

57. Appreciations

The Revd Helen D Cameron

Helen Cameron has served as Assistant Secretary of the Conference since 2015. During her ministry in this appointment she has combined her previous experiences of circuit ministry and her work in theological education. As such many contexts and processes have benefited from her wide experience of the variety and breadth of Methodism. A hallmark of her ministry has been her desire to maintain and develop relationships with Circuits, consistently making herself available to preach in Circuits and Local Churches. Amid the administrative tasks that are so central to the role of Assistant Secretary Helen has delighted in opportunities to assist people in the development of faithful witness. A particular focus of her time as Assistant Secretary has been participation in the development of appropriate patterns of supervision explaining with care and passion the essential elements of robust oversight and care. Another key aspect of her work has been to assist in the implementation of the Past Cases Review.

Helen's expectation of rigorous thinking has enabled her and others to reflect on a number of well-established processes. Consequently, she has developed and reinvigorated a number of processes and meetings to ensure that the people called Methodist are at their most effective when they have a pattern of discipleship that releases energy for the proclamation of God's love. It is typical of her desire to be faithful to the discipline of the Conference that she made herself available to the stationing needs of the wider Connexion.

***RESOLUTION

57/1. The Conference expressed its gratitude to the Revd Helen D Cameron for the faithfulness and dedication with which she has exercised her ministry as Assistant Secretary of the Conference, and wished her well as she continues her ministry.

Mr Andrew Owen

Andrew Owen has served as Chair of the Stationing Committee since 2011. During this time the Committee has benefited from his wide experience of the Methodist Church as a Local Preacher, church and circuit steward. His prior experience as Lay Stationing Representative for the Bristol District, coupled with his membership of the Methodist Council and the Stationing Advisory Committee ensured that he has enabled the Committee to consider a range of practical issues as well as to take note of longer term strategic matters that shape how the Church deploys ministers. Andrew has made himself available for consultation and been a source of advice for all those involved in the process of deploying ministers. He has helped the Conference to remember how important it is to have a clear policy on matters relating to stationing. He has undertaken his tasks with good humour, patience and the absolute clarity that the purpose of the Committee is to enable the ministry of the whole Church by the careful way in which stationing matching takes place.

***RESOLUTION

57/2. The Conference thanked Mr Andrew Owen for his work as chair of the Stationing Committee and wished him well for his future life and ministry.