

1/1 The Conference in its Presbyteral Session assembled in Telford at 14.15, The Revd Sonia M Hicks, the President of the Conference, in the Chair.

1/2 **PASTORAL ADDRESS AND HOLY COMMUNION**

The Conference shared in a service of Holy Communion, during which the President addressed the Conference.

1/3 The Conference adjourned at 15.37.

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 592-599) 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 600) 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:

Birmingham

92 The Revd Phillip J Warrey *vice* The Revd Christopher J Collins [*as corrected by 6/19/2*]

PRESBYTERS ATTENDING THE PRESBYTERAL SESSION UNDER THEIR OWN ARRANGEMENTS

deleting The Revd Patricia Christopher

deleting The Revd Dr Jane V Craske

deleting The Revd Andrew S Farrington

deleting The Revd Sarah Jemison

deleting The Revd Matthew Lunn

1/6 **LETTERS**

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

The Revd Joseph F Collinson (1951)

The Revd John H S Crossley (1951)

The Revd Douglas A Dennis (1951)

The Revd Harry W Gillespie (1949)

The Revd Stephen J Grieves-Smith (1952)

The Revd Antony M Hearle (1947)

The Revd Peter Howard (1951)

The Revd Peter G Jarvis (1951)

The Revd George W S Knowles (1949)

The Revd Glanville T Magor (1951)

The Revd Douglas Maw (1952)

The Revd John L Mitchell (1952)

The Revd Dr Albert W Mosley (1948)
The Revd Colin G Rowe (1951)
The Revd John E Stanfield (1948)
The Revd W G Flaxman Vivian (1950)
The Revd Stanley M Weary (1952)
The Revd John M White (1952)

1/7 **HOURS OF SESSION**

The Conference agreed that these should be 14.15-15.45 and 16.15-18.30 on Thursday, 23 June; 09.15-10.45, 11.15-12.15, 12.30-13.00, 14.15-16.15 and 16.45-18.30 on Friday, 24 June.

1/8 **APPOINTMENT OF SCRUTINEERS**

The Conference appointed the Scrutineers as follows:

The Revd Philip J Jackson (Chief Scrutineer)	The Revd Andrew W Fyall
The Revd Sean C C Adair	The Revd Rosamund V Hollingsworth
The Revd Helen Croft	The Revd Andrew J L Hollins
The Revd Rory J Dagleish	

1/9 **APPOINTMENT OF ATTESTORS**

The Revds R Margaret K Mwilu and A James Patron Bell were appointed to attest the 'written portion' of the Daily Record of the Presbyteral Session.

1/10 **4. REPORT OF THE PRESBYTERAL SESSION BUSINESS COMMITTEE**

The Conference adopted Resolution 4/1.

1/11 **5. CONFERENCE ARRANGEMENTS**

The Conference adopted Resolutions 5/3, 5/4, 5/5 and 5/6.

1/12 The Conference went into closed session at 16.30.

1/13 **37. MINISTERIAL CANDIDATES AND PROBATIONERS OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE**

1. Candidates for Presbyteral Ministry

1/13/1 The Conference, with the required majority, recommended acceptance by the Representative Session of the following candidates, to proceed unconditionally into pre-ordination training:

Michaela Jayne Barker	Collins Frimpong-Manso
Owen Gerallt Carney	Ildiko Maria Haraszi
Godfrey Chikaviro	Cassandra Emma Jennings
Julie Clark	Dorothy Anne Pipet
James Jeremy Cullingford	Claire Lucy Sutcliffe
Christvin Johnson Kirubakara	
Pandian Edbarg	

1/13/2 The Conference, with the required majority, recommended acceptance by the Representative Session of the following candidate, unconditionally, with permission to defer entry into pre-ordination training:

Liam James John Sheridan

- 1/13/3 The Conference, with the required majority, adopted Resolution 37/2.
- 1/14 **2. Special Reports**
- 1/14/1 The Conference received a report that the following accepted candidate previously given permission to defer entry into training has now been given permission to enter training:
- Ian David Byron
- 1/14/2 The Conference agreed the following changes in expected date of Reception into Full Connexion:
- To an earlier date:*
John Paul Banks 2025 (from 2026)
- To a later date:*
Samantha Jane Gillard 2025 (from 2024)
Naomi-Rachel Frances Sparey 2026 (from 2025)
- 1/14/3 The Conference noted that student presbyter Stuart David Hurst had withdrawn from training.
- 1/14/4 The Conference adopted Resolution 37/1,
- p 409, paragraph 1.2, *for* No case *reading* Liam James John Sheriden
- p 410, paragraph 1.5 (b), *adding* Naomi-Rachel Frances Sparey to 2026
- 1/15 **3. Preachers Recommended for Continuance on Trial**
- The Conference renumbered the Resolution on p 414 as 37/4 and adopted Resolution 37/4,
- p 414,
for Sparey Naomi-Rachel 2025
reading *Sparey Naomi-Rachel Frances 2026
- 1/16 **4. Preachers on Trial presented to the Conference for Reception into Full Connexion**
- 1/16/1 The Conference accepted the recommendation of the Candidates' and Probationers Oversight Committee that the following are fit to be admitted into Full Connexion with the Conference as presbyters:
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| Susan Joan Baker-Maher | Julie Ann King |
| Nicholas Biggar | Sydney-Samuel Ekundayo Lake |
| Mark Carrick | Kenneth George McNally |
| Yanyan Case | Margaret Anne Newman |
| Ian Richard Couchman | Julia Irene Reid |
| Sang Wook Han | Pamela Ann Roberts |
| Louisa Jane Haynes | Latika Singh |
| George Victor Heinz | Katharine Jane Smith |
| Helen Elizabeth Hickson | Rebecca Helen Wright |
| Kevin Robert Highfield | Emily Rosalind Alice Young |
- 1/16/2 The Conference, by a Standing Vote, adopted Resolution 37/5,

p 415,
for
reading

Smith
Smith

Katherine Jane
Katharine Jane

1/17 **39. PRESBYTERAL TRANSFERS AND REINSTATEMENTS**

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

1/17/1 The Conference, with the required majority, recommended acceptance by the Representative Session of the following applicant for transfer to be received into Full Connexion:

Francis M'itiiri (Methodist Church in Kenya)

1/17/2 The Conference, with the required majority, recommended acceptance by the Representative Session of the following applicant for transfer to proceed to probation:

Evelyn Ruth Bhajan (Church of Pakistan)

1/17/3 The Conference, with the required majority, recommended acceptance by the Representative Session of the following applicants for transfer to be received into Full Connexion upon fulfilment of stated conditions:

Anselmo Francisco do Amaral (Methodist Church in Brazil)
Sherryanne Noreen Daley-Lee (Methodist Church in the Caribbean and the Americas)
Saul Tadzaushe (Methodist Church in Zimbabwe)

1/17/4 The Conference, with the required majority, recommended acceptance by the Representative Session of the following former presbyters of other churches to be received into Full Connexion:

Leon Arlington Dundas (Church of the Nazarene)
Robert Selvakumar Nambinarayanan (Methodist Church in Malaysia)

1/17/5 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):

Fiona Marie Calverey (Methodist Church of Southern Africa)
Jeffrey Alan Conklin-Miller (California-Pacific Conference of The United Methodist Church)
Annie Mwaka Deche (Methodist Church in Kenya)
Kennedy Gondongwe (Methodist Church in Zimbabwe)
Albert James Jackson (Church of the Nazarene)
Collin Luke Moore (Methodist Church of Southern Africa)
Allen Moyo (Methodist Church in Zimbabwe)

1/17/6 **3. Recommendations for reinstatements to Full Connexion**

The Conference heard a report regarding an application for reinstatement to Full Connexion and adopted as Resolution 39/0:

The Conference receives the Report but does not adopt the recommendation for reinstatement.

1/17/7 The Conference adopted Resolution 39/1,

p 417 paragraph 1.3, *deleting*:

Anselmo Francisco do Amaral (Methodist Church of Brazil)

Sherryanne Noreen Daley-Lee (Methodist Church of the Caribbean and the Americas)

Saul Tadzaushe (Methodist Church Zimbabwe)

p 418 paragraph 1.7, *adding*:

Anselmo Francisco do Amaral (Methodist Church in Brazil)

Sherryanne Noreen Daley-Lee (Methodist Church in the Caribbean and the Americas)

Saul Tadzaushe (Methodist Church in Zimbabwe)

and deleting:

Brain Magadzire (Methodist Church in Zimbabwe) *Condition: matching with an appointment in stationing. This remains unfulfilled.*

Eddison Mubengo (Wesleyan Reform Union of Churches) *Condition: matching with an appointment in stationing. This remains unfulfilled.*

p 418 paragraph 1.8, *adding*:

Brain Magadzire (Methodist Church in Zimbabwe) [condition not yet met]

Eddison Mubengo (Wesleyan Reform Union of Churches) [condition not yet met]

p 418 paragraph 1.10,

deleting Nimilote Rokotoro (Methodist Church Fiji)

p 419, paragraph 3,

for Peter Timms reading No case

1/17/8 The Conference, by a Standing Vote, adopted Resolution 39/2.

1/18 **38. PERMISSIONS TO SERVE**

The Conference adopted Resolution 38/1.

1/19 **RESIGNATIONS**

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

Steven Carpenter	No status
Alexandra C Dunstan	No status
Paul N Dunstan	No status
Paul A Edwards	No status
Hilary Ewing	No status
Vivien Firth	No status
James H Grayson	No status
Phillip R Greetham	No status
Malcolm Guest	No status
Richard Jackson	No status
H Frieder Kreschnak	No status
J Scott Manning	No status
John M Peters	No status
Laurence R Potter	No status
Colin A Reasbeck	Member

Keith Rowbottom	No status
Malcolm J Sharrock	No status
Martyn J Skinner	No status
F Robert Stevens	No status
Richard J Stott	No status
Carol A Vessey	No status
Selby White	No status

1/20 **REPORT OF CONNEXIONAL DISCIPLINE AND APPEAL COMMITTEES**

1/20/1 The Conference received a report on behalf of the Convenors of Connexional Discipline, Pastoral and Appeal Committees.

1/20/2 The Conference noted that the following had ceased to be a presbyter in Full Connexion with the Conference:

E Bruce Deakin

1/21 The Conference adjourned at 17.31.

1/22 The Conference reassembled in open session at 18.15.

1/23 The Conference engaged in worship.

1/24 The Conference adjourned at 18.35.

- 2/1 The Conference assembled at 9.15, and shared in worship.
- 2/2 The Revd Kenneth G Howcroft introduced **Agenda Item 19: The Covenant Relationship between the Church and its Ministers: Commitments and Expectations.** The Conference engaged in discussion in workshops.
- 2/3 The Conference adjourned at 10.47.
- 2/4 The Conference reassembled at 11.15.
- 2/5 The Assistant Secretary of the Conference, The Revd Michaela A Youngson and The Revd Gillian M Newton facilitated the Conference in a discussion about the stationing process.

2/6 **OBITUARIES**

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.

Kenneth Denys Beardsley: Born in Sutton in Ashfield on 23 October 1928. His father, a Methodist minister, served as a missionary in Nigeria, whilst Ken was cared for by his grandparents. As a pupil at Middlesbrough High School during the war, Ken was evacuated to Barnard Castle, where lessons were held in the Bowes Museum. Ken studied for a BA at Manchester University, lodging at Hartley Victoria College. The Christian faith was always important to him and he followed his father into ministry, training at Headingley College, serving first in the Pickering Circuit. Following ordination, he served in Durham, and then Keighley Circuits. Here he particularly encouraged the young people, among whom five subsequently entered ministry. Ken never married. His mother joined him in Keighley following the death of his father, and remained with him until her death. Ken continued his ministry in the Otley Circuit, then Bradford (Woodhouse Grove), and Hexham, before becoming Superintendent of the South Craven Circuit. His final full-time appointment was in the Carlisle Circuit, after which he took responsibilities as an active Supernumerary in the Kirkoswald Circuit. In 1995 Ken retired to Silsden where the local churches were family for him, and where he was a much-loved figure in the community. He continued to pursue his lifelong love of walking, leading guided walks, and taking walking holidays with friends. Ken was rigorously influenced by Wesley's sermon "The Use of Money", which ensured that he lived as frugally as possible. He was always a meticulous organiser. He had a strong social conscience, and often spoke out in church newsletters and the local press. He was involved in the local Amnesty International group and also played an active role in Spectrum. Ken will be remembered as an inspiring, encouraging minister and a lovely man, very independent, though grateful for the support of his family and his church family. He was well cared for in his final weeks at Glen Rosa MHA. Ken died on 11 April 2022, in the ninety-fourth year of his age and the seventy-second year of his presbyteral ministry.

Edward Arthur Bishop: Born in Blackheath, South-East London, on 21 July 1929, along with his twin brother Peter. Both of them were thrown out of the Church of England Sunday School at St John's, Welling, but, apparently, Welling Methodist Church was prepared to put up with them. Ted was at school in Welling and then Dartford, beginning working life with the Ordnance Survey, firstly as a draughtsman, and then, following National Service, carrying out surveying work, mainly across South London. During his time in the Welling Methodist Church Youth Fellowship, he met Barbara. Love was to blossom, and Barbara was a loyal and devoted companion for Ted, supportive in all his ministry. Ted also found that his faith was developing, becoming a leader in the Youth Fellowship, and then he responded to God's call, firstly as a local preacher, and then to ordained ministry. He was accepted for training at Handsworth College in Birmingham. He and Barbara did not marry until after ministerial training, as was the norm. He served in the following Circuits: Burma (Myanmar) in the Naga Hills District of the Burma Methodist Church, Stevenage, Rome (as Minister of the English-speaking church), and finally Ashford. Whilst in Burma, Barbara gave birth to their sons Martin and Philip. During his time in Rome, Ted rejoiced in the play on his name: the idea of being the new Bishop in Rome. Throughout his ministry Ted was a committed ecumenist, and a keen practitioner of ministry rooted in the community. After sitting down, Ted and Barbara moved to Canterbury, where Ted shared in ministry in the Anglican-Methodist local ecumenical partnership in Sturry. He did publicity work for Churches in Canterbury, Churches Together in Kent, and for the Methodist District. He also kept up his lifelong love of gardening. Following time in hospital, he and Barbara moved to a care home in South Canterbury where Ted died peacefully on 21 April 2022 in the ninety-third year of his age and the sixty-sixth year of his presbyteral ministry.

Ruth Hilary Davis: Born 13 May 1930, the daughter of Kenneth and Helen Davis. Ruth was educated at Cheadle Hulme School and Manchester and Liverpool Universities, training as a clinical psychologist, and was awarded a BA and MA in psychology. Ruth then taught for three years in a Home Office approved school, as a Teacher in Charge at a local authority assessment centre for children in care, and a Youth Employment Officer, before taking a role as Clinical Psychologist in the child psychiatric unit at Clatterbridge Hospital on the Wirral from 1960 to 1973. When the Methodist presbyteral ministry was first opened to women, Ruth became one of the first women to offer for this ministry, and trained at Wesley House, Cambridge. She then served in the following Circuits: Lowestoft and East Suffolk; Redcar, Saltburn and Guisborough; and Barnard Castle and Teesdale. In 1985 she took a year out to write a thesis entitled 'Breaking the Mould', describing the impact of the ordination of women on the ministry in the Methodist Church and on the life of the Church as a whole. Ruth retired to Guisborough and lived there until shortly before her death, when she moved to a care home in Redcar, where she was lovingly looked after. Ruth unobtrusively brought her professional skills to the ordained ministry; her listening skills and psychological understanding were of great use in her pastoral work, and of great help to colleagues who realised that here was a source of valuable advice, made generously available. Ruth was a sensitive leader of worship, helping her congregations not to be afraid of silence, and her preaching was thoughtful, and appreciated. Being one of the first women ministers was a distinction, though it was endured rather than welcomed; negativity, however, was rarely expressed, and often not felt, especially as time went on and numbers of women ministers increased. Nevertheless, it was a welcome relief to Ruth and other women student colleagues, to spend time out with the Sisters of the Assumption at Hengrave Hall. Ruth is survived by two nephews, Christopher and Michael, and their children. She will be missed by many friends, and there will be many, too, who will be grateful for a ministry faithfully fulfilled. She died on 4 March 2022, in the ninety-second year of her age and the fiftieth year of her presbyteral ministry.

Brian William Goss: Born in Reading on 15 October, 1931, the son of Ernest and Phyllis, and half-brother of Royston. With a deep faith in the goodness of God, Brian believed in the goodness of humanity and the power of collective action. As a minister he was known for a natural engagement with his neighbours in community, and kindness. Brian noticed people. He broke the family tradition for the Merchant Navy to read theology at University before study for the ministry at Wesley House, Cambridge. Some years after their first meeting, Brian followed Zena to the Edinburgh Fringe where she was performing, proposing in the summer of 1961. They were married in August 1962 and had a long and fruitful union. Ever dapper in silk tie and hat, Brian moved with ease in the settings in which he served. He was stationed at Poole before moving to Bury, Ipswich, London (Harrow), Romford, London Mission (East Ham), and finally London (New River), before sitting down in 1996. As an active supernumerary living in Hackney, Brian built a pastoral collaboration over two decades at Wesley's Chapel and Leysian Mission where Zena continued as a pastoral leader. They grieved deeply the death of their older son Simon in the prime of his life. Despite this, Brian showed his most conspicuous joy in the presence of their extended family including younger son Christopher, numerous grandchildren and partners, and latterly, great grandson Ezra. In recent years Brian had some confusion about how things fit together in a day, yet he maintained his delight in God, his participation in the world, his sense of justice, his curiosity about the future, and his capacity for friendship. Not keen on YouTube or the internet, he and Zena were among the first to return to Wesley's Chapel after lockdown. Over five hundred attended and viewed his memorial at the Chapel. Brian died on 13 April 2022 in the ninety first year of his age and the sixty-eighth year of his presbyteral ministry.

