

52. Appreciations

The Revd Ruth M Gee

Ruth Gee has served as Chair of the Methodist Council since 2015. Ruth has brought to the role of Chair of the Council her wide connexional experience as President of the Conference and District Chair, along with a clear understanding of the Council's role in the life of the Church. She has chaired the meetings of the Council sensitively and with clarity paying particular attention to ensuring that all members of the Council feel they can participate in the work of the Council. She has worked to ensure that the work of the Council is carefully and rigorously planned, placing the mission of the Church at its centre. The prayer life of the Council has been important to her and in that she has nurtured the Council reflecting without hesitation that it is more than a business meeting. Ruth has enabled the Council to understand afresh its responsibilities in oversight and pastoral responsibility. She has been willing to take the Chair's responsibility as appropriate between meetings, and has presented the very wide range of the Council's business to the Conference ably and with understanding. In all of this Ruth has offered unfailing support and wisdom to the Secretariat and senior members of the Connexional Team. At every turn of time in the chair Ruth has held before the Council and the wider Connexion the challenge of what it is to be the body of Christ.

*****RESOLUTION**

52/1. The Conference thanked the Revd Ruth M Gee for her service to the Church as Chair of the Methodist Council, and wished her well in her future life and ministry.