokesley
Adding Daniel Pratt Morris-Chapman
For Graham P Peacock (*Hospital Chaplain*)
reading Graham P Peacock (*Mental Health Chaplain*)

13/7 Cleveland and Danby
For Alan Coates (S)
reading Alan Coates
For W Arthur Harbottle (S)
reading W Arthur Harbottle
and reordering list

13/10 Bishop Auckland and Shildon
Adding Sarah Siddique Gill (AP)

13/11 Durham and Deerness Valley
Adding Kate Bruce (AP)
Deleting Elizabeth I Strafford (AP)

Deleting **Wesley Study Centre**
Deleting Kate Bruce (AP)

THE EAST ANGLIA DISTRICT

14/1 Norwich
Deleting Anne M Richardson (*Working among the Deaf Community*)

14/2 Ipswich
Supernumeraries
Deleting Paul R Howes

14/3 Bury St. Edmunds
Supernumeraries
Deleting John P Fenn
Deleting Robert J Hufton

14/7 Lowestoft and East Suffolk
Deleting Julian M Pursehouse (S)
For Ian G Gardner
reading Ian G Gardner (S)

14/9 Waveney Valley Ecumenical Partnership
Deleting Jacqueline P Evans (S)
Adding Julian M Pursehouse (S)

14/13 North Norfolk
Supernumeraries
Adding John P Fenn

14/15 Central Norfolk
Adding Anne M Richardson (*Working among the Deaf Community*)

14/20 West Norfolk
Supernumeraries
Adding Marie L Whitcombe

14/25 St Neots and Huntingdon
Adding Paul M Beard
Deleting Manivasagan N Pillay

THE LEEDS DISTRICT

16/1 Leeds (South and West)
Supernumeraries
Deleting Harry A Jones

16/2 Leeds (North and East)
Supernumeraries
Adding Norma Davey
Adding Harry A Jones

16/12 Nidd Valley
Adding David M Payne (*Hospital Chaplain*)

16/17 Aire and Calder
Adding Jacqueline P Evans

THE LINCOLNSHIRE DISTRICT

17/3 Lincoln (South)
Adding Hamish G F Temple (AP)

17/7 The Wolds and Trent
Supernumeraries
Deleting Horace C Marshall

17/22 Boston
Supernumeraries
Adding I Marie Greenwood

THE LIVERPOOL DISTRICT

18/5 Liverpool (South)
Adding Frank R Cain (AP)

THE MANCHESTER AND STOCKPORT DISTRICT

19/11 Oldham and SAddingleworth
For Nicholas C Bentley (S)
reading Nicholas C Bentley
For Darren J Holland (S)
reading Darren J Holland
For James R Skinner (S)
reading James R Skinner
and reordering list

THE NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE DISTRICT

20/1 Newcastle upon Tyne (Central and East)
For Kathryn M Reader (WA)
reading Kathryn M Reader (*MHA Chaplain*)

20/5 North Shields and Whitley Bay
Supernumeraries
Adding Robert J Hufton

20/6 South East Northumberland Ecumenical Area
Supernumeraries
Deleting Phillip A Poynor

THE LANCASHIRE DISTRICT

21/2 West Pennine Moors
Supernumeraries
Deleting Keith H Richardson

21/10 Chorley and Leyland
Adding David J Gallimore (D) (WA)
Adding Lynda J Gallimore (D) (WA)

21/14 South Fylde
Deleting Rachel D Deigh
Adding Stephen N Heath

21/15 North Fylde
Deleting Lindsay J Pettigrew
Supernumeraries
Adding Lindsay J Pettigrew

21/16 North Lancashire
Supernumeraries – reorder list

THE NOTTINGHAM AND DERBY DISTRICT

For **2/10 Alfreton (Watchorn)**
reading **22/10 Alfreton (Watchorn)**

22/13 Borders Mission
Deleting Harriet P Bacon (D)

For **22/23 Mansfield**
reading **22/23 Sherwood Forest**

THE NORTHAMPTON DISTRICT

23/1 Oxford
Supernumeraries
Adding C Brian Holliday

23/2 Wantage and Abingdon
Supernumeraries
Adding David J Frudd

23/7 Leicester (Trinity)
Supernumeraries
Deleting Peter N Hudson

23/9 Leicester (West)
For Jill Marsh (*Director of Mission*)
reading Jill Marsh (*District Director of Mission*)

23/21 Peterborough
Supernumeraries
Adding John Beebe
Adding Phyllis M Withington (D)

23/22 Stamford and Rutland
Deleting David Whitlock (AP)

23/27 High Wycombe
For Alan J Bolton
reading Alan J Bolton (*Connexional Team*)

THE PLYMOUTH AND EXETER DISTRICT

24/16 Tiverton and Wellington
Adding Rona E Eastman (D) (WA)

THE SHEFFIELD DISTRICT

Cliff College
Deleting Richard Jackson

THE SOUTHAMPTON DISTRICT

26/3 Kennet and Test Valley
Deleting John T Beadle (S)
Adding David M Shaw (A) (S)