John Harris: Born in Heskett Newmarket, Cumbria on 14 May 1930 to devout Methodist parents, John was the third generation of his family to become a Methodist preacher. Both his grandfather and father each completed more than fifty years as Local Preachers and John was to complete over seventy as a preacher. John was educated at Nelson Grammar School for Boys in Wigton, and, after completing his National Service in the RAF, he candidated for the ministry. He was placed on the President's List and served a pre-collegiate year in the Manchester (Pendleton) Circuit. There then followed three years at Hartley Victoria College and two years as a Probationer in the Sale Circuit before ordination and being received into Full Connexion in 1957. John married Ann in 1957 and their son, David, was born in 1959. John was always a firm believer in both a preaching and a personal evangelical ministry, caring for people both inside and outside the Church. He was a great visitor and had a passion for communicating the Gospel in relevant ways. He was a regular contributor to local and national publications, and this continued into his retirement. A keen pianist, music was a key feature of his Ministry. John served in the following Circuits: Connah's Quay and Hawarden, Blackpool (North), Altrincham, Southport (as Superintendent), Morecambe and Heysham, again as Superintendent, and Fleetwood. John also completed five exchanges with ministers in the United States and oversaw the opening of the new church in Poulton-le-Fylde in 1965. John and Ann retired back to Poulton-le-Fylde in 1994, where they were much-loved members of the church there. John firmly believed that he lived to such advanced years to fulfil God's purpose and endeavoured to keep helping people to grow in their Christian faith. To this end, he continued to write a series of religious pamphlets, right up until he passed away. John died on 13 April 2022 in the ninety-second year of his age and the sixty-eighth year of his presbyteral ministry.

Keith James Ledson: Born in Liverpool on 20 March 1934. After training at Hartley Victoria College, Manchester, Keith served in the following Circuits: St Vincent (Kingstown), Grenada (in the Barbados and Trinidad District of the British Methodist Church), Duncans (in the Jamaica District of the British Methodist Church), St Helens and Prescott, Barbados, Trinidad, and Grenada (in the Methodist Church in the

Caribbean and the Americas), Hinckley, Hunstanton, and Liverpool (South). Keith died on 22 May 2022, in the eighty-ninth year of his age and the sixty-fifth year of his presbyteral ministry. At his own request there is no further obituary.

Janet Kay Pillinger (nee Ball): Born in Bolton on 10 May 1956, Jan served in the following Circuits: Rossendale, West London Mission, West Pennine Moors, and Wigan. She was brought up in the Bolton Circuit. As a Methodist Girl Guide she achieved the Queen's Guide award. She drifted away in her late teens, returning to an active faith in her 30s in the URC at Chorley. Following the end of her first marriage, she spent some time at Cliff College as both a student and staff member, balancing being a mother of small children with the rigours of the course at Cliff. Jan was well-liked by other students and used by some of them as a mature female ear. Jan achieved her MA there. She was accepted for presbyteral training in 2000 and was sent for training at the Urban Theology Unit in Sheffield. She found this difficult and withdrew from training. She became the first Evangelism Enabler for Birmingham District, travelling the District, encouraging everyone through a course which Jan, herself, wrote – "Help, it's the E word!". Jan was an active and creative member of the District staff team, helping the District to move forward in mission and ministry, and from where, ten years after acceptance for pre-ordination training, she finished it and moved to Rossendale Circuit for her probation. It was there she was diagnosed with stage 4 breast cancer in 2012, and expected to die within two years. She married her husband, the Revd Pete Pillinger, in 2014, during a year off for health reasons. She was granted not two years from diagnosis but eight, and continued to exercise her ministry as health allowed throughout this time. After ceasing active medical intervention, and following COVID in January 2021, she declined quickly. She was returned home in April 2021 with a warning she might not make it, but spent the last month of her life with her grandchildren and children, her sister and her husband, and rejoicing in God's presence. Jan died on 26 May 2021 in the sixty-sixth year of her age and the thirteenth year of her presbyteral ministry.

Paul Rees: Born 22 August 1970 in Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire, one of three brothers. Paul left school at sixteen and attended college in Cardiff where he took a course in bakery. He obtained employment with Asda in their bakery, working up from Bakery Manager, through various promotions to be a Project Manager at their headquarters in Barnsley. During these years, although he had been brought up in the Church, he had little or no expression of Christian faith or contact with the Church. It came as a complete surprise to him when one day while in the shower he heard the call of God to tell others of his love. After a time at Cliff College, where he made lasting friendships, he successfully candidated and trained for the ministry through the Durham course where he obtained his BA Degree. He served in the Plymouth and Devonport and Salisbury Circuits. To say that Paul's ministry was different and distinctive is something of an under-statement, but he was passionate about sharing the scriptures and anyone he came across who was in genuine need, for whatever reason, was offered substantial help. He had three daughters in previous relationships before finding new happiness with Emma with their shared love of dogs and horses. Paul knew the huge personal cost of ministry at first hand, but never lost his conviction that God had called him and was always committed to that call. Following a period of illness, he was admitted to Salisbury Hospital for tests but had a major heart attack whilst there. He died on 6 March 2022 in the fifty-second year of his age and the thirteenth year of his presbyteral ministry.

2/7 The Conference adjourned at 12.08.

2/8 The Conference reassembled at 12.30.

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:

Barnabas Jebachandran Alexander*	Richard Andrew Laird**
Kenneth Percival Anderson*	Keith James Ledson
Hewlette U B Andrew**	Wesley John Loane
Dalwyn Ronald Attwell	Keith Frederick Lyon
Allan Roy Bailey	Janet Aileen Mackinder*
Andrew James Martyn Barker*	Cecil Palmer Mann
Peter Tolchard Barker	Herbert Henry Robin Mann
Peter Bayley	Joyce Mobberley*
Arthur Robert Bean	Julia Susan Monaghan**
Kenneth Denys Beardsley	Gerald Edward Morris*
Philip McRoberts Beuzeval	Gordon Morton
Edward Arthur Bishop	Claude Arthur Nurse**
Derek Charles Brice*	John Edward Palmer
Alexander Brown	Cledwyn Parry
David Leslie Bumphrey	John Peacock
David Miller Caink	John Peadar
A Michael Cannon**	Janet Kay Pillinger*
Eric George Card	Colin Henry James Plenderleith
Kenneth Edmund Chorley	Ernest Peter George Pomery*
Elizabeth Anne Clark**	David Leonard Price
Herbert William Clark	Eric Royston Putnam
Alan Costello	Paul Rees
Ruth Hilary Davis	Rita Elizabeth Robinson
Neil Arthur Drayton	Joseph John Rooney
Donald George Evans	Alan Gerald Rothwell
Rodney Sunderland Fielding	Norman Thurston Routledge**
John Michael Franklin	Stanley Rudman
Francis Charles Godfrey	Derek Shutter
Joseph Goodridge	Jean Elizabeth Simmonds
Brian William Goss	Iain Thomson Skinner**
Beale Bis-Audu Griffin	Gordon Frederick Smith*
Gerald Moody Hainsworth	Peter M Stanley**
Reginald Hancock*	Bryan Stevens
Paul Ernest Hardy	Brian Stocks**
John Harris	Nana Banyin Thomford
Kenneth Graham Hawley**	Brian Paul Tibbetts
Susan Hill	John Leslie Trudgill**
David Brian Holland	Donald Urwin
Terence Lord Hudson	Philip Deryk Williams
Donald Bryan Jones	Joseph Arthur Wilson**
Gwilym Owen Jones	Reginald John Withington**
Richard Granville Jones	Gordon William Wood
John Frederick Keeling	Eric George Wright
Wyndham Henry Kent*	

* 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.

- 2/11 The Conference reassembled at 14.15.
- 2/12 The Conference was led in reflection on the theme of ***Responding to Institutional Trauma*** by Professor of Christian Theodicy at Exeter University, Dr Christopher Southgate.
- 2/13 The Conference adjourned at 16.13.
- 2/14 The Conference reassembled at 16.45.
- 2/15 The Revd Dr Roger L Walton introduced **Agenda Item 17: Methodist Council part 2, Section O: Candidating Review Group**. The Conference engaged in discussion.
- 2/16 The Revd Stephen J Lindridge, The Revd Jane H Carter and The Revd Jennifer M Porterpryde reflected on ***Ministerial wellbeing and the impact of decisions made by the Conference/Council***. The Conference engaged in discussion.
- 2/17 **49. PRESBYTERS BECOMING SUPERNUMERARY OR RETURNING TO THE ACTIVE WORK**
- 2/17/1 The Conference adopted Resolution 49/1,
 in **1, Presbyters returning to the active work**
 for No case *reading* Stuart A Bell

 in **3. Presbyters requesting permission to become supernumerary**
 for *Alan D Jenkins (32) *reading* *Alan D Jenkins (33)
 adding Helen Johnson (10)
 adding Paul Martin (A) (40)
 deleting Rosemary Pritchard (25)
 for Ann Shepherdson (28, D10) *reading* Ann Shepherdson (28, D11)
 adding Graham J Slingo (15)
- 2/17/2 The Conference adopted Resolution 49/2, noting the corrections under **3.** above.
- 2/18 **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, noting the number of those who had not been able to answer in the affirmative this year.
- 2/19 **THANKS TO THE PRESIDENT**
 The Revd Richard J Teal expressed the thanks of the Conference to the President of the Conference.
- 2/20 The Conference engaged in worship.
- 2/21 The Conference resolved by a Standing Vote to adjourn to 14.15 on Saturday 25 June for the Representative Session.
- 2/22 The Conference adjourned at 18.21.
- 2/23 **LETTERS**
 A letter of greeting and concern was sent in the name of the Conference to Mrs Samantha Gillard.

3/1 The Conference in its Representative Session assembled in Telford at 14.15, The Revd Sonia M Hicks, the President of the Conference, in the Chair.

3/2 **PRAYERS**

The Conference engaged in worship, during which the President of the Methodist Church in Ireland, The Revd David Nixon, led prayers.

3/3 **MEMBERSHIP OF THE CONFERENCE**

The Conference adopted the membership of this session of the Conference as set out in the Agenda (pp 592-599), as amended by Daily Record 1/5 and the following substitutions and corrections:

Irish Conference

44 *for* to be confirmed *reading* Mrs Margaret Copeland

45 *for* to be confirmed *reading* Mr Thomas Wilson

Bolton and Rochdale

104 Ms Joanne Dolman *vice* Mrs Sandra Morris

Channel Islands

120 Mrs Pamela Gidney *vice* Mrs Jean Treleven

Northampton

202 *for* to be confirmed *reading* Mr John Bassill

Southampton

228 Mrs Marian Izzard *vice* Mrs Fiona Sherman

South East

302 Ms Kathryn Ritson *vice* Mrs Anya Goldsack

306 Mr Ian Haggarty *vice* Dr Bart Woodhouse

Associate Members

310 *for* The Revd Paul David Pitkeathly *reading* The Revd David Pitkeathly

3/4 **APPOINTMENT OF SCRUTINEERS**

The Conference appointed the Scrutineers as follows:

The Revd Philip J Jackson (Chief Scrutineer)

Ms Martha Rand

3/5 **PRESIDENT AND VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE CONFERENCE**

3/5/1 The Revd Graham Thompson, 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).

3/5/2 Mr Anthony Boateng, 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).

3/5/3 The Induction of the President and the Vice-President took place.

3/6 **THE LOYAL ADDRESS**

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

3/7 **WORLD CHURCH AND ECUMENICAL REPRESENTATIVES AND GUESTS**

3/7/1 The Conference welcomed full members and associate members of the Conference from The Methodist Church in Ireland, The United Methodist Church, UMC Germany Central Conference (Evangelisch-methodistische Kirche), UMC Central Conference of Central and Southern Europe, The Methodist Church in the Caribbean and the Americas, The Methodist Church in Singapore, The United Church of Zambia, Free Methodist Church of Rwanda, Methodist Church in Samoa, Igreja Evangelica Metodista Portuguesa, L'Opera per le Chiese Evangeliche Metodiste in Italia, Iglesia Evangélica Nacional Metodista de Guatemala, and from among our Mission Partners.

3/7/2 Bishop Sifredo Teixeira of Igreja Evangelica Metodista Portuguesa responded on behalf of the World Church guests. *[as corrected by 5/16/3]*

3/7/3 The Conference welcomed the ecumenical associate members of the Conference from The Church of England, The Church of Scotland, The Church in Wales and The Baptist Union of Great Britain.

3/7/4 The Rt Revd Matthew Parker of The Church of England responded on behalf of the ecumenical guests.

3/8 **PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS**

The President of the Conference delivered his inaugural address.

3/9 The Conference adjourned at 15.57.

3/10 The Conference reassembled at 17.00.

3/11 **VICE-PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS**

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

3/12 **2. FIRST REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE BUSINESS COMMITTEE**

The Conference adopted Resolution 2/1.

3/13 **35. SECOND REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE BUSINESS COMMITTEE**

The Conference adopted Resolution 35/1.

3/14 **THIRD REPORT FROM THE CONFERENCE BUSINESS COMMITTEE**

3/14/1 The Business Committee brings this update to its Reports printed in volumes 1 and 3 of the Agenda (items 2 and 35).

1. As set out in paragraph 7 of the first report (page 29), the Conference is required to elect two members of the Business Committee, one minister and one lay person, to serve on the Committee for three years (the Conferences

of 2023, 2024 and 2025). Nomination forms have been circulated by email and are available from the Helpdesk; they should be placed in the ballot boxes by 14:00 on Tuesday 28 June, with voting taking place on Wednesday 29 June.

2. Nomination forms for Conference-elected representatives have been circulated by email and are available from the Helpdesk. This year, of the three Conference-elected representatives to serve from 2023-2025, two will be presbyteral and one will be lay, thus fulfilling SO 103(2A). Nominations must be submitted by 14:00 on Tuesday 28 June, with voting taking place on Wednesday 29 June.
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 Committee recommends the use of an electronic voting system for any counted votes. The arrangements for this will be explained to the Conference at the appropriate point. The ballots for the President and Vice-President of the Conference of 2023, Conference-elected representatives and members of the Conference Business Committee will be distributed via email and the elections conducted via an online voting system. Amendments to the Standing Orders are presented below in order to enable this.
5. Nominees for President and Vice-President of the Conference for 2023 and as Conference-elected representatives 2023-2025 are kindly asked to have their photographs taken, for use in the visual projection during breaks. Would they please see June Howard-Norman in the Conference Arrangements Team office as soon as possible and no later than the respective closing times for nominations given in the Agenda page 29? 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, strictly observing the deadlines given on page 27 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. All memorials will either be taken with existing business to which they relate or placed in *en bloc* as shown in the table below.

Number	Title	Connection to other business
M1	Work with young people	10. 3Generate
M2	Central Finance Board Investments	7. JACEI
M3	Ethical Investments and HSBC	7. JACEI
M4	Connexional Levy and property improvements	17. Methodist Council, Section T: Action for Hope
M5	Information Technology (IT) Provision for Ordained Ministers	11. Connexional Allowances Committee

M6	£150 Tax Rebate	11. Connexional Allowances Committee
M7	Living Wage	11. Connexional Allowances Committee
M8	Cry for hope	<i>En bloc</i>
M9	Palestine and World Churches Assembly	<i>En bloc</i>
M10	Korea	<i>En bloc</i>
M11	Tenant Farmers	<i>En bloc</i>
M12	Energy Efficiency Rating of Methodist Buildings and Standing Order 973	17. Methodist Council, Section T: Action for Hope
M13	Climate Change and Energy Efficiency of Manses	17. Methodist Council, Section T: Action for Hope
M14	Framework for quinquennial reports	17. Methodist Council, Section T: Action for Hope
M15	Positive Working Together	19. Covenant Relationship between the Church and its Ministers
M16	Anniversary of birth of Hugh Bourne	Presentation of Hugh Bourne anniversary
M17	Ecumenical Appointments of Ministers	17. Methodist Council, Section N: Ministries Committee
M18	Church Closures	44. Oversight and Trusteeship
M19	Affordable Housing	<i>En bloc</i>
M20	Safeguarding	9. Safeguarding Committee
M21	District Safeguarding Officers	44. Oversight and Trusteeship
M22	The Use of Alcohol in Holy Communion when Methodist presbyters are invited to preside by other denominations.	<i>En bloc</i>

Any recommended reply to a memorial which is the subject of an amending notice of motion will automatically be removed from the *en bloc* list. A memorial can only be removed from the *en bloc* list if an alternative reply is proposed by way of a notice of motion.

8. The list of *en bloc* items of business (page 405) has since been updated and is as printed below:
 3. Methodist Council, part 1 Sections A, B, C, D, E
 6. Trustees for the Bailiwick of Guernsey Methodist Church Purposes
 8. Committee on Methodist Law and Polity (1)
 12. Trustees for Jersey Methodist Church Purposes
 15. Ecumenical Report
 17. Methodist Council, part 2 Sections G, K, L, R
 20. Managing Trustees of John Wesley's Chapel, the New Room Bristol and 4-5 Charles Street, Bristol
 22. Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes
 23. Methodist Schools Appointments
 24. Methodist Ministers' Housing Society
 31. Ashville College – Revision to Articles of Association
 25. Stationing Committee

- 48. Managing Trustees of the Central Hall, Westminster
- 32. Referred Memorials and Notices of Motion
- 33. Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church
- 34. Methodist Diaconal Order General Report

Memorials to the Conference as listed in paragraph 7 above.

Under the terms of SO 134A, if Notices of Motion are received about items in the *en bloc* list (including memorials), those items will automatically be removed from the above list. In addition, by giving notice to the Assistant Secretary of the Conference, any six members of the Conference may, without proposing an amendment, require that any item, except a recommended reply to a memorial, be removed from the list and debated. Such notice must be given before the close of business on Monday 27 June (SO 134A(1)(c)).

3/14/2 The Conference adopted as Resolution B/1:

The Conference receives the Report.

3/15 **35. SECOND REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE BUSINESS COMMITTEE (continued)**

The Conference adopted Resolution 35/2 in the form:

The Conference amends Standing Order O16A as follows:

O16A Single Transferable Vote. (1) When the Conference or any other body is required by Standing Order to hold an election by single transferable vote or resolves to do so (as it may at any time unless Standing Orders require otherwise) it shall be done in accordance with this Standing Order *provided that, where only two candidates are standing for election, the vote shall be by simple majority and the remainder of this Standing Order shall not apply.*

(1A) Voting will be by paper ballot or an agreed electronic voting system. Reference to ballot paper throughout this Standing Order will refer to the paper ballot or the equivalent electronic system.

(2) [unchanged].

(3) [unchanged].

(3A) The counting of the votes will be undertaken by a recognised single transferable voting method, as determined by the Methodist Council prior to the Conference.

(4) [unchanged].

Clauses (5) to (13) deleted

(14) [unchanged].

3/16 **46. REPORT TO THE REPRESENTATIVE SESSION OF BUSINESS CONDUCTED BY THE CONFERENCE DIACONAL COMMITTEE**

3/16/1 The Conference adopted Resolutions 46/1,

p 557, 4.8 Transfer to other Conferences or Churches

for Bryanell Rop *reading* No case

p 558, **5. Ordinands**

for Theresa Effuah Simon-Sam *reading* Theresa Effuah Simons-Sam

p 558. **7. Permission to reside abroad**

adding Bryanell Rop

- 3/16/2 The Conference renumbered the second resolution numbered 46/4 on p 559 as 46/5.
- 3/16/3 The Conference adopted Resolution 46/4.
- 3/17 The Conference engaged in worship and adjourned at 18.22.

- 4/1 The Conference assembled at 10.45.
- 4/2 The Conference shared in worship, during which the President preached. 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 not already ordained, for ordination:
- 4/3/1 The preachers on trial:
- | | |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Susan Joan Baker-Maher | Julie Ann King |
| Nicholas Biggar | Sydney-Samuel Ekundayo Lake |
| Mark Carrick | Kenneth George McNally |
| Yanyan Case | Margaret Anne Newman |
| Ian Richard Couchman | Julia Irene Reid |
| Sang Wook Han | Pamela Ann Roberts |
| Louisa Jayne Haynes | Latika Singh |
| George Victor Heinz | Katharine Jane Smith |
| Helen Elizabeth Hickson | Rebecca Helen Wright |
| Kevin Robert Highfield | Emily Rosalind Alice Young |
- 4/3/2 The following people to be received by transfer:
- Anselmo Francisco do Amaral
Sherryanne Noreen Daley-Lee
Francis M’Itiiri
- 4/3/3 One person to be received by reinstatement and transfer:
- Leon Arlington Dundas
- 4/3/4 One person, Saul Tadzaushe, to be received by transfer, and one person, Robert Selvakumar Nambinarayanan, to be received by reinstatement and transfer, who are not able to be present. but who have answered in the affirmative the questions asked by the President of those present.
- 4/3/5 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-sixth day of June 2022, at:
- St Andrew’s Church, Shifnal
St Chad’s Church, Shrewsbury
All Saints’ Church, Wellington

(Resolution 37/6)

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:

Kim Louise Gabbatiss
Theresa Effuah Simons-Sam
Robert Austin Stoner

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 be now received into Full Connexion with the Conference as deacons and into full membership of the Methodist Diaconal Order, and if not already ordained, be ordained by prayer and the laying on of hands on the afternoon of this day, the twenty-sixth day of June 2022, at St John's Methodist Church, Bloxwich.

(Resolution 46/5)

4/5 The Conference adjourned at 12.32.

5/1 The Conference assembled at 9.15 and shared in worship, led by the Vice-President.

5/2 **APPOINTMENT OF ATTESTORS**

5/2/1 The Conference adopted as Resolution J/1:

The Conference appoints The Revd Charity Nzegwu to attest the Journal of the Conference of 2021 in place of Mrs Valerie A Mayers.

5/2/2 The Revd Dr Simon C Edwards and The Revd Charity Nzegwu were appointed to attest the Journal and related documents for this Conference.

5/2/3 Mrs Heather V Lovelady and Ms Verity Wild were appointed to attest the Daily Record and related documents for this Conference.

5/3 **FIRST REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE FINANCIAL COMMITTEE**

5/3/1 The Conference has before it a significant deficit budget and further savings and reductions in workloads will need to be found to meet this budget.

The Committee reminds the Conference that it has voted to further reduce the Connexional Assessment in coming years.

Any additional work requested by the Conference through Notice of Motion will create the need to cut further existing areas of work from the budget.

The Committee is also aware that many of the Notices of Motion proposed ask that District, Circuits and churches do additional work. It draws the Conference's attention to Section H of the Methodist Council report (pp 130-133) on Impact and expresses its concern that additional items of business, however meritorious, will impact on other important work. The Committee therefore asks the Conference to consider not only the merits of business brought through Notices of Motion but whether such items should be prioritised over existing commitments.

5/3/2 The Conference adopted as Resolution F/1:

The Conference receives the Report.

5/4 **17. METHODIST COUNCIL PART 2, Sections S, U, H, N, O**

5/4/1 The Conference adopted Resolution 17/24.

5/4/2 **ADDITIONAL SECTION U: Nomination of the Secretary of the Faith and Order Committee**

Following an open recruitment process, the Council brings the name of the Revd Mark Rowland as its nomination as Secretary of the Faith and Order Committee.

Reasoned Statement

Mark is thoroughly rooted in the life of the Methodist Church, having served as a presbyter in three circuits and been involved in three others. He currently serves as Free Church Chaplain at the University of Warwick and is undertaking a PhD at the

University of Leeds, where he has taught as a Postgraduate Tutor on a range of subjects including the Philosophy of Religion, Christian Theology and the ethics and history of scientific developments.

Mark has broad engagement with Methodism in many contexts, including global Methodism as an exchange student at Candler School of Theology, Atlanta GA while in pre-ordination training and as a member of the World Methodist Council from 2012 to 2017. He has contributed to several connexional committees and has served on the Liturgy and Worship Subcommittee since 2012, becoming its convenor and a member of the Faith and Order Committee in 2015.

The interview panel was impressed by Mark's excellent communication skills, being able to explain complex matters in an appropriate and accessible way. He brings a depth and breadth of theological knowledge and engagement to the role of Faith and Order Secretary, as well as an understanding of those matters that the Church has and will grapple with as we serve the present age. Mark has demonstrated excellent administrative skills in a number of roles and is committed to collaborative working with members of the Faith and Order Committee, people in local church contexts, ecumenical partners and with colleagues in the Connexional Team.

5/4/3 The Conference adopted as Resolution 17/26:

The Conference appoints the Revd Mark Rowland as Secretary of the Faith and Order Committee with effect from 1 September 2022, for an initial period of six years.

5/4/4 The Conference adopted Resolutions 17/2, 17/3 and 17/12.

5/4/5 The Conference adopted Resolution 17/13,

in the wording of the Resolution, *for* 'SO 536(2)(vi)' *reading* 'SO 563(2)(vi)'.

5/4/6 **Memorial M17: Ecumenical Appointments of Ministers**

The Conference received Memorial M17 and adopted as its reply that recommended by the Memorials Committee, the Memorial and the reply appearing on pp 24-27 of the Supplement to the Agenda entitled 'Memorials to the Conference' (hereinafter 'the Agenda Supplement').

5/4/7 The Conference adopted Resolutions 17/14, 17/15 and 17/16.

5/5 The Conference adjourned at 10.58.

5/6 The Conference reassembled at 11.30.

5/7 **13. UNIFIED STATEMENT OF CONNEXIONAL FINANCES**

The Conference adopted Resolution 13/1,

p 104, column headings, under 'The Connexional Funds':
for '2019' *reading* '2021'
for '2018' *reading* '2020'

5/8 **11. CONNEXIONAL ALLOWANCES COMMITTEE**

5/8/1 The Conference adopted Resolutions 11/1 and 11/2.

- 5/8/2 **Memorials M5, M7**
The Conference received Memorials M5 and M7 and adopted as its replies those recommended by the Memorials Committee, the Memorials and the replies appearing on pp 7-10 and pp 12-13 of the Agenda Supplement.
- 5/9 **18. PENSION SCHEMES**
- 5/9/1 The Conference adopted Resolutions 18/1 and 18/2.
- 5/9/2 The Conference declined Resolution 18/3a.
- 5/9/3 The Conference adopted Resolution 18/3b.
- 5/10 **14. METHODIST HOMES (MHA)**
- 5/10/1 The Conference received a presentation by MHA.
- 5/10/2 The Conference adopted Resolution 14/1.
- 5/11 The Conference adjourned at 13.02.
- 5/12 The Conference reassembled at 14.15.
- 5/13 In a session resourced by the President and Vice-President, the Conference shared in Bible study, facilitated by The Revds Trey Hall, Mark P Hammond, Dr Jane Leach and Raj Patta.
- 5/14 The Conference adjourned at 16.15.
- 5/15 The Conference reassembled at 16.45.
- 5/16 **DAILY RECORD**
- 5/16/1 The Daily Record of the Presbyteral Session on Thursday 23 June and Friday 24 June was presented, taken as read, and adopted.
- 5/16/2 The Written Portion of the Daily Record of the Presbyteral Session was presented in headings only and adopted.
- 5/16/3 The Daily Record for Saturday 25 June and Sunday 26 June was presented, taken as read, and adopted,
at 3/7/2, for Bishop Sifredo Teixeira reading Bishop Sifredo Teixeira.
- 5/17 **52. METHODIST DIACONAL ORDER RULE OF LIFE**
The Conference adopted Resolutions 52/1 and 52/2.
- 5/18 **18. PENSION SCHEMES (continued)**
The Conference adopted Resolution 18/4 in the form:

The Conference affirms the work of the MMPS task group established by the Methodist Council and requests that proposals for the future of the MMPS are brought to the Conference of 2023 ensuring that any such proposals consider fully the ethical stance of the Methodist Church.

- 5/19 7. **JOINT ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON THE ETHICS OF INVESTMENT (JACEI)**
- 5/19/1 The Conference adopted Resolution 7/1.
- 5/19/2 **Memorials M2, M3**
- The Conference received Memorials M2 and M3 and adopted as its replies those recommended by the Memorials Committee, the Memorials and the replies appearing on pp 4-6 of the Agenda Supplement.
- 5/20 **40. DELIVERANCE MINISTRY**
- 5/20/1 The Conference adopted Resolution 40/1,
- Section 1**
p 421, para 3, *replacing* the first sentence with:
The Methodist Council has agreed Terms of Reference for the Connexional Panel for Deliverance Ministry and it is hoped that the 2022 Conference will appoint its members.
- Section 2**
p 426, para 1.2, *replacing* the whole paragraph with:
These guidelines should be read in conjunction with ~~the report on the~~ ***theological reflection in the Deliverance Ministry report*** ~~theology of deliverance ministry which the Faith and Order Committee will bring to the~~ 2022 Conference.
- p 426, para 1.3 i,
for 'physical, ***spiritual*** or emotional.' *reading* 'physical, ***spiritual*** or emotional.'
- p 426, para 1.3 iv,
taking the words 'recipient', 'practitioner' and 'supporter' to be written in bold Roman text
- p 427, para 2 iii, *replacing* the whole paragraph with:
~~An~~***The*** approved liturgy is used. ***This will be made available as part of the training.*** The service may also include Holy Communion or anointing with oil.~~A liturgical framework will be made available.~~
- 5/20/2 Noting the corrections to **Section 2** above, the Conference adopted Resolution 40/2 in the form:
- The Conference adopts the contents of Section 2 as guidance for deliverance ministry, directs that it be published in Book VII of CPD to replace the interim guidance currently published there, and invites feedback to be sent to guidancefeedback@methodistchurch.org.uk by 31 January 2024.
- 5/20/3 The Conference adopted Resolution 40/3.
- 5/21 **43. COMMITTEE ON METHODIST LAW AND POLITY (2)**
- 5/21/1 The Conference adopted Resolutions 43/1, 43/2 and 43/3.
- 5/21/2 The Conference, with the required majority, adopted Resolution 43/4,
- in the wording of the Resolution, *for* 'Standing Order 136(1)(c)' *reading* 'Standing Order 126(1)(c)'.

5/21/3 The Conference adopted Resolutions 43/5, 43/6, 43/7, 43/8 and 43/9.

5/21/4 The Conference adopted Resolution 43/10,

Section H, pp 459-462, *adding* a new subsection:

5. **Standing Order 337 Methodist Heritage**

To enable flexibility in the terms of appointments of Methodist Heritage Committee members, the Conference is asked to amend Standing Order 337(2)(c) as follows:

(c) The other members of the committee, except where appointed ex officio under head (iii) or (iv) of sub-clause (a), shall not ***normally*** serve for more than six years in succession.

5/21/5 The Conference adopted Resolutions 43/11 and 43/12.

5/22 **ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEM 54: RELIEF AND EXTENSION FUND FOR METHODISM IN SCOTLAND**

5/22/1

Contact name	Edward A L Wallace Non-official trustee
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1. Legal

1.1 The fund is governed by a Deed of Trust registered in the books of the Lords of Council and Session at Edinburgh on 4 November 1869. The Deed narrates resolutions of the Conference of 1869 as to the raising, administration and purposes of the Fund. (See Standing Order 476 for further information.)

The purposes of the said Relief and Extension Fund for Methodism in Scotland should be as follows:

- (1) The liquidation of debts yet remaining on Methodist Churches, Chapels or Manses in Scotland or debts that may yet be contracted with the sanction of the connexional property committee,
- (2) The purchase or erection of new or additional places of worship and of sites for such objects, and
- (3) The acquisition of Manses or investment of money to meet house rents thus making provision for the residences of ordained ministers where at present only probationers are stationed and from time to time in other places as occasion may arise.

2. Administration

2.1 The means of Aid is by way of Grants and/or interest free loans but no funds can be allocated unless the Project requires approval under the Methodist Church Property Consents Procedure, sanctioned and approved by the District Consents Panel and, where appropriate, the Connexional Conservation Officer. Where a grant has been made it remains refundable if the property is subsequently sold.

- 2.2 The present Trustees are:
OFFICIAL: The Revd S Mark Slaney – Synod Chair; the Revd Helen E Jenkins – Ministerial Synod Secretary; the Revd Allan Y Loudon – District Ministerial Property Secretary and the Revd Nicholas B Baker – District Home Mission.

NON-OFFICIAL: Dr Alan J Hayes; Mr David A Easson; Mr Edward A L Wallace (General Secretary and Treasurer); and Miss Maureen G Anderson.

The General Committee consists of the Trustees, General Secretary and Treasurer, the District Lay Property Secretary – Mr Phillip A Haggis, the Superintendent Ministers of every Circuit and Mrs Margaret Brown, Mrs Jenny Easson and Mr Peter Mills as the present Synod nominated lay members.

3. Financial

- 3.1 The incoming resources of the Fund for the year ended 31 December 2021 was £12,046 (2020 £55,185). The decrease over the previous year was due to only small grant repayments from the proceeds of sale of grant aided properties and the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic when Circuit Subscriptions under SO 476 were waived with the approval of the 2020 Conference.
- 3.2 The net of incoming resources for the year after deducting grants paid and expenses was an increase of £635 (2020 £24,617).
- 3.3 During the year only one new application for Aid was considered by the General Committee which was granted.
Grants previously approved paid out totalling £Nil (2020 £Nil).
Grants approved and paid out this year totalled £10,000 (2020 £13,500).
Loans previously approved paid out totalling £Nil (2020 £Nil).
Loans approved and paid out this year totalled £4,500 (2020 £4,500)
- 3.4 The General Fund balance at 31 December 2020 (£9,519.68) was allocated to the Grants Fund as noted by Synod and consented to by Conference 2021.
- 3.5 After some years of deliberation with the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes, on 1 March 2020, our investments in the CFB Mixed Managed Fund were split into an Endowed Capital Fund and Surplus Funds capital Fund reflecting the intention of the original Scottish Trust set up in 1869.
- 3.6 Balances at 31 December 2021:
General Fund £2,713 (2020 £9,520),
Grant Fund £73,456 (2020 £72,991), recoverable grants £347,052 (2020 £350,492), and
Loan Account £41,600 (2020 £41,600), outstanding loans £16,975 (2020 £23,459).
The overall Fund value at 31st December 2021 was £416,007 (2020 £377,677).

4. Grants

There was one Grant approved and paid during the year:
Strathclyde Circuit [Pollokshaws Manse] £10,000

Also in relation to this property was the transfer of the contingent liability of £11,000 from the Kilsyth manse under the replacement scheme.

5. Loans

Loan instalments are collected half-yearly in May and November.
No loans were approved and paid during the year:

6. General

- 6.1 Due to the sudden appearance of the COVID-19 pandemic in early 2020 the General Committee requested the 2020 Conference to consent to the temporary suspension of the Circuit Subscription for the connexional year 2020/2021. Consent having been received a Nil Notice of Subscriptions for the connexional year 2020/21 was despatched to Circuit Treasurers. As the financial year for the Fund bridges two connexional years the General Committee requested the 2021 Conference to agree to a second subscription suspension for 2021/2022. Consent having been received by the 2021 Conference Nil Notice of Subscriptions was advised to Circuit Treasurers. It is the view of the General Committee that churches and Circuits will continue to suffer from the financial impact during the connexional year 2022/23 and are seeking consent to extend the current temporary suspension of the circuit subscription again for 2022/23.

7. Changes to Fund

- 7.1 Recognising that the Relief and Extension Fund (R&E Fund) is an independent Charity reporting to the Conference under the noted Trust Deed and to OSCR under Scottish Charity law - notification is given that the following changes to the operation of the Fund are under discussion with the aim to make it more flexible in its operation and more effective in its support of the mission plan of the Scotland District. These discussions form part of the streamlining of operational structure in line with the current District Review being brought to Synod in May 2022.
1. The reporting financial year to be changed - to be the connexional year rather than calendar year.
 2. A joint application for DAF and R&E Fund be implemented for assessment and administration purposes under the scrutiny of the District Grants Committee. (The application form has been agreed by Trustees in 2021.)
 3. Existing named Trustees to step down and the Trustees of the R&E Fund to be set to match the District Grants Committee membership - to be Chair, two ordained ministers and three lay members, with non-voting administrative support.
 4. The role of the R&E Fund General Committee (for approval of Funds) to be undertaken by the revised DPC (subject to Synod authorisation of proposal) - operational from September 2022.
 5. R&E Fund to be reported by annual report to the Conference via Synod.
 6. Financial Management to be done by District Treasurer in collaboration with TMCP - to fulfil the Trust role of the General Treasurer.
 7. Fund Operation to be done by District Grants Officer - to fulfil the Trust role of General Secretary.

The Conference is asked to receive these proposals and facilitate their implementation through legal adjustment to the Trust Deed and administrative support as required.

7.2 After consideration by the Trustees and General Committee the Synod was asked to note their proposal in respect of the allocation of the 2021 General Receipts balance (£2,713.35) as at 31 December 2021 to the Grants Fund. This proposal requires Conference consent.

5/22/2 The Conference adopted as Resolution 54/1:

The Conference receives the Report.

5/22/3 The Conference adopted as Resolution 54/2:

The Conference approves the actions proposed in paragraph 7.2 of the Report.

5/22/4 The Conference adopted as Resolution 54/3:

The Conference notes the proposals to change the Trust Deed, and directs the trustees of the Relief and Extension Fund for Methodism in Scotland to consult with the Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR) and the Law and Polity Committee on the proposed changes and to bring detailed amendments to the 2023 Conference as required.

5/23 The Conference engaged in worship, led by The Revd D Paul C Smith, and adjourned at 18.36.

5/24 **LETTERS**

5/24/1 A letter was sent in the name of the Conference to Mrs Mary Hicks, in appreciation of the service of her late husband, Mr John Hicks QC, to the Methodist Church.

5/24/2 A letter of condolence was sent in the name of the Conference to The Revd Richard M Andrew.

5/24/3 A letter was sent in the name of the Conference to Mrs Julie O'Key, daughter of the late Revd Joyce Mobberley.

5/24/4 Letters of thanks were sent in the name of the Conference to Professor Christopher Southgate and The Revd Kenneth G Howcroft for facilitating discussions during the Presbyteral Session.

5/24/5 Letters of thanks were sent in the name of the Conference to the officiants, preachers, Connexional Team representatives and local organisers at the ordination services on 26 June.

- 6/1 The Conference assembled at 9.15 and engaged in worship.
- 6/2 **21. CONNEXIONAL CENTRAL SERVICES BUDGET FOR THREE YEARS COMMENCING WITH 2022/2023**
The budget was presented.
- 6/3 **27. MARRIAGE AND RELATIONSHIPS**
- 6/3/1 The Conference adopted Resolutions 27/1 and 27/2.
- 6/3/2 **Notice of Motion 2022/102: Marriage and Relationships Report**
The Conference notes the continuing significant work the Faith and Order Committee carry out throughout the year on behalf of the Methodist Connexion.
- The Marriage and Relationships Report (p 333-342, Agenda Vol. 2), highlights some of the further themes of human relationships that did not form a substantive part of the Marriage and Relationships Report: God in Love Unites Us (2019). These include the family, singleness, childlessness, gender identity, polygamy and polyamory and healthy sexual expression. The report notes that these matters could be explored further by the Faith and Order Committee. In Resolution 27/3 the Conference is asked to direct the Faith and Order Committee to keep marriage and relationships on its agenda and bring a report to the Conference of 2025 regarding any further work required.
- Throughout the debates on the proposals of the God in Love Unites Us Report, there were moving speeches on the floor of Conference, calling for more reflective work on singleness. The last substantive theological reflection on singleness is contained within the 1992 Conference Statement on A Christian Understanding of Family Life, the Single Person and Marriage. A statement which the Conference of 2022 is asked to remove from its current status as a Conference Statement (Resolution 27/2). This work is now thirty years old, unhelpful in its assumptions, and inadequate for the task.
- There is much still to do in welcoming, affirming, and celebrating the presence and contribution of single people in the churches life together. A further delay of the possibility of work on singleness until 2025, may contribute to further marginalisation of those who are single, divorced, separated or widowed.
- The Conference therefore directs the Faith and Order Committee to bring a report on singleness to the Conference of 2024.
- 6/3/3 The Conference adopted the Motion.
- 6/3/4 The Conference adopted Resolution 27/3.
- 6/3/5 The Conference agreed that Resolution 27/4 be not put.
- 6/4 **28. MARRIAGE GUIDANCE**
- 6/4/1 The Conference adopted Resolution 28/1,

Part B

p 349, paragraph 17.5 final line,
for 'at ~~2 7~~ above' reading 'at ~~2 17~~ above'

p 352, paragraph 21.3, *amending* start of first full sentence to read:
The colleague should then make a decision about conducting a marriage
service in the light of ~~his or her~~*their* conversation...

p 355, paragraph 37, *amending* start of second sentence to read:
Fears can arise that the person concerned will be lost to ~~his or her~~*their* faith or
that the whole community...

6/4/2 Noting the above amendments to the text of Part B of the Report, the Conference
adopted Resolution 28/2,

p 347, *inserting* at the end of paragraph 13:
***When nominating an authorised officiant to be registered the managing
trustees should ensure those nominated are, or are willing to be,
appropriately trained for the role. This training should include the leading of
public worship, pastoral care and safeguarding.***

p 347, paragraph 16, line 5:
for 'will otherwise be improperly constrained' reading '~~will~~*may* otherwise be
improperly constrained'

6/5 The Conference adjourned at 10.59.

6/6 The Conference reassembled at 11.30.

6/7 **19. THE COVENANT RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE CHURCH AND ITS MINISTERS:
COMMITMENTS AND EXPECTATIONS**

6/7/1 The Conference adopted Resolution 19/1,

p 253, ***Expectations of ministers***, fifth bullet point,
for 'take good care of their health' reading 'take good care of your health'

p 260, ***Expectations of ministers***, *amending* the fourth bullet point to read:
avoid the intentional use of language or imagery that could be found
offensive;

p 262, **Appendix 1** paragraph 2, line 5,
for 'in the way that she or he serves' reading 'in the way that they serve'
and line 7,
for 'in the way he or she is used' reading 'in the way they are used'

6/7/2 The Conference adopted Resolution 19/2 in the form:

The Conference adopts section 1, 2 and 3 of Part B with paragraphs 2, 24, and
25 from Appendix 1 inserted into section 1 before the paragraph beginning "It
is therefore a mutual relationship of caring for each other..." and directs that
they be published as Book IV, Part 6 of CPD.

6/7/3 The Conference adopted Resolution 19/3.

6/7/4 The Conference adopted Resolution 19/4 in the form:

The Conference directs the Law and Polity Committee, in consultation with the Faith and Order Committee, to bring a proposal relating to the inclusion and positioning of Book V, Part 5 (Resolutions on the Pastoral Work) to the Conference of 2023.

6/7/5 The Conference adopted Resolution 19/5.

6/8 **Memorial M15**

The Conference received Memorial M15 and adopted as its reply that recommended by the Memorials Committee, the Memorial and the reply appearing on pp 22-24 of the Agenda Supplement.

6/9 **Memorial M6**

The Conference received Memorial M6 and adopted as its reply that recommended by the Memorials Committee, the Memorial and the reply appearing on pp 10-11 of the Agenda Supplement,

replacing 'Therefore, the Conference declines the memorial.' *with:*

While declining to enter into further communication with the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities on this issue, the Conference does encourage circuit stewards and District Treasurers to consider carefully whether it would be appropriate to make a payment in lieu of the rebate to each minister occupying a manse, and as part of that process to enter into a conversation with said ministers about the appropriateness of such payments and the income tax implications.

6/10 **26. FAITH AND ORDER COMMITTEE REPORT**

The Conference adopted Resolution 26/1.

6/11 **36. THE KEITH DAVENPORT MEMORIAL TRUST 7578**

6/11/1 The Conference adopted Resolution 36/1.

6/11/2 The Conference, with the required majority, adopted Resolution 36/2.

6/11/3 The Conference adopted Resolution 36/3.

6/12 **HUGH BOURNE ANNIVERSARY**

6/12/1 **Memorial M16**

The Conference received Memorial M16 and adopted as its reply that recommended by the Memorials Committee, the Memorial and the reply appearing on p 24 of the Agenda Supplement.

6/12/2 The Conference received an address by The Revd Dr Timothy S Macquiban about the 250th anniversary of the birth of Hugh Bourne, co-founder of Primitive Methodism.

6/13 **SOUTHLANDS COLLEGE**

The Conference received a presentation by The Revd Dr Timothy S Macquiban and Mrs Barbara M Easton regarding the 150th anniversary of Southlands College.

6/14 The Conference adjourned at 13.04.

- 6/15 The Conference reassembled at 14.15.
- 6/16 The Conference engaged in workshops on 'Walking with Micah' Justice Conversations.
- 6/17 The Conference adjourned at 16.15.
- 6/18 The Conference reassembled at 16.45.
- 6/19 **DAILY RECORD**
- 6/19/1 The Daily Record for Monday 27 June was presented, taken as read, and adopted.
- 6/19/2 The Conference, with the required majority, corrected the Daily Record for Thursday 23 June at 1/5 as follows:
- for* The Revd Philip Warrey *reading* The Revd Phillip J Warrey
- 6/20 **29. METHODIST MEMBERSHIP IN THE 21st CENTURY**
- 6/20/1 The Conference adopted Resolution 29/1,
- p 373, paragraph 5.3 fifth line,
for 'in 3.12 above' *reading* 'in 3.11 above'
- 6/20/2 The Conference adopted Resolution 29/2.
- 6/20/3 Noting the amendment to paragraph 5.3 above, the Conference adopted Resolution 29/3.
- 6/21 **17. METHODIST COUNCIL PART 2, Sections I, P, T**
- 6/21/1 **Section I: Mission Committee**
- The Conference adopted Resolution 17/4,
- p 134, *amending* the punctuation in the proposed Standing Order 1000A1(2) as follows:
- (2) The committee shall be accountable to the Conference through the Methodist Council for:**
- (i) developing and supporting the mission of the Church both locally and globally;**
- (ii) developing, supporting and reviewing initiatives for nourishing, equipping, resourcing and accompanying those engaged in the mission of the Church both locally and globally;**
- (iii) overseeing connexional policy for mission;**
- (iv) determining the processes, and overseeing, monitoring and evaluating the disbursement of grants or funds, for mission in Britain.**
- amending* the punctuation in the proposed Standing Order 1000A2(2) as follows:
- (2) The chair or deputy chair of the committee shall be a member of the Methodist Council, and of the Strategy and Resources Committee, as may be agreed between them, and in either case the one may alternate for the other.**
- and *adding* further consequential amendments:
amending Standing Order 210(1) (Methodist Council) as follows:
(viA) [unchanged]

(viB) the chair or deputy chair of the Mission Committee in accordance with Standing Order 1000A2(2);
(vii) [unchanged]

amending Standing Order 213(1) (Strategy and Resources Committee) as follows:

(v) [unchanged]

(vA) the chair or deputy chair of the Mission Committee in accordance with Standing Order 1000A2(2);

(vi) [unchanged]

6/21/2 **Section P: Local Lay-Pastors**

6/21/3 The Conference adopted Resolutions 17/17 and 17/18.

6/21/4 **Supplementary Report**

This report replaces the draft Standing Orders on pages 200-204 of the Agenda.

The main report on Local Lay-Pastors can be found in Section P of the Methodist Council report which begins on page 188 of the Agenda. Paragraphs 25 to 27 of that report introduce proposals for a new section of Standing Orders (to be numbered Section 56A) to establish this new office. They also indicate that the creation of that new section would require in turn consequential amendments to other Standing Orders. Paragraph 27 of the main report identified a number of the issues to be addressed. One major issue that had to be resolved was that whereas some local lay-pastors may undertake the office in a voluntary capacity, others may be employed. That raised the question of how their terms of employment are to be addressed in relation to the provisions for other lay employees in Section 57 of Standing Orders. Rather than create complicated amendments in Section 57 it proved easier and clearer to do it by introducing material into the proposed Section 56A which cross-refers where necessary to the relevant parts of Section 57, and also deals with the following matters: the listing of the local lay-pastor on the circuit plan; the role of the District Policy Committee and the Chair of the District in supporting circuits in the making of appointments; and ensuring that all the time commitments connected with the appointment are set out in paperwork for it. The revised text of the new section can be found at the revised Resolution 17/19 below. Consequential amendments to other Standing Orders are set out in the additional Resolutions 17/19A and 17/19B below, grouped under a number of sub-headings, with a note of explanation where necessary.

6/21/5 The Conference adopted Resolution 17/19 in the form:

The Conference receives the supplementary report above and amends Standing Orders by adding a new Section 56A, as set out in 1. below.

1. SECTION 56A LOCAL LAY-PASTORS

56A0 The office of Local Lay-Pastor

- (1) *Circuits may appoint lay persons to the office of local lay-pastor in a Local Church or Churches in accordance with the requirements of Standing Order 56A1, and in this Section “the relevant Local Church” means the Local Church or Churches to which the appointment relates.*
- (2) *The duties of a local lay-pastor shall be*
 - (i) *to work under the oversight of the presbyter exercising pastoral charge in the relevant Local Church;*

- (ii) to undertake such specific pastoral work as is agreed when the initial appointment is made or may subsequently be agreed between the Circuit Meeting and the local lay-pastor;
- (iii) to exercise leadership in relation to other office-holders, volunteers and workers (including class leaders and pastoral visitors) who are exercising pastoral care in the context of the relevant Local Church; and
- (iv) to share pastoral responsibility with those mentioned in head (iii) above and with the presbyter exercising pastoral charge, between whom and the local lay-pastor there shall be appropriate mutual consultation on all matters concerning the relevant Local Churches.
- (3) In undertaking their office, local lay-pastors shall exercise a form of ministry complementary to but distinct from the ministries of presbyters, deacons and other lay officers in enabling the Church's mission for the sake of the world. They shall provide a focused and recognised presence among a congregation or gathered community and in the wider community. They shall care for, enable, lead and represent the relevant Local Church, and shall represent the wider Church to it. They shall not by virtue of this office be authorised to preach or lead worship, preside at the Lord's Supper, or administer baptism.
- (4) Any work (however described) the duties of which substantially consist of the duties set out in clause (2) above shall be deemed to constitute the office of local lay-pastor and the provisions of this Section shall apply to the office and any holder of it.
- (5) Those who undertake this office may do so full-time or part-time, and in a voluntary capacity or as a paid employee. Where the office-holder is also a paid employee the provisions of clauses 2(c), (e), (3), and (4) of Standing Order 570 and any additional connexional requirements and guidance shall apply in addition to the provisions of this Section.
- (6) Any person appointed under this Section who is a local preacher or for whom preaching or assisting in preaching is part of their terms of appointment within the Circuit shall for such preaching be subject to the jurisdiction of the Local Preachers' Meeting of that Circuit. The name of any such person who is not a local preacher shall appear on the circuit plan, but not among the names of the preachers.

56A1 Appointment

- (1) Those who are appointed to this office shall be lay members of the Methodist Church.
- (2) Appointment shall be authorised by the Circuit Meeting for an initial period not exceeding five years in accordance with the requirements of these Standing Orders and following any connexional requirements and guidance, to which end the District Policy Committee shall monitor and support the Circuit's processes for the first five years after the Circuit first begins to appoint local lay-pastors.
- (3) Before deciding to undertake a local lay-pastor recruitment and appointment process, and in any case where the stationing of ministers in the Circuit is under consideration, the Circuit Meeting shall consider the needs and opportunities in the Circuit and its mission in the world and develop a model for its future use of ministries. When developing that model the Circuit Meeting shall consider specifically whether it should include the appointment of one or more local lay-pastors in the light of the description of that office in Standing Order 56A0. If the model includes such an appointment, the Circuit Meeting must also arrange for that appointment to be reviewed whenever the stationing of ministers in the Circuit is considered subsequently and in any event no later than five years after the date of any appointment to this office.
- (4) Where the model adopted requires the appointment of one or more persons who will exercise the office of local lay-pastor, the Circuit Meeting shall:

- (i) approve a written description for each such appointment which shall clarify the parameters and expectations of the appointment in accordance with connexional requirements and guidance and ensure that the agreed number of hours to be worked include adequate time for preparation, training, administration, management and support as well as for the work proposed to be undertaken;
 - (ii) identify in relation to each such appointment by reference to competencies approved by the Ministries Committee under Standing Order 56A2(1) the initial competencies which must be possessed by any applicant for appointment and prepare a written statement of those competencies; and
 - (iii) agree, following connexional requirements and guidance, the proposed arrangements for the support, line management and review of the local lay-pastor in each such appointment, which shall include identifying a line manager.
- (5) (a) In the light of the documents produced pursuant to clause (4) above, the Circuit shall devise an open recruitment and appointment process.
- (b) The Chair of the District shall be notified of the meeting of the selection committee, interview panel or other body responsible for selection, and shall have the right, personally or by a representative, to attend as a member.
- (c) When the process has been completed and a proposed appointee has been identified, the Circuit Meeting shall issue a provisional licence for that person to serve as a local lay-pastor for a probationary period of six months.
- (d) If it is judged by the circuit leadership team or other body appointed by the Circuit Meeting to make such a judgment that the probationary period has been undertaken satisfactorily and the initial training specified in Standing Order 56A2(2) below has been completed successfully, the Circuit Meeting shall confirm the licence for a period no longer than five years from the start of the probationary period but subject to the further provisions of Standing Order 56A4.
- (6) After the probationary period the office-holder's performance shall be kept under review under Standing Order 56A3(2) until the Circuit has reviewed its model of mission and ministries as set out in clause (3) above.
- (7) The start of an appointment shall normally be marked by an appropriate form of commissioning service.

56A2 Training

- (1) The Ministries Committee shall approve generic competencies for both early and later stages of exercising the office of local lay-pastor. It shall also approve a training pathway for those who exercise it, and shall ensure that connexional training records are kept in accordance with clause (3) below.
- (2) Training shall consist of:
- (i) initial connexional core training in Methodist identity, issues of safeguarding and boundaries, pastoral care and theology;
 - (ii) initial specific training by approved by the Ministries Committee after consultation with the particular Circuit and in the light of the prior knowledge and experience of the local lay-pastor to ensure that the person concerned is equipped for the particular appointment; and
 - (iii) continuing development and training through programmes approved by the Ministries Committee.
- (3) The Ministries Committee shall ensure that for each local lay-pastor a connexional training record is created and kept up to date, listing all additional training and engagement in supervision (including both supervision as part of line management and reflective supervision) after that person has completed the core training. Local lay-pastors will be expected at least annually to demonstrate that they have engaged in some continuing development and have kept their supervision record up to date. If the record

does not show that that expectation has been met within the past year and the person subsequently wishes to undertake the office of local lay-pastor in a new appointment then further training requirements shall be identified and a programme for meeting them drawn up.

56A3 Support and accountability

- (1) Overall responsibility for the initial appointment, support and line management of the local lay-pastor shall lie with the relevant Circuit Meeting. In fulfilling those tasks the meeting shall follow connexional requirements and guidance and may share resources with other Circuits in its own or neighbouring Districts, and where available draw on any connexional resources.**
- (2) The local lay-pastor's progress in development and training, needs and hopes for continuing development and training, and performance of the duties of the office shall be kept under review in accordance with the arrangements initially agreed or as subsequently varied (if at all).**

56A4 Termination of appointment

- (1) Whenever the Circuit has reviewed its overall consideration of mission and ministries as required by Standing Order 56A1(3) it shall proceed in accordance with connexional requirements and guidance to review each particular appointment of a local lay-pastor to determine:
(i) whether there is a continuing need for such an appointment in its original or some revised form; and
(ii) if so whether it is appropriate to issue a revised licence for the current appointee to continue in such a role.**
- (2) An appointment may be terminated by procedures that are in accordance with connexional requirements and guidance at the end of the probationary period referred to in Standing Order 56A1(5), or after any review of the model of ministry in the circuit conducted under Standing Order 56A1(3), or, if judged necessary by the Circuit Meeting, at some other time. In all cases termination shall be on one or more of the following grounds:
(i) the post is judged to be redundant following the review of the Circuit's mission and its future use of ministries;
(ii) the appointee has reached the end of the relevant period of licence and it is not judged that there are exceptional circumstances requiring the issue of a further licence;
(iii) the appointee has not completed the probationary period successfully;
(iv) the appointee has not completed required training successfully;
(v) the appointee has not developed the necessary competencies or engaged in continuing development and training or supervision;
(vi) the appointee is judged through the appropriate procedures for that case as specified in connexional requirements and guidance to have engaged in conduct which warrants termination of the appointment.**

6/21/6 The Conference adopted as Resolution 17/19A:

The Conference, by way of consequential amendments, amends Standing Orders as set out in section 2. below.

2.1 Definition

SO 004 Officers and Members. In these Standing Orders:

- ...
- (x) 'local lay-pastor' means a person appointed and authorised by licence to exercise that office in accordance with the provisions of Section 56A of Standing Orders.**

2.2 Lay Employment

This amendment is complementary to the changes to Section 56A presented in 1. above clarifying the links between the provisions for those local lay-pastors who are employed and those for other lay employees.

Section 57 Lay Employment

SO 570 Lay Employees

...

- (d) Employing bodies are encouraged to devise appropriate ways in which lay people may be employed in the light of a review of the mission policy in the Local Churches, the Circuit or the District and an analysis of their need for lay and ordained staff as part of the response of the whole people of God to its mission. The employing bodies shall ensure that it is clear how each employee will relate to any existing or expected staff team on appointment. Evidence of this shall be included in the scheme submitted for approval under Standing Order 575, ***except that where the review leads to a proposal that a local lay-pastor should be appointed, the provisions of Section 56A shall be followed.***

2.3 Qualification for Appointment

SO 010 (2)(ii) states that people who are judged to be a safeguarding risk shall not be appointed or reappointed to particular offices, posts or responsibilities in the life of the Church. This amendment adds local lay-pastor to the list of those offices.

SO 010

- (3) Sub-clause (ii) of clause (2) above shall apply to:

...

- (vA) ***any appointment or re-appointment to the office of local lay-pastor under the provisions of Section 56A of Standing Orders;***

2.4 Duty to obtain enhanced disclosure

[See resolution 17/19B below]

2.5 Membership of local church and Complaints and Discipline

Local lay-pastors have to be lay members of the Methodist Church, but their membership does not have to be held in the churches of the circuit in which their appointment is located. There therefore needs to be provision about how any complaints about their conduct as a local lay-pastor are dealt with. Where in addition the local lay-pastor is employed, then the same advice about how any complaint is to be handled is required as it is in the case of other lay employees.

SO 1120 Initiation of Complaints

- (7) (a) ***If a recipient receives a complaint against a local lay-pastor appointed under Section 56A of Standing Orders, whether that person is employed or serves in a voluntary capacity, and that complaint relates to that person's conduct as a local lay-pastor, all subsequent processes to be followed under this Part 11 shall be dealt with by the persons and bodies having the relevant responsibilities in relation to where the appointment is located irrespective of where the membership of the local lay-pastor is held.***
- (b) ***If a recipient receives a complaint against a lay person (including an employed local lay-pastor) employed under a contract of employment (in this Part called 'an employment complaint'), he or she must seek the advice of the relevant district Lay Employment Subcommittee (if the respondent is employed by a District, Circuit or Local Church) or a member of the***

Connexional Team responsible for employment matters under Standing Order 329 (in any other case) before taking any other step. The recipient must, with the approval of the relevant Chair or the Secretary of the Conference (if there is no relevant Chair or the Chair is the recipient) seek legal advice if he or she thinks it necessary. The recipient must act in accordance with the advice received. Any costs incurred in obtaining advice are to be borne by the Methodist Church Fund under Standing Order 365(6).

2.6 Responsibility for appointing Local Lay-Pastors

This amendment makes it clear that although the selection processes may be conducted by panels, the final appointment of a local lay-pastor must be by the full Circuit Meeting.

SO 551 Discretionary Appointments

- ...
- (2) The meeting may delegate to any of its committees any of its powers, except appointments under Standing Order 550 **or the provisions of Section 56A of Standing Orders** and the approval of persons for admission as local preachers.

2.7 Membership of Meetings

The following amendments identify the meetings in the District, Circuit and Local Church of which local lay-pastors are ex officio members.

Part 4 The Districts

Section 41 The Synod

SO 410 Constitution

- (1) Subject to Standing Orders 785(8) and 791(3) and clause (6) below the Representative Session of the district Synod shall consist of:

- ...
- (xiv) such numbers of eligible **local lay-pastors and** lay employees appointed in the District or for the purposes of Y Cyngor under Standing Order 491(5) or 570, as may be determined by the Synod;

Part 5 The Circuits

Section 51 The Circuit Meeting

SO 510 Constitution.

- (1) Subject to clause (2) below and to Standing Orders 511, 512, 512A and 512B the Circuit Meeting shall consist of:

- ...
- (iii) ~~[deleted]~~ **the local lay-pastors appointed by the meeting under the provisions of Section 56A of Standing Orders;**
- (iv) such **other** persons, if any, as the Circuit Meeting judges it appropriate to appoint from among those employed by the meeting under Standing Order 570;
- (2) The persons eligible for appointment under heads **(iii)**, (iv), (v) and (ix) of clause (1) above or heads (v) and (viii) of Standing Order 511(2) are those who are members in the Circuit or elsewhere in the Connexion or in another Methodist Church ...

SO 553 (sc. Circuit) Pastoral Committee

In ecumenical areas and other Circuits containing local ecumenical partnerships (except where every local ecumenical partnership in the Circuit has a local Pastoral Committee constituted under Standing Order 644(1)), the Circuit Meeting shall appoint a circuit Pastoral Committee consisting entirely of members of the Methodist Church and comprising the ministers and probationers appointed to the

Circuit, **local lay-pastors appointed under the provisions of Section 56A of Standing Orders**, a circuit steward (if any) and not less than six class leaders or pastoral visitors who are members in that or a neighbouring Circuit.

Part 6 The Local Churches

Section 61 The Church Council

SO 610 Constitution

(1) Subject to Standing Orders 511, 611 and 611A, the Church Council shall consist of: (i) the ministers, probationers and workers listed in clause (4) below;

...

(4) (vii) **(a) any local lay-pastor appointed under the terms of Section 56A of Standing Orders to serve in the Local Church;**

(b) such **other** persons, if any, as the Church Council judges it appropriate to appoint from among those employed under Standing Order 570 by the council, or by the Circuit Meeting in work in the Local Church.

SO 620 Constitution. (sc. of General Church Meeting)

(1) In addition to the ex-officio members under Standing Order 643(1), the voting members of the General Church Meeting are **any local lay-pastors appointed under the terms of Section 56A of Standing Orders to serve in the Local Church**, the members of the Local Church and persons within category (i) of Standing Order 606(1)

2.8 Duration of Appointments

Local lay-pastors need to be exempted from the normal provision that appointments are made annually. As they are not appointed by the Local Churches but by Circuits to serve in particular Local Churches, this exemption is made under Part 5 of Standing Orders ("The Circuits") rather than Part 6 ("The Local Churches")

SO 504 Duration of Appointments

(5) This Standing Order does not apply to the appointment of persons employed or engaged under a contract, **or appointed as local lay-pastors under Section 56A of Standing Orders**, nor to ex-officio membership, nor to the office of local preacher.

2.9 Extended Communion

SO 609

(1) Presbyters, deacons stationed in the Circuit and persons authorised to preside at the Lord's Supper under Standing Order 011 may lead acts of worship in homes (including nursing and retirement homes), hospitals and hospices during which elements set aside at a previous celebration of the Lord's Supper are received. In addition a Church Council may annually appoint **local lay-pastors or other** lay persons to lead such acts of worship.

2.10 Relationship to the presbyter with pastoral charge

The proposed Standing Order 56A0(2) directs that a local-lay pastor act under the direction of the presbyter exercising pastoral charge in the relevant Local Church, and work in collaboration with that presbyter and other office-holders, volunteers and workers (including class leaders and pastoral visitors). The consequential amendments proposed below make that collaboration and mutual consultation explicit in various instances so far as presbyters are concerned. In the case of Standing Order 525 Preparation for Membership, consultation with deacons and pastoral committee secretaries is also made explicit for the first time.

SO 502 Chairing and Notice of Meetings

...

- (5) Subject to clause (4) above official meetings shall be convened and held only after consultation (in the case of circuit meetings or committees) with the Superintendent or (in the case of local meetings or committees) with the presbyter who is in pastoral charge of the Local Church, with any presbyteral probationer or any person authorised to serve the Church as a presbyter under Standing Order 733 who is (in either case) exercising pastoral responsibility in it, **and with any local lay-pastor appointed under the provisions of Section 56A of Standing Orders to serve in it**, and (as to both circuit and local bodies) with the appropriate chair where one has been appointed under clause (2) above.
- (6) Subject to clause (4) above such a meeting shall be called only by, or with the consent of, its chair or the Superintendent or (in the case of local meetings or committees) the presbyter who is in pastoral charge of the Local Church **in consultation with any local lay-pastor appointed under the provisions of Section 56A of Standing Orders to serve in that church** or, if a chair has been appointed under clause (2) above, that chair, except that if they all refuse to call or consent to the calling of a meeting required by the Deed of Union or Standing Orders, or requested in writing by not less than one third of the persons entitled to attend as members of that meeting, then that meeting may be called by its secretary or convener, or by any three other members.

Section 52 Circuit Ministry

SO 520 Responsibilities

- (1) The presbyter or presbyters appointed to the several Circuits are appointed by the Conference to preach and exercise pastoral charge in those Circuits on behalf of the Conference as set out in Standing Order 700(7). In so doing they shall exercise their particular responsibilities in conjunction with those of the appropriate courts, **local lay-pastors** and lay officers in the Circuit to which they are appointed and in the constituent Local Churches of that Circuit. With them they shall act in accordance with Standing Orders 515, 531, 614 and 633 to uphold Methodist discipline and to exercise oversight of the worship, pastoral care and mission policy of the Circuit, and the allocation of specific pastoral work and responsibilities to particular ministers and lay officers.

SO 525 Preparation for Membership

It is part of the pastoral duty of a presbyter or presbyteral probationer **in consultation with any deacon working pastorally in the Local Church, any local lay-pastor appointed under Section 56A of Standing Orders, or the secretary of the Pastoral Committee appointed under Standing Order 644(6): ...**

SO 527 Benevolence Fund

...

- (2) The fund shall be applied, at the confidential discretion of the Superintendent, **and** the other ministers and probationers appointed to the Circuit, **in consultation with any local lay-pastor appointed under Section 56A of Standing Orders to serve in the Circuit** and the circuit stewards, for the relief of poverty and distress in the congregations and neighbourhood of the Circuit or, if so recommended by the Chair, of some other Circuit or Circuits in the Districts, and allocations may also be made out of the fund to a district Benevolence Fund, applicable at the confidential discretion of the Chair for the relief of poverty and distress in the District

SO 651 (sc. Local Church) Benevolence Fund

- ...
- (3) The fund shall be applied first for the relief of poverty and distress in the congregation and neighbourhood. The Church Council may adopt and implement a scheme of distribution, and payments may also be made, in any event, at the confidential discretion of the presbyter or presbyteral probationer exercising pastoral responsibility in relation to the Local Church in consultation with any deacon or diaconal probationer appointed to the Circuit who exercises ministry in the relevant Local Church, **any local lay-pastor appointed under the provisions of Section 56A of Standing Orders to serve in that church** and with the communion stewards, if appointed, or if not with the church stewards.

2.11 Authorised Use of Buildings

SO 929

- (2) The uses referred to are:

- ...
- (ii) as the residence of a caretaker of Methodist property, **of a person appointed by the Circuit as a local-lay pastor under Section 56A**, of a person employed under Standing Order 570, or of a supernumerary ...

6/21/7 The Conference adopted as Resolution 17/19B:

The Conference directs that the list in Book VI Part 1 section 2 of the *Constitutional Practice and Discipline* of categories of persons required to obtain enhanced disclosures is amended by the addition of local lay-pastors.

6/21/8 **Section T: Action for Hope**

The Conference adopted Resolution 17/25,

pp 221-222, *replacing* paragraphs 15-22 *with*:

Therefore, it is proposed that MCB measures only the three largest sources of emissions, and targets activity around reducing emissions in these areas.

Measuring these sources is achievable and ensures MCB is focusing efforts on the areas where highest impact is possible.

6/22 The Conference went into closed session at 18.04.

6/23 The Conference received a report on behalf of the Convenors of Connexional Discipline and Appeal Committees.

6/24 The Conference received a report about regulatory matters from the Conference Officer for Legal and Constitutional Practice.

6/25 The Conference reassembled in open session at 18.10.

6/26 The Conference engaged in worship and adjourned at 18.21.

6/27 **LETTERS**

6/27/1 Letters of thanks were written in the name of the Conference to The Revds Mark P Hammond, Dr Jane Leach, Dr Rajbharat Patta and Trey Hall, thanking them for facilitating Monday's Bible study, to The Revd Dr Christine M Dutton for participating at short notice in an ordination service, and to The Revd J Trevor Dixon, thanking him for his many years' service to the Conference.

6/27/2 Letters of greeting and concern were written in the name of the Conference to The Revd Dr Jane V Craske, Mr Brian Thornton and The Revd Dr Heather Morris, Secretary of the Irish Conference.

- 7/1 The Conference assembled at 9.15.
- 7/2 The Conference shared in a celebration of Holy Communion, in which the following, who have died in the last year, were remembered:
- (a) the presbyters remembered in the Presbyteral Session and listed at 2/9, with the addition of The Revd Brian R Jones.
- (b) the deacons who have died since the last Conference:
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| Christina Gillian Atkinson | Eileen May Rogers |
| Joan Margaret Jackson | |
- (c) the following lay people especially remembered as servants of the Church:
- John Chastney
Edith Coole
John Hicks QC
Judy Jarvis
David Lindsay
- (d) those who have served as Mission Partners:
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| The Revd Kenneth P Anderson | The Revd Keith J Ledson |
| The Revd Allan R Bailey | The Revd H H Robin Mann |
| The Revd Edward A Bishop | The Revd Claude A Nurse |
| Mrs Anne Blackburn | Miss Mona I Pengelly |
| Miss Muriel Chalkley | The Revd John 'Jack' Robinson |
| The Revd Kenneth E Chorley | Mrs Margaret Rosalie 'Greta'
Stedeford |
| Mr Frederick C Cloke | The Revd Brian Stocks |
| Mrs Margaret Clutterbuck | The Revd Donald Urwin |
| The Revd Neil A Drayton | Mrs Margaret H Watson |
| The Revd J Michael Franklin | The Revd Philip D Williams |
| The Revd Joseph Goodridge | The Revd R John Withington |
| Mr John Hicks QC | The Revd Eric Wright |
| The Revd Susan Hill | |
| Deacon Joan M Jackson | |
- (e) 346 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 10.36.
- 7/4 The Conference reassembled at 11.00.

7/5 **FOURTH REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE BUSINESS COMMITTEE**

7/5/1 The Business Committee has a duty under SO 136(2)(ii) to recommend which Notices of Motion are debated in the Conference. The Committee therefore recommends that two Notices of Motion that have been submitted are not debated for the following reasons:

The Business Committee has received a Notice of Motion concerning the provision of ordinands' accommodation and the way in which it is arranged and paid for. The Committee notes that the arrangements of the Conference are within the remit of the Council rather than the Conference, and that the arrangements for the 2023 Conference will necessarily be different because of the different venue. The Committee therefore assures the Conference that the concerns raised in the Notice of Motion are being addressed and the matter will be reviewed.

The Committee has also received a Notice of Motion concerning the Supreme Court decision in the US concerning the Roe v Wade ruling. Whilst recognising the impact that this decision is having in the USA and wanting to support our Concordat partner in a complex and sensitive matter, the Committee recommends that the Conference write a letter to the United Methodist Church, in which it expresses its support and concern as the Church responds to the ruling and the implications of it.

7/5/2 The Conference adopted as Resolution B/2:

The Conference receives the Report.

7/6 **APPOINTMENT OF SCRUTINEERS**

The Conference appointed the following Scrutineers, in addition to those appointed at 3/4:

The Revd David M Goodall
Mr David Pickles

7/7 **DESIGNATION OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE CONFERENCE**

The Revd Gillian M Newton was designated for appointment as President of the Conference of 2023.

7/8 **DESIGNATION OF THE VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE CONFERENCE**

Deacon Kerry R Scarlett was designated for appointment as Vice-President of the Conference of 2023.

7/9 **44. OVERSIGHT AND TRUSTEESHIP, Sections A, B**

The Conference adopted Resolution 44/1.

7/10 **45. OVERSIGHT, TRUSTEESHIP AND LEADERSHIP**

The Conference adopted Resolution 45/1.

7/11 **44. OVERSIGHT AND TRUSTEESHIP, Sections C, D**

7/11/1 The Conference adopted Resolution 44/2,

p 476, final column of the table:
Total Ex-Officio: *for '68 (30%)' reading '67'*
Synods: *for '152' reading '154'*

- 7/11/2 The Conference adopted Resolution 44/6.
- 7/11/3 The Conference, with the required majority, adopted Resolution 44/7.
- 7/12 **METHODIST INSURANCE**
The Conference received a presentation by Methodist Insurance on the occasion of its 150th anniversary.
- 7/13 The Conference adjourned at 13.02.
- 7/14 The Conference reassembled at 14.15.
- 7/15 **16. METHODIST FORCES BOARD**
- 7/15/1 The Conference was addressed by Mr Doug Swanney, Chair of the Methodist Forces Board, The Revd Michael D Parker, Chaplain General of the British Army and The Revd David J Barrett, Deputy Chaplain General of the British Army.
- 7/15/2 The Conference adopted Resolution 16/1.
- 7/16 **44. OVERSIGHT AND TRUSTEESHIP, Sections C (continued), E, F**
- 7/16/1 The Conference adopted Resolutions 44/8, 44/9 and 44/10. *[as corrected by 8/49/1]*
- 7/16/2 The Conference adopted Resolution 44/3 in the form:
1. The Conference resolves that, from the Conference of 2024, the total voting membership of the Conference shall be 225.
 2. The Conference directs the Methodist Council, in collaboration with the Justice, Dignity and Solidarity Committee, to determine the distribution of seats and directs the Law and Polity Committee to bring draft Standing Orders to the 2023 Conference.
 3. The Conference further directs that the proportion of members of the Conference elected by the Synods shall not be less than 70%.
- 7/16/3 The Conference adopted Resolution 44/4.
- 7/16/4 The Conference agreed to the withdrawal of Resolution 44/5.
- 7/16/5 The Conference declined Resolution 44/11.
- 7/16/6 The Conference agreed to the withdrawal of Resolutions 44/12, 44/13 and 44/14.
- 7/17 **45. OVERSIGHT, TRUSTEESHIP AND LEADERSHIP (continued)**
The Conference adopted Resolution 45/2.
- 7/18 **Memorial M21**
The Conference received Memorial M21 and adopted as its reply that recommended by the Memorials Committee, the Memorial and the reply appearing on pp 33-34 of the Agenda Supplement.

7/19 **41. WALES SYNOD CYMRU**

7/19/1 The Conference adopted Resolution 41/1,

p 436, *replacing* the text of Standing Order 498(4) *with*:

(4) There shall be local negotiation to agree the details of how Standing Orders are to be applied, including agreements on whether *the Cymru Circuit Cychdaith Cymru* or the *other* Circuit in *Wales Synod Cymru* ~~the Wales Synod~~ shall act in respect of local property schemes, the route through which pastoral discipline is to be exercised, how membership is to be returned and how the joint church is to contribute fairly to both assessments.

7/19/2 The Conference adopted Resolution 41/2 in the form:

The Conference, noting the adoption by Synod Cymru and the Wales Synod of the constitution of Wales Synod Cymru, a modified constitution within Standing Order 48A, directs for the purposes of clause 38 of the Deed of Union and in accordance with Standing Order 48A1(7) that the form in which the constitution and enumeration of the Districts required by Standing Order 400 are set out shall reflect the modified constitution so adopted.

7/19/3 Noting the corrections to Standing Order 498(4) above, and the amendment to Standing Order 410(1)(xiv) agreed at 6/21/6, the Conference adopted Resolution 41/3.

7/19/4 The Conference, with the required majority, adopted Resolution 41/4.

7/19/5 The Conference adopted Resolution 41/5.

7/19/6 The Conference engaged in prayer for the newly established Wales Synod Cymru.

7/20 The Conference adjourned at 16.22.

7/21 The Conference reassembled at 16.45.

7/22 **DAILY RECORD**

The Daily Record for Tuesday 29 June was presented, taken as read, and adopted.

7/23 **44. OVERSIGHT AND TRUSTEESHIP, Section F (continued)**

7/23/1 **Additional Report: Report on Regional Conversations about District Reviews**

Introduction

The Methodist Council meeting in January 2022 received a report of the Task Group for Regional and District Structure Planning and adopted a resolution directing that group to do further work to bring proposals for a much smaller number of Districts. In making that decision, the Council was aware of the conversations in regional groupings, generally based on stationing regions. At its subsequent meeting, the Task Group for Regional and District Structure Planning decided to consult each District with three questions:

1. Does your District see its future as being part of a larger unit based on the stationing region of which you are a part?
2. Does the District wish to consider a future as part of another Stationing region/ new district (and if so, which)?

3. Does the District believe that the mission of the Church is now best served by one or more Circuits being part of a different District (and if so, which Circuits and which District(s))?

Any District that is yet to make a response is welcome to do so; this report includes all those replies received at the time of writing. The table below summarises the answers that were received (noting the points which most immediately answer the three questions) and the current position on regional conversations that will inform the future District map. Those questions were asked in the wake of the Council's direction to the Task Group to move towards a plan for a smaller number of Districts and were designed to help the Task Group to see what likely outcomes were being discussed and what further conversations might need to be supported. A number of Districts raised broader questions about the process and the thinking behind it; and the full responses from the Districts will be made available to those whom the Conference entrusts with developing the proposals further.

It will be noted that the focus of these conversations is currently on the English Districts; the Task Group has been mindful of the particular situation of those Districts which exist in different jurisdictions and is not at this stage proposing any arrangement which merges any English District with one outside England.

Summary of District Responses
<p>North West</p> <p>Conversations in the North West began not with the Stationing region but with the Learning Network region. Subsequently, the Chester and Stoke District determined that its future did not lie with the North West and therefore is now working with the other West Midlands Districts (in which, with Wales and Cymru it forms a stationing region).</p> <p>The Isle of Man District responded that it sees its future as a separate district, partly because of the complexity of being in a different jurisdiction and partly because it believed that there would be a detrimental environmental impact in being part of a larger district. Nevertheless, the District wishes actively to work with the NW region to consider where to benefit from pooled resources and joint working.</p> <p>The Lancashire District reported that it sees its future as being part of a larger unit based on the North West stationing region rather than any other region and does not believe that the mission of the Church is now best served by any Circuits being part of a different District.</p> <p>The Manchester and Stockport District sees itself as part of North-West England, fitting in with our stationing region. As far as Circuits, there are some questions to be explored about the southern edge of District and the District would value the freedom to make decisions about boundaries easily within a regional District, with due local consultation, and maybe without reference to the Conference.</p> <p>The Liverpool District reported that it sees its future as being part of a larger unit based on the North West stationing region rather than any other region and does not believe that the mission of the Church is now best served by any Circuits being part of a different District.</p> <p>The Cumbria District affirmed a commitment to exploring a larger District for the Northwest, on condition that, as an ecumenical county, Cumbria can remain a single sub-unit within it. Some in the north of the county feel links are better with the Northeast, but those in the south of Cumbria more naturally link with the Northwest (reflecting for example the areas covered by different NHS Trusts), so</p>

which region the Circuits link to is not an easily answered or perfectly answerable question. On balance, the District probably needs to remain connected to the Northwest with the present Circuits within the Cumbria District remaining within the present boundaries of the District, given that they are co-terminus with the county of Cumbria, and, even more importantly, with the ecumenical county of Cumbria in which there operates an active and far reaching Covenanted Partnership in Extended Area.

West Midlands

In the West Midlands, conversations have been in train between Birmingham and Wolverhampton and Shrewsbury but there needs to be a rethink following the introduction of Chester and Stoke to the picture. The Conference will receive a separate proposal about Wales and Cymru.

The **Wolverhampton and Shrewsbury District** does see its future as being part of a larger unit based on the stationing region of which it is a part though it still between positive and neutral towards that larger unit being a full merger with Birmingham..

Part of the District is in Wales which is something of an anomaly but there are no current plans for those Circuits to join Wales Synod Cymru (though such a move would not be resisted by the District).

East Midlands

Three of the East Midlands Districts are moving towards becoming a larger unit with a single Chair for two Districts (Northampton and Nottingham & Derby) from September 2022 and three (with Lincolnshire) from September 2023. East Anglia (EA) has been part of conversations; a next stage of discussion needs to identify whether Bedfordshire, Essex & Hertfordshire (BEH) should be included in new East Midlands District, as the Learning Region now includes all five districts.

Alternatively, if BEH is not part of this region's future, should East Anglia see its future with BEH.

The **Northampton District** is very positive about the conversations in the East Midlands and do not think any circuit moves are helpful at present. However, there might be questions about the High Wycombe and Amersham Circuits at some point in the future.

The **Nottingham and Derby District** sees its future as being part of a larger unit based on the stationing region of which you are a part and is committed to the current process but have some concerns around which of the present districts involved in our conversations will form a viable larger unit. At present, the District does not see any value in moving and circuit into another District, but is aware that the effects of the pandemic on viability and mission plans of some circuits have yet to be fully considered.

The **East Anglia District** Policy Committee has reached a consensus that for relational and strategic reasons it needs to look south to the Bedfordshire, Essex and Hertfordshire District particularly if the Conference *requires* EA to be part of a larger entity. The DPC therefore concludes that the possibility of two or three larger units formed from the current five Districts in the Eastern Learning Region should be explored. Such an arrangement does *not preclude* the possibility of shared working across the five Districts where that is strategic and in the interests of critical mass and whether there might still be a mixed economy for various streams of work. However, there are also concerns about any larger unit being form when some feel that the District is already *too big* and uncertainty about the rationale for any new arrangement.

South West

The conversations in the South West were based on the stationing region which includes the Channel Islands District.

The **Plymouth and Exeter (P&E) District** is pleased to be part of the South West conversations and sees its future as part of a larger entity but not one as large as the current stationing region which it thinks is too big for effective communication and engagement and reasonable travel expectations. Therefore, the DPC proposes a District comprising the current P&E plus Cornwall & IoS and parts of Southampton and possibly of Bristol (which are in the Bath & Wells Anglican Diocese).

The **Cornwall and Isles of Scilly District** see its future as being part of a larger unit based on the stationing region. There is a particular willingness to join with Plymouth & Exeter, as we share many different functions with them already but would not want that to be a staging post to a wider amalgamation and on balance supports a wider grouping. The District is concerned that in a large geographical area, deputy chairs should be able to exercise pastoral care at a local level and ask that serious consideration be given to Deputies being non-separated with 50% circuit commitment.

The **Bristol District** asked if a range of options might be presented for wider consultation than is currently taking place as a simple binary response to the questions posed is inadequate to reflect the range of opinions or possible options for re-structuring and wondered about external consultancy to help the Connexion look objectively at alternative options rather than trying to reform from within. The District feels that the current stationing region works well, in relation to its current set of objectives but there is some hesitation about whether this is the right geographical area to fulfil all the current objectives of a District as laid out in Standing Orders. Wider conversation with ecumenical partners would be helpful as would exploration of an alternative option might be around a fairer distribution nationally, whether that be based on population or membership. An alternative might be to look at the areas used by the Government to divide the country. No entire Circuit felt the desire at this time to move geographically in an alternative direction. However, it was noted that there may be individual churches within Circuits for whom it might be more beneficial for them to move into an adjacent District.

The **Southampton District** remains concerned about the proposed direction of travel in re-configuring Districts as it is still challenging to see what the benefits will be for the mission of the Church and could well fragment the Church if there is not a connexional focus on such changes. There will be financial implications for the Districts as costs will increase, even if there is a reduction in central budgets, and such increases will be difficult to communicate to the wider membership in Circuits and Local Churches if there is no sense of what is being gained. The DPC members are keen to ensure that whatever structure is introduced, both in the SW Region or across the Connexion, that the Chairs' pastoral responsibilities, for both ordained and lay members, are adequately resourced and maintained.

The District sees the future of the Southampton District as continuing to be in conversation with the South-West Stationing Region and does not wish to consider a future as part of another stationing Region. However, two or three Circuits might eventually look more towards the London/South-East Region or an Oxford/Northampton Region and therefore the District asks if an observer from Southampton could be present at discussions those regions are having.

Yorkshire

The three districts in the Yorkshire region noted that there was a significant restructuring exercise five years ago.

The **Sheffield District** is fully aware that ongoing review is always appropriate and is not averse to re-shaping per se but does not feel that now is the time to do so. It remains unconvinced that the objectives outlined in your communication will be achieved by the proposed reconfigurations and considers that they could in fact be detrimental to the missional objectives of the districts in their current form and to relationships which are key to the local work. The team would prefer to see the valuable work that is already being done across district boundaries in the region develop and evolve naturally in ways that are helpful and supportive to the work of each district.

The **Yorkshire North and East District** is not persuaded that there is sufficient evidence as to how the proposed reconfiguration would achieve the stated aims of more effective governance, more responsive mission, and better use of resources. The Team agreed to postpone further conversation until more detailed proposals are received.

The **Yorkshire West District** recognises that declining membership, and church closures, mean that the Connexion needs to reconfigure Districts, but argues that simply joining existing bodies does not consider the geographical and cultural links that need to be recognised. There is a worry that some of the proposed districts are large and unworkable and will create an unrealistic workload for chairs and district officers. In relation to particular circuits, some in the north of the District may have more in common with the Cumbria and/or Darlington Districts than with the Yorkshire Districts; the District also suggests that there may be a place for some new circuits linked by work and culture rather than by geography.

North East

Districts in the north east of England share a stationing region with Scotland and Shetland.

In 2016 the **Scotland District** and the **Shetland District** moved to sharing a Chair and report that the current ways of working have proved beneficial and that they see their future in the continued development of sharing and wait to see what changes take place to those Districts we currently relate to in the North of England in relation to regional stationing, regional probationers' support, regional complaints team. Neither District wishes to consider a future as part of another stationing region nor do they think that the mission of the Church is now best served by one or more Circuits being part of a different District.

The **Darlington District** reported that it saw some positive reasons for change and noted that the present Learning Network region is Newcastle and Darlington. It also noted that there is some correspondence between that and the URC Synod and the Baptist Union region although there are more Methodist churches. However, there was also a feeling that the timing is wrong and that the focus should be on God for All to which Darlington and Newcastle have different approaches. The District believes that merging Districts is fraught with problems and that things work better from the bottom up rather than imposed from the top down.

Whilst there are obvious links with Newcastle District and parts of North Cumbria – a possible conversation with North Cumbria – South Cumbria has more links with Lancashire and there could be problems with the ecumenical set up in Cumbria. In terms of particular circuits, the District believes that some changes could be made with the Circuits in North Yorkshire but that border issues need to

be looked at in the future once the district process has settled down. The **Newcastle upon Tyne District** recognises its healthy and fruitful collaboration with the Darlington District in some shared resources and committees, and it is grateful for the working partnership which efficiently achieves parts of our mutual mission and ministry. However, the pandemic has exacerbated the ongoing challenges of our changing context, requiring greater District investment of time and relationship to the local churches and circuits. To change our structures at this time would be substantially detrimental to the support for pressured Superintendents and Circuit Stewards in their mission and ministry to fulfil *Our Calling*, and particularly the work invested in the God for All strategy, which is showing early signs of fruitfulness. The District also wishes to note their significant concern for the wellbeing of the District Officers who are already working beyond acceptable capacities, should the Conference choose this direction of travel to regionalise the Districts.

South East

The **South East** stationing region comprises the **London District, the South East (SE) District and the Bedfordshire, Essex and Hertfordshire (BEH) District**. The Chairs consider that the current southeast stationing region is far too large in terms of geography, Methodist membership and ministerial complement to constitute a single district. Based on current figures, a district comprising the current southeast stationing region would have a combined Methodist membership of 31,071 and a ministerial complement (including Authorised Presbyters) of 250. This represents 18.9% of the current total Methodist membership and not far short of 20% of the current total number of circuit ministerial appointments.

The present London District, Southeast District and Bedfordshire, Essex and Hertfordshire District result from a reconfiguration of Districts nearly 20 years ago; the Chairs believe that the strategic reasons for that reconfiguration remain just as valid now and should not be overlooked and that the case for a London District remains compelling. Therefore, there need to be conversations between the South-East District and South-West region and BEH and the East Midlands region (where the BEH DPC has observer status).

The **Bedfordshire, Essex and Hertfordshire District** DPC considers that creating a regional district based on the present stationing region (comprising the London and Southeast Districts together with this district) would be a regressive development with a negative impact on the mission of circuits and local churches in each of the Districts concerned but the DPC recognises the potential benefits of being part of a larger District. With regard to particular circuits, the DPC considers that there are logical reasons for the 12 circuits in this District to remain together within whatever new structure is eventually established as the circuit boundaries are mostly aligned with the county boundaries or other unitary authorities.

The **South East District** already feels itself to be large – taking in parts of Berkshire, north Hampshire, non-London Surrey, Sussex and non-London Kent, as well as Malta and Gibraltar. We also recognise that our geography means that we are surrounded on 2 sides by the Channel, and by the Thames and Medway rivers. This means logically that we either disappear, remain the same, or could expand westwards (which would mean engaging with Circuits in the eastern part of the Southampton District). There would be some logic to this as the eastern side of Hampshire, Basingstoke and Reading, for example do have strong commuting links towards London. However, whilst there could be modest changes, given the significant size of the District already, and might not lead to economies of scale. Linking to London would be more feasible than to Southampton, given that SE is

better connected to London. There is a sound logic for remaining in the present South-East stationing region. The only other option would be the South-West stationing region and, with the exception of the eastern side of the Southampton District, our synergy is with the London and BEH Districts for stationing. With regard to particular Circuits, it is on the edges of the District where the possibilities emerge. There could be a missional case for Reading and Basingstoke being in the same District given the significance of the Thames Valley corridor. Equally, the East Solent and Downs Circuit is our neighbour alongside our western border with Hampshire, and includes the only church in Surrey and West Sussex not in the South-East District.

The **London District** expresses its strong preference to continue as the London District in its current form and with its present boundaries. Despite wishing to retain this status the District is keen to explore with neighbouring Districts how they can work together on mutually beneficial areas of mission and service.

7/23/2 The Conference adopted as Resolution 44/11A:

The Conference receives the Report.

7/24 **10. 3GENERATE 2021 – METHODIST CHILDREN AND YOUTH ASSEMBLY**

7/24/1 **Notice of Motion 2022/111: 3Generate**

The Conference recognises the importance of hearing the voice of children and young people and expresses its concern at the direction of travel of 3Generate.

Present and past youth representatives and presidents fear that the event itself has ceased to be effective in hearing the voices of young people and rather is evolving into a place for young people simply to get together, a function that, while important, is not how 3Generate is presented to the Conference.

Upon hearing the worries of these key stakeholders, the Conference amends Resolution 10/1 to read:

10.1 The Conference receives the Report, and directs the Council to form a working party made up of Current and Former Youth Representatives, Current and Former Youth Presidents, as well as young people connected and unconnected to 3Generate. To report back to the Conference of 2024 via the Council.

7/24/2 The Conference agreed that the Motion be not put.

7/24/3 The Conference adopted Resolutions 10/1, 10/2, 10/3 and 10/4.

7/24/4 **Memorial M1**

The Conference received Memorial M1 and adopted as its reply that recommended by the Memorials Committee, the Memorial and the reply appearing on pp 3-4 of the Agenda Supplement.

7/25 **3. METHODIST COUNCIL, PART 1, Section F**

The Conference adopted Resolutions 3/8 and 3/9.

7/26 **30. REPORT FROM THE JDS SHADOW COMMITTEE**

7/26/1 The Conference adopted Resolution 30/1,

p 381, paragraph 30, *deleting* the fourth to sixth bullet points.

7/26/2 The Conference adopted as Resolution 30/2:

The Conference amends Standing Orders as follows:

336 ~~Equality, Diversity and Inclusion~~ *Justice, Dignity and Solidarity*.

(1) *The Methodist Church seeks to become a church in which God's unconditional love is expressed in word and actions, and where all are fully able to play their part in the church's life. In working to achieve that aim it follows the principles of justice, dignity and solidarity, which require that:*

- (i) *diversity is reflected in all aspects of leadership in the church through the adoption of policies and procedures which avoid all unjust discrimination and enable all people to use their gifts in God's service through their service to the church;***
- (ii) *the church treats all people with respect, recognising them as made in the image of God and avoiding any form of conduct which might undermine their dignity and worth;***
- (iii) *the church is committed to the support of those who have suffered or may suffer any form of unjust discrimination and to standing in solidarity with them in asserting and maintaining their rights to be treated with justice and respect for their dignity.***

(1A) ~~The Methodist Council shall annually appoint an Equality, Diversity and Inclusion~~ *a Justice, Dignity and Solidarity* Committee, to discharge the following duties:

- (i) ~~supporting the work of~~ *making strategic recommendations and giving support and guidance to* the council in all matters relating to equality, diversity and inclusion ~~by providing expert resources, advice and guidance;~~**
- (ii) ~~assisting the council by scrutinising reports and policies which have regard to equality, diversity and inclusion~~ *maintaining an overview of policies and procedures to ensure that matters of justice, dignity and solidarity are addressed;***
- (iii) ~~assisting the council in identifying~~ *and responding to emerging risks, challenges and opportunities in relation to matters of justice, dignity and solidarity* ~~areas of activities that require improved awareness and understanding of inclusion;~~**
- (iv) ~~supporting the council in the promotion of~~ *taking steps to implement any policies adopted by the Conference in relation to matters of justice, dignity and solidarity, and in promoting and embedding* equality, diversity and inclusion across the Connexion;**
- (v) ~~developing learning and development programmes and any other resources as directed by the council~~ *nominating one of the committee's co-Chairs to act as adviser to the Conference on matters of justice, dignity and solidarity, and the other co-Chair may act as an alternate.***

(2) The committee shall report annually to the Methodist Council.

(3)(a) The committee shall consist of;

- (i) ~~the~~ *two co-chairs* appointed in accordance with sub-clause (c) below;**
- (ii) ~~a member of the Senior Leadership Group of the Connexional Team;~~**
- (iii) ~~a person aged 18 or over nominated by the Methodist Children and Youth Assembly;~~**
- (iv) ~~a~~ *two* members of the Methodist Council;**
- (v) *up to five eight* other persons chosen to ensure that the committee has expert knowledge, experience and skills in matters relating to equality, diversity and inclusion, one of whom shall be a Chair of District.**

(b) A member of the Connexional Team shall be the convener of the committee but not a voting member. ***Other members of the Connexional Team with responsibility for matters of equality, diversity and inclusion may attend committee meetings by invitation of the co-Chairs, and shall have a right to speak but not to vote.***

(c) The co-chairs shall be appointed by the Methodist Council to serve for six years.

(d) The other members of the committee shall ***be appointed by the council and shall not normally*** serve for more than six years in succession.

(4) The committee shall be responsible for making nominations to the council for persons to fulfil Standing Order 102(1)(i)(g).

7/26/3

SUMMARY REPORT OF THE JUSTICE, DIGNITY AND SOLIDARITY SCRUTINY GROUP

In its acceptance of Notice of Motion 2020/103, the Conference agreed to the establishment of a small independent scrutiny group to provide scrutiny and assurance on the implementation of the EDI strategy (now JDS strategy) which is overseen by the JDS Committee. In October 2021 the Methodist Council appointed the JDS Scrutiny Group as follows: Ruby Beech, Bala Gnanapragasam and John Robinson. The group have met together a number of times on zoom. They have also met with Jonathan Hustler, the Secretary of the Conference on zoom on 3 occasions and with Doug Swanney, the Connexional Secretary, and with Jill Marsh, the Inclusive Church Implementation Officer, and Bevan Powell, the EDI Adviser, and been in contact with the Chairs of the JDS Committee Charity Nzegwu and Sam McBratney. We are very grateful to Jill and Bevan and the support staff for keeping us copied in to relevant papers during the year. Each member of the scrutiny Group has attended at least two of the meetings of the JDS Committee, most of which have been held on zoom. It has been agreed that the Scrutiny Group will meet with the Secretary of Conference after each Methodist Council meeting.

The Scrutiny Group has been pleased to see the progress which has been made this year and looks forward to scrutinising the implementation of the strategy as the plan becomes more detailed for the sustaining and embedding of the work going forward.

We are very aware that the first of the recommendations of the strategy that “The Conference commits itself to systemic, structural and cultural change” will be the most difficult to achieve and will be addressed by a variety of groups with particular tasks. One of the key challenges we have identified for this next year will be to ensure that consultation on different areas includes consultation with the Committee as well as the staff members to ensure that the Committee is able to give the strategic direction, support, coordination and guidance which it is tasked with doing (see para 29 of the Report from the JDS Shadow Committee on Pg 381 of the Conference Agenda). From what we have seen this year we would offer the comment that wide-reaching reports such as that on Oversight and Trusteeship including the changes of the constitution of the Conference would helpfully be seen by the JDS Committee at an earlier stage if they are to be able to offer strategic guidance and support in any meaningful way. This will also be the case for other major pieces of work such as that on Stationing Review and the review of CPD part 11.

A particular concern going forward is that it is not clear to us how the oversight of the JDS strategy would be undertaken in the revised proposals for Connexional Committees. It is disappointing that in a paper on such major structural change the issues around JDS are not clearly stated. We hope that the Oversight and Trustee Task Group will ensure that proper consultation will take place on JDS implications of all of the proposed changes.

We are heartened by the work that has been done so far but recognise that for us to really become an inclusive Church we need every body of the Church to have

continued awareness of the JDS implications of all that it does and that, of course, includes the Conference, which is the responsibility of us all. *The JDS Scrutiny Group*

7/26/4 The Conference adopted as Resolution 30/3:

The Conference receives the Report.

7/27 **Notice of Motion 2022/201: Healing Ministry and Neurodiverse Conditions**

7/27/1 Building on the success of the Justice, Dignity, and Solidarity strategies, the God for All initiative, and the Church's significant work on inclusivity, the Conference calls attention to the nature of healing ministry in relation to specific experiences of neurodiverse conditions. *[as corrected by 8/49/1]*

Throughout all Christian denominations there are instances where individuals are offered (or churches are requested by family and friends of the individual) to conduct prayers aimed at curing them of many conditions including Autism or Attention Deficit [Hyperactive] Disorder (ADHD/ADD). It is acknowledged that this practice can be harmful to the individual and does not recognise the reality of the condition they live with. The last significant report on the nature of healing ministry is dated 1977 and the Conference acknowledges that fresh guidance on healing ministry would be welcome.

This request is informed by experiences of neurodiverse conditions, which commonly increase the individual's chances of social and mental ill health, and these can often affect the individuals' opportunities. By contrast, many individuals with neurodiverse conditions have positive skillsets such as creative thinking, problem solving and, mathematical skills. Prayers that a person be "healed" of their neurodiversity denies the value of these gifts and graces.

Therefore, the Conference asks for further work that can explore the nature of healing ministry in the life of the church. Particularly:

1. The Conference directs the Faith and Order Committee (in consultation with the Justice, Dignity, and Solidarity Committee) to consider new guidance on healing ministry, ensuring that the experiences of those who may joyfully embrace the gifts that their condition brings to their lives are heard.
2. The Conference directs the Faith and Order Committee (in consultation with the Justice, Dignity, and Solidarity Committee) specifically to consider whether prayers for healing for certain conditions should be prohibited.
3. The Conference calls on the Methodist people to continue to offer prayers for those living with any condition that impacts on their wellbeing, and to be aware that such prayers may be particularly relevant for those living with any diagnosable lifelong neurodivergent characteristic, or those exploring diagnosis, or their families, noting especially that the process of referral, diagnosis and treatment is often measured in years, and requires considerable resilience.
4. Within the continuing JDS work, the Conference asks Church Councils, Circuit Meetings, and District Synods to reflect collectively on a) how they can create supportive and accommodating environments for individuals with neurodiverse conditions and b) how their local situation can be improved with the particular gifts which individuals with neurodiverse conditions bring.

- 7/27/2 The Conference adopted the Motion.
- 7/28 The Conference shared in worship, led by the representatives of the Methodist Youth Assembly and adjourned at 18.42.
- 7/29 **LETTERS**
- 7/29/1 Letters of support were sent in the name of the Conference to Bishop Thomas J Bickerton, President of the Council of Bishops of the United Methodist Church, and The Revd Dr Susan Henry-Crowe, General Secretary of the General Board of Church and Society of the United Methodist Church.
- 7/29/2 A letter of thanks was sent in the name of the Conference to The Revd Dr Donna Fowler-Marchant for facilitating an activity while the Presbyteral Session was in closed session.
- 7/29/3 Letters of thanks were sent in the name of the Conference to The Revds Michael D Parker, David J Barrett, John Mbayo, Janice C Honey Morgan, Paul Mellor and Amy Walters for representing Methodist forces chaplains to the Conference. *[as corrected by 8/49/1]*

- 8/1 The Conference assembled at 9.15 and engaged in worship.
- 8/2 **FIFTH REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE BUSINESS COMMITTEE**
- 8/2/1 The Committee has considered the business still before the Conference, and makes the following recommendations:
- There will be coffee available during the coffee break time (11:00-11:30 am) on Thursday morning, but there will not be a formal break.
- Introductory speeches will be reduced to two minutes, and all other speeches will be reduced to one minute, including when presenters are responding to points raised.
- A maximum of five minutes will be allocated to each notice of motion shown on the order of business for Thursday.
- 8/2/2 The Conference adopted as Resolution B/3:
- The Conference receives the Report.
- 8/3 **CONFERENCE BUSINESS COMMITTEE ELECTION**
- The Conference elected the following to serve on the Representative Session Business Committee at the Conferences of 2023-2025:
- Mrs Barbara M Easton
The Revd Philip J Jackson
- 8/4 **CONFERENCE-ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES**
- The Conference elected the following to serve as Conference-elected Representatives at the Conferences of 2023-2025:
- The Revd Kenneth G Howcroft
The Revd Joanna R Rand
Ms Martha Rand
- 8/5 **17. METHODIST COUNCIL PART 2, Sections J, M, Q**
- 8/5/1 The Conference adopted Resolutions 17/5, 17/6, 17/10, 17/11 and 17/20.
- 8/5/2 The Conference adopted Resolution 17/21,
- p 210-213, SO 321,
inserting a semi-colon at the end of (1)(iii) and (iiiA) and *removing* the strike-through from '(ix)'
- replacing* the proposed amendment to (1)(vi) *with*:
(vi) ~~one representative of Synod Cymru when the business requires it;~~
[deleted]
- replacing* the existing (1)(x) *with*:

(x) the Warden or deputy Warden of the Methodist Diaconal Order ~~for all business other than the discussion of individual cases;~~

*replacing the proposed wording for the new (1)(xi) with:
up to five further members, selected in collaboration with the Justice, Dignity and Solidarity Committee, to ensure that leadership is offered regarding the concerns of Justice, Dignity and Solidarity in areas including disability, race, gender, LGBTQ+ and mental health, having regard to the leadership also offered by other members of the Ministerial Candidates and Probationers Oversight Committee;*

*inserting a new clause (2G) as follows:
(2G) when the business so requires, a Welsh-speaking member of Wales Synod Cymru shall attend meetings as a consultant.*

8/6 **9. SAFEGUARDING COMMITTEE**

8/6/1 The Conference adopted Resolution 9/1.

8/6/2 **Memorial M20**

The Conference received Memorial M20 and adopted as its reply that recommended by the Memorials Committee, the Memorial and the reply appearing on pp 32-33 of the Agenda Supplement.

8/7 **44. OVERSIGHT AND TRUSTEESHIP, Sections G, H, I**

8/7/1 The Conference adopted Resolutions 44/15 and 44/16.

8/7/2 **Memorial M18**

The Conference received Memorial M18 and adopted as its reply that recommended by the Memorials Committee, the Memorial and the reply appearing on pp 27-30 of the Agenda Supplement.

8/7/3 The Conference adopted Resolutions 44/17 and 44/18.

8/7/4 The Conference adopted Resolution 44/19 in the form:

The Conference delegates to the Council the appointment of an Oversight and Trusteeship Task Group to undertake the work referred to in the following resolutions, consulting and delegating as appropriate to progress the work as far as possible, including by bringing enabling or amending provisions in CPD.

8/7/5 The Conference adopted Resolution 44/20.

8/7/6 The Conference adopted Resolution 44/21 in the form:

The Conference directs the Oversight and Trusteeship Task Group, in consultation with the Faith and Order and Law and Polity committees, to:

- a) review the Connexional Leadership Forum's membership, responsibilities, and ways of working as raised in paragraphs 69 and 70 of section D of this report; and
- b) consider the questions of the oversight exercised by the Conference which are raised in section E of this report, and to review further proposals relating to the committee structure in the light of their consideration.

8/7/7 The Conference adopted Resolutions 44/22 and 44/23.

8/8 **Notice of Motion 2022/206: Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty**

8/8/1 The Conference thanks the Methodist Council for the excellent work done on Action for Hope and looks forward to seeing the implementation of this plan of action.

Recognising that new fossil fuel developments are incompatible with efforts to limit global heating to 1.5C according to the UN and International Energy Agency, the Conference:

Supports the call for a Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty to phase out fossil fuels and support a just transition, which has already been endorsed by Christian Aid, former Archbishop of Canterbury Rowan Williams, and 2,900+ scientists, academics and researchers (<https://fossilfueltreaty.org/endorsements>)

Directs that the President and Vice President write to the Prime Minister and Chancellor expressing opposition to the tax breaks which have been given for new fossil fuel exploration and extraction in the windfall tax legislation.

8/8/2 The Conference adopted the Motion.

8/9 **Memorials M4, M12, M13, M14**

The Conference received Memorials M4, M12, M13 and M14 and adopted as its replies those recommended by the Memorials Committee, the Memorials and the replies appearing on pp 6-7 and 19-22 of the Agenda Supplement.

8/10 **Memorial M11**

The Conference received Memorial M11 and adopted the following reply in substitution for that recommended by the Memorials Committee, the Memorial appearing on p 18 of the Agenda Supplement:

The Conference thanks the Plymouth and Exeter District for raising important concerns about the position of tenant farmers. The Conference recognises that tenant farmers as both food producers and custodians of our countryside are having to operate under increasingly restrictive tenancy terms and short-term security of occupation. The Conference believes it is important that the management of our agricultural land balances the important needs of ensuring sustainable food production, good environmental and animal welfare practices underpinned with social justice for all those involved in the management of that land whether as owners, tenants or workers and the need to reduce carbon emissions. The Conference is aware of guidance issued jointly by the Tenant Farmers Association and Country Land and Business Association aimed at encouraging tenants and landlords to work together towards ensuring that the joint objectives referred to above are met. (https://tfa.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/CLA_TFA_Env-agreements-guidance_FINAL.pdf).

The Conference is also aware that the Department for the Environment Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA) has established a Tenancy Working Group for England, with Baroness Kate Rock as its Chair, which has been given the task of considering what more the UK Government needs to do to encourage joint working between landlords and tenants and to prevent bad practice. It is also understood that the Welsh Government is planning to establish a similar group later this year. The Conference would certainly wish to support these initiatives to find solutions to the real problems which tenant farmers are currently facing but considers it inappropriate to single out one landlord for particular criticism. The President and Vice-President therefore will communicate to DEFRA the

Conference's disquiet at the practices currently being undertaken by some of the country's largest landlords in taking back land from their tenants in order to gain the biggest financial advantage from the new Environmental Land Management Scheme (ELMS) and to the Minister for The Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA) its request for a review of the new funding policy for farming now that knowledge of unintended consequences is growing.

8/11 **SECOND REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE FINANCIAL COMMITTEE**

8/11/1 The Committee has considered the financial consequences of the Conference declining the recommendations contained in Agenda item 44. Oversight and Trusteeship, Section F: District Reviews.

In not supporting the proposals in respect of District Reviews, the Committee notes that there are no direct consequential impacts on the 2022/23 budget. This means that the adoption of the budget proposed in resolution 21/2 requires no amendment, and the district allocations included in 21/3 can be retained.

However, the Committee notes that over the current cycle of 5 year planning, financial cost savings of £1.7m are required to achieve a balanced budget. The District Review proposals were anticipated to contribute £0.3m to this total, the remainder being achieved through savings in the Connexional Team and its activities. In the absence of the District Review saving, it would not be appropriate to continue to plan for a 3% reduction in the District Assessment in 2023/24. Further work will be required over the coming year to review whether any further reductions in District Assessment could be made in future years.

8/11/2 The Conference adopted as Resolution F/2:

The Conference receives the Report.

8/12 **21. CONNEXIONAL CENTRAL SERVICES BUDGET FOR THREE YEARS COMMENCING WITH 2022/2023 (continued)**

The Conference adopted Resolutions 21/1, 21/2 and 21/3.

8/13 **Memorial M9**

The Conference received Memorial M9 and adopted as its reply that recommended by the Memorials Committee, the Memorial and the reply appearing on pp 16-17 of the Agenda Supplement,

replacing the final five words of the reply 'and therefore declines the memorial' *with:*

The Conference therefore declines the memorial's request in relation to the theological consultation, however it recognises the importance of giving a response from the Methodist Church to Palestinian Christians as soon as possible. In the light of the Church's ongoing engagement with "Cry for Hope", the Conference encourages our representatives to the WCC Assembly to promote the importance of the WCC recreating a forum to monitor the situation in Israel Palestine, for the reasons and purpose suggested in the memorial.

8/14

Memorial M8

The Conference received Memorial M8 and adopted as its reply that recommended by the Memorials Committee, the Memorial and the reply appearing on pp 13-16 of the Agenda Supplement.

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The Conference adjourned at 11.02.

8/16

The Conference reassembled at 11.20.

8/17

Notice of Motion 2022/204: Churches of Sanctuary

8/17/1

The Conference notes some positive elements of the Government's programmes to assist refugees, such as the Vulnerable Persons Resettlement Scheme, the Afghan Citizens Resettlement Scheme and Homes for Ukraine, albeit with their limitations and bureaucratic difficulties, but also notes what many perceive to be a hostile response to many refugees who come into the UK by other means, still under international law, to seek asylum. In particular, the Conference is concerned about:

- the criminalisation of some asylum seekers, holding them in detention centres, or electronically tagging them, while their cases are considered;
- the lack of a right to work;
- the threat to deport such legal entrants to Rwanda.

Churches, church leaders, Christians and people of all faiths have been at the forefront of the outcry against such practices and policies. A justice-seeking church which is considering what it means to be 'Walking with Micah' and following a 'Methodist Way of Life' has basic Christian principles and practices of welcome, hospitality and kindness at the heart of what it is and how it exercises ministry.

However, in the light of the current hostile climate the Conference urges churches to take up the challenge to be officially recognised as intentional places of 'Sanctuary'.

The 'Churches of Sanctuary' movement – which is endorsed and supported by Churches Together in Britain and Ireland - follows in the tradition of the 'Cities of Sanctuary' movement begun in 2005, as described in 'Hospitality and Sanctuary for All' by the Revd Dr Inderjit Bhogal (CTBI 2021). Many Methodist Churches have been involved in their local City of Sanctuary movement. There are many Biblical references affirming the importance of offering hospitality to the stranger (most notably Joshua chapter 20), and churches have historically been known as places of sanctuary, as seen, for example, in the Durham Cathedral knocker and Stratford-Upon-Avon parish sanctuary door knockers, and the sanctuaries offered to families facing deportation from the UK in the 1980s and 1990s.

A Church of Sanctuary will be accredited through the City of Sanctuary movement and will proudly and openly:

- commit to learning facts, listening to people seeking sanctuary, and honouring their stories;
- evidence an embedded culture of welcome, protective hospitality and safety in every aspect of church worship and witness especially for people seeking sanctuary;
- encouraging other churches to engage in this way.

In the light of the above, the Conference:

- urges all churches to consider what it would mean to become a Church of Sanctuary and to take deliberate steps to become recognised as such;
- directs that information about becoming a Church of Sanctuary be made available through the Methodist website;

- directs that a letter be sent from the President and Vice-President to the Prime Minister and Home Secretary to draw their attention to the movement for Churches of Sanctuary and to urge Her Majesty's Government to respect more fully the Christian tradition of sanctuary and hospitality towards strangers arriving on our shores.

8/17/2 The Conference adopted the Motion.

8/18 **Notice of Motion 2022/205: Support for disposal of property**

8/18/1 As a result of the Covid-19 pandemic along with other factors, the volume of properties for Circuits to dispose of is increasing. This is already creating a significant burden on ministers and lay officers. Relieving the circuits of the need to action this would enable missional activity to continue uninterrupted and would significantly improve well-being for many. Not taking significant action quickly will lead to further stress on ministers and lay officers and at some point may make circuit activity and development unviable.

Consequently the Conference ask the Methodist Council to explore the feasibility of establishing a small team of suitably qualified and experienced people to take on the role of disposing of closed churches, manses and other church property, the costs of the team being recouped from the proceeds of sale. Circuits would not be required to use this service, but demand for such a service would be expected to be significant.

8/18/2 The Conference adopted the Motion.

8/19 **Notice of Motion 2022/202: Ukraine**

8/19/1 The Conference:

- 1) laments the ongoing conflict in Ukraine;
- 2) welcomes the schemes for offering hospitality and welcome to refugees from Ukraine. (Homes for Ukraine, the Super Sponsor schemes of the Welsh and Scottish governments, the Isle of Man Homes for Ukrainian refugees scheme and the Bailiwick of Guernsey Ukraine sponsorship scheme) but notes with concern initial reports of delays in processing applications;
- 3) notes the long history around the country of Methodists who welcomed the refugee into their towns and communities, and urges churches around the Connexion to consider how they can each welcome refugees (through ideas such as welcome cafes);
- 4) directs that a letter be sent from the President and Vice-President to HM Government highlighting the need to increase the speed of processing applications for the 'Homes for Ukraine' scheme.

8/19/2 The Conference adopted the Motion.

8/20 **Notice of Motion 2022/203: Deportation of asylum seekers and refugees**

8/20/1 The Conference:

- 1) expresses its alarm and dismay about the Government's plan to send asylum seekers to Rwanda and its deep concern for refugees who are facing dangers, displaced and without a safe place to call home, only to face the fear of being forcefully deported, and uncertain where they may find themselves;

- 2) notes that the Right Revd Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury, recently wrote, “We must not outsource our ethical responsibilities. We must end this evil trafficking,” and endorses this;
- 3) encourages the Methodist people to be loud and clear in speaking out against such unethical actions and political policies, which go against how Jesus calls us to live our lives and love our neighbours, and to call for justice, mercy and compassion, and for the UK Government to uphold Human Rights and international laws which protect the most vulnerable;
- 4) urges the Methodist people to hold vulnerable displaced people in prayer and write to their MPs in protest at these actions.

8/20/2 The Conference adopted the Motion.

8/21 **3. METHODIST COUNCIL, PART 1, Sections A, B, C, D, E**

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

8/22 **6. THE TRUSTEES FOR THE BAILIWICK OF GUERNSEY METHODIST CHURCH PURPOSES**

The Conference adopted Resolution 6/1.

8/23 **8. COMMITTEE ON METHODIST LAW AND POLITY (1)**

8/23/1 The Conference adopted Resolution 8/1.

8/23/2 The Conference adopted Resolution 8/2 in the form:

The Conference, by way of minor and consequential corrections, amends Standing Orders 138(7), 361(3), 427(3) and 502(10) as set out above,

p 66, *replacing* the proposed amendment to SO 502(10) *with*:

502(10) The above provisions of this Standing Order are subject to those of Standing Order 019A ~~and 919~~. If, in compliance with ~~either of the latter~~ **that Standing Order**, the person presiding over a meeting vacates the chair for any business it shall be taken by the person (or next person) present who is entitled to preside under clause (1) or (2) above, is not debarred from doing so by Standing Order 019A ~~or 919(1)~~ and is willing to serve; failing any such person those present shall elect a chair from amongst themselves.

8/23/3 The Conference adopted Resolution 8/3.

8/24 **12. TRUSTEES FOR JERSEY METHODIST CHURCH PURPOSES**

The Conference adopted Resolution 12/1.

8/25 **15. ECUMENICAL REPORT**

The Conference adopted Resolution 15/1,

p 120, paragraph 8.1, *amending* the first bullet point to read:
Affirm and uphold the inseparability of Unity and Mission with the conviction that neither can be fully addressed in isolation.

- 8/26 **17. METHODIST COUNCIL PART 2, Sections G, K, L, R**
The Conference adopted Resolutions 17/1, 17/7, 17/8, 17/9, 17/22 and 17/23.
- 8/27 **20. MANAGING TRUSTEES OF JOHN WESLEY'S CHAPEL, THE NEW ROOM, BRISTOL AND 4-5 CHARLES STREET, BRISTOL**
The Conference adopted Resolutions 20/1 and 20/2.
- 8/28 **22. TRUSTEES FOR METHODIST CHURCH PURPOSES (TMCP)**
The Conference adopted Resolutions 22/1 and 22/2.
- 8/29 **23. METHODIST SCHOOLS**
- 8/29/1 The Conference renamed the Report **23. METHODIST SCHOOLS APPOINTMENTS.**
- 8/29/2 The Conference adopted Resolutions 23/1, 23/2, 23/3, 23/4, 23/5, 23/6, 23/7, 23/8 and 23/9.
- 8/29/3 The Conference adopted as Resolution 23/10:

The Conference adopts the nomination by the Trustees of Mr Anthony Harris as a Trustee of the Methodist Independent Schools Trust for a period of three years concluding 31 August 2025.
- Reasoned Statement:**
Anthony is a Chartered Surveyor and a Chair of the First-tier Tribunal (Property Chamber). He is currently the Chair of Governors at a Methodist school. Anthony is a Methodist and has wide experience of advising on Church and charity property matters.
- 8/30 **24. METHODIST MINISTERS' HOUSING SOCIETY (MMHS)**
The Conference adopted Resolution 24/1.
- 8/31 **25. STATIONING COMMITTEE**
The Conference adopted Resolution 25/1.
- 8/32 **31. ASHVILLE COLLEGE – REVISION TO ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION**
The Conference adopted Resolutions 31/1 and 31/2.
- 8/33 **32. REFERRED MEMORIALS AND NOTICES OF MOTION**
The Conference adopted Resolution 32/1.
- 8/34 **33. CENTRAL FINANCE BOARD OF THE METHODIST CHURCH**
The Conference adopted Resolutions 33/1 and 33/2.
- 8/35 **34. METHODIST DIACONAL ORDER GENERAL REPORT**
The Conference adopted Resolutions 34/1 and 34/2.
- 8/36 **48. MANAGING TRUSTEES OF THE METHODIST CENTRAL HALL, WESTMINSTER**
The Conference adopted Resolutions 48/1 and 48/2.

8/37 **Memorials M10, M19, M22**

The Conference received Memorials M10, M19 and M22 and adopted as its replies those recommended by the Memorials Committee, the Memorials and the replies appearing on pp 17, 30-32 and 34-37 of the Agenda Supplement.

8/38 **5. CONFERENCE ARRANGEMENTS (continued)**

8/38/1 The Conference adopted Resolutions 5/1 and 5/2.

8/38/2 The Conference adopted Resolution 5/7,

moving 'Wales Synod Cymru' from the first list to first place in the Reserves list

8/39 **42. AUTHORISATIONS COMMITTEE**

8/39/1 The Conference adopted Resolution 42/1.

8/39/2 The Conference adopted Resolution 42/2,

pp 441-444, List A
for 6/5

Wigan	John Whelan	L
Wigan	James Whelan	L
North Wiltshire	Rachel Collins	P
The Lizard and Mounts Bay	Rebecca Fugill	P
Shropshire and Marches	Vivienne Thomas	L
Redhill and East Grinstead	Elisabeth Brooks	P

pp 444-446, List B
for 12/5

Newquay, Perranporth and St Agnes	Miranda Knight	L
Mid Cornwall	Miranda Knight	L
Altrincham	Lea Blinston	L

pp 446-448, List C

Stoke-on-Trent North	Paul Owen	L
Stockton	Jan Smith	L
Stockton	Jim Wilkinson	L

8/39/3 **Additional Report**

Four appeals were received against the recommendations of the Authorisations Committee. Under Standing Order 011(3), such appeals are heard by a further committee appointed for the purpose from amongst the members of the next Conference by the Methodist Council. The report of the appeals committee is required to be presented along with the General Report of the Authorisations Committee.

The Council duly appointed an appeal panel which reviewed the paperwork from the Authorisations Committee along with the additional information in support of the appeal from the Circuits concerned. On the basis of new information, and noting that this had changed since the submission date for the Authorisations Committee's consideration, the panel agreed to uphold the four appeals and therefore adds the following to the lists printed in the Agenda:

6/8	Bury	Blayze K White	P
26/8	Dorset South and West	Chris Warren	L
26/8	Dorset South and West	Timothy Wells	L
36/8	West Sussex (Coast and Downs)	Steven Donnison	P

- 8/39/4 The Conference adopted as Resolution 42A/1:
The Conference adopts the Report.
- 8/40 **49. PRESBYTERS AND DEACONS BECOMING SUPERNUMERARY OR RETURNING TO THE ACTIVE WORK (continued)**
- 8/40/1 The Conference adopted Resolution 49/3,
noting the corrections listed at 2/17/1.
- 8/40/2 The Conference adopted Resolution 49/4.
- 8/40/3 The Conference adopted as Resolution 49/5:
The Conference gives permission for the following presbyter to return to the active work: Stuart A Bell.
- 8/41 **37. MINISTERIAL CANDIDATES AND PROBATIONERS OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE (continued)**
The Conference, by a Standing Vote, adopted Resolution 37/3.
- 8/42 **46. REPORT TO THE REPRESENTATIVE SESSION OF BUSINESS CONDUCTED BY THE CONFERENCE DIACONAL COMMITTEE (continued)**
- 8/42/1 The Conference, by a Standing Vote, adopted Resolution 46/2.
- 8/42/2 The Conference, by a Standing Vote, adopted Resolution 46/3.
- 8/43 **51. PRESBYTERS AND DEACONS FROM OTHER CHURCHES**
- 8/43/1 The Conference, by a Standing Vote, adopted Resolution 51/1,
pp 582-583, **(2) Presbyters of other autonomous Methodist