26/5 Yeovil and Blackmore Vale
Deleting Ronald C J R Martin (*Hospital Chaplain*)

26/7 East Solent and Downs
Deleting Timothy E Jessiman (AP)
Supernumeraries
Deleting J David Bridge

26/10 Christchurch and Wimborne
Deleting David K Langford (AP)

26/23 Salisbury
Supernumeraries
Adding David S Bridge

THE WEST YORKSHIRE DISTRICT
27/9 Denby Dale and Clayton West
For Alan E Wilthew (S)
reading Alan E Wilthew

27/31 Airedale
Deleting R Neville Richardson (AP)
Supernumeraries
Adding R Neville Richardson (AP)

THE WOLVERHAMPTON AND SHREWSBURY DISTRICT
28/3 Shropshire and Marches
For Denise Bulloss (WA)
reading Denise Bulloss
Supernumeraries
Deleting Susan E Huband (D)

28/5 Vale of Stour
Adding John D Howard (S)
Deleting Paul Nzacahayo (S)

28/8 Cannock Chase
Deleting Kathryn Cook
Adding Cleopas Sibanda (AP)

28/21 Telford
Adding Kathryn Cook
Adding Lee Plummer (AP)

THE YORK AND HULL DISTRICT
29/8 Beverley
Adding Martin K Batstone (*Student Well-Being Adviser*)

29/10 Bridlington
Supernumeraries
Adding Keith Himsworth

29/31 North Yorkshire Coast
Supernumeraries
Deleting Keith Himsworth

29/32 South Holderness
For Lansford H Penn-Timothy (AP)
reading Lansford H Penn-Timothy (RR)

29/34 Ryedale
For Tania J Brosnan (*Mammographer*)
reading Tania J Brosnan (*Mammographer and Hospital Chaplain*)

29/37 Hull (Centre and West)
Deleting Martin K Batstone
Deleting † Liane J E Kensett (D)

THE SCOTLAND DISTRICT

31/1 Edinburgh and Forth
Supernumeraries
Adding Robert Barker (B)

31/2 Strathclyde
Adding Judith L Tatton (AP)
Supernumeraries
Deleting T Alan Anderson

31/5 Ayrshire and Renfrewshire
Deleting Elizabeth J B Adam (WA)
Supernumeraries
Adding T Alan Anderson
Deleting John G Mitchell

31/10 North of Scotland Mission
Adding Elizabeth J B Adam (WA)

31/13 Inverness
Adding John T Beadle (S)
Deleting David P Easton (S)

THE BEDFORDSHIRE, ESSEX AND HERTFORDSHIRE DISTRICT

34/6 Colchester
Supernumeraries
Adding Paul R Howes

34/9 Chelmsford
Deleting Anne E Brown (S)
Adding Michael J Lewis (S)
Deleting Michael Crockett (RR)

34/10 Southend and Leigh
Adding Michael Moon (RR)

34/12 Herts and Essex Border Ecumenical Area
Deleting Noelle R Taylor (AP)

34/13 St Albans and Welwyn
Deleting Mark W J Loney (AP)

34/14 West Hertfordshire and Borders
Supernumeraries
Deleting David S Bridge
Adding J David Bridge

THE LONDON DISTRICT

35/1 City Road
Adding Robert J Maginley (WA)

Methodist Church House

Deleting Christopher J Mabb (WA)

Adding † Mary Mawonera (WA)

Adding Roxanne Simpson (WA)

35/28 Blackheath and Crystal Palace

Deleting Susan Hibberd (D) (WA)

Supernumeraries

Adding Susan Hibberd (D)

35/31 Barking, Dagenham and Ilford

Adding Nigel Cowgill (S)

Deleting Ermal B Kirby (S)

Supernumeraries

Deleting Jennifer-Ann Sweet

35/38 Kingston upon Thames

Supernumeraries

Adding Steven Talbot

Adding Hazel H Yu

35/39 Sutton

For David Dickinson

reading David Dickinson (S)

and reordering list

Supernumeraries

Deleting Hazel H Yu

35/40 Purley

Deleting John K Nyota (AP)

35/42 Bromley

Supernumeraries

Adding David G A Calvert

35/43 Orpington and Chislehurst

Supernumerary

Deleting David G A Calvert

THE SOUTH EAST DISTRICT

36/4 Thames Valley

Supernumeraries

Deleting Heather Noel-Smith

36/5 Staines and Feltham

Adding Michael Deacon (*Mental Health Chaplain*)

36/6 Woking and Walton-on-Thames

Deleting Michael Deacon

36/7 Guildford

Adding J Allan Taylor (AP)

36/9 Worthing
Adding † Gabriele E Britton-Voss

36/13 Central Sussex United Area
Deleting Mark M Roper (WA)
Supernumeraries
Adding Mark M Roper

36/21 North Kent
Supernumeraries
Adding Bryan J Tolhurst

36/27 Canterbury and East Kent
For † Jon Everingham (D)
reading † Joy Everingham (D)

SERVICE IN OTHER CONFERENCES AND CHURCHES

PERMISSION TO SERVE ABROAD

Adding Ermal B Kirby (South Africa)

PERMISSION TO RESIDE ABROAD

Adding Harriet P Bacon (D) (Barbados)
Deleting Suzanna Bates (Canada)
Adding Debra Chidakwa-Akue (United States)
Adding Manivasagan N Pillay (Australia)
For Rosemary Pritchard
reading Rosemary Pritchard (Burkina Faso)
Adding Jennifer-Ann Sweet (South Africa)

FORCES CHAPLAINS

(b) Army
Adding Paul Gallucci (RR)

THE CIRCUITS TO WHICH THE FOLLOWING ARE TO BE APPOINTED OR IN WHICH THEY ARE TO BE STATIONED ARE YET TO BE IDENTIFIED:

Deleting all names in this section

ASSOCIATE PRESBYTERS

Deleting Anthony F Bundock (16/1)
Adding Paul A Crabb (16/1)
Adding Catherine E Dakin (28/9)
Deleting Matthew S Evans (16/14)
Deleting Robert A Evens (34/1)
Adding Ian D Houghton (29/23)
Adding Paul J Johnson (13/3)
Adding Fiona R Mayer-Jones (29/23)
Adding Andrew J Pearson (16/1)
Deleting J Allan Taylor (36/7)

ASSOCIATE DEACONS

Adding James M G Clark-Maxwell (31/2)

8/44/2 The Conference, by a Standing Vote, adopted the Stations.

8/45 **DAILY RECORD**

8/45/1 The Daily Record for Wednesday, 1st July was presented, taken as read, and adopted as printed,

at 7/29 deleting 'therfore' and inserting 'therefore' and at 7/31 inserting 'in its Representative Session' after 'reassembled'.

8/45/2 The Conference adopted the Daily Record for Thursday, 2nd July.

8/46 **EXPRESSIONS OF THANKS**

8/46/1 The Conference expressed its thanks to the Conference Arrangements Committee, those on the Conference Secretariat and the staff in the Record Office, those in the Media Office, those on the Conference Business Committee, and all stewards and volunteers.

8/46/2 The ex-President, The Revd Kenneth G Howcroft, and the ex-Vice-President, Ms Gillian M Dascombe, expressed the thanks of the Conference to the President and Vice-President of the Conference.

8/47 **64. APPRECIATIONS**

8/47/1 Prof Peter D Howdle expressed the appreciation of the Conference for the work of the Secretary of the Conference and General Secretary, The Revd Martyn D Atkins.

8/47/2 The Secretary of the Conference expressed the appreciation of the Conference for the work of the connexional Treasurer, Mr Andrew G Gibbs.

8/47/3 The Secretary of the Conference expressed the appreciation of the Conference for the work of The Revd David Gamble as Chair of the Methodist Council.

8/47/4 The Conference adopted Resolutions 64/1, 64/2 and 64/3.

8/48 **LETTERS**

8/48/1 Letters of thanks were sent in the name of the Conference to the Conference Arrangements Team.

8/48/2 The Conference directed that a letter of congratulation be sent to Mr Raymond and Mrs Marion Atkins, the parents of the Secretary of the Conference, who are celebrating their 70th wedding anniversary.

8/48/3 A letter of greeting was sent in the name of the Conference to Mrs Gillian Taylor, chair of the Provincial Board of the Moravian Church in Great Britain and Ireland, marking the 600th anniversary of the martyrdom of Jan Hus.

8/49 **INDUCTION OF THE SECRETARY OF THE CONFERENCE**

The Induction of the new Secretary of the Conference, The Revd Gareth J Powell took place.

8/50 **ATTESTATION**

During the closing worship of the Conference, the Daily Record of the Presbyteral and Representative Sessions and associated documents were signed by the President, the Vice-President and the Secretary of the Conference, and were duly attested.

8/51 **THE JOURNAL**

The Conference, by a Standing Vote, directed that the Resolutions, Orders, Elections, Consents, Delegations and Appointments, and each of them, and every Act and all Acts whatsoever made and done by the Conference begun on Thursday, 25th June 2015, be duly entered in the Journal of the Conference, subscribed by the President, the Vice-President and the Secretary, and shall be taken as, and shall be, the Acts of the Conference to all intents and purposes whatsoever.

8/52 **ADJOURNMENT**

The Conference, by a Standing Vote, resolved to adjourn to the Conference of 2016, which would meet in London on Thursday, 30th June in its Presbyteral Session, and on Saturday, 2nd July in its Representative Session.

8/53 The Conference adjourned at 12.29

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This Appendix lists Motions adopted, or agreed to be not put, other than those which were amendments to substantive Resolutions. It also lists those that the Conference referred to other bodies. It does not list Motions lost or withdrawn, which do not appear in the Record. The figures in brackets are the numbers given to the Notices of Motion.

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(b) not put

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For a report about work done and work in progress on Notices of Motion brought to previous Conferences, see item 53 of the Agenda (adopted Daily Record 8/25).

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M29	Investment in fossil fuels	8/4/2
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APPENDIX C REPLIES TO MEMORIALS OF PREVIOUS CONFERENCES

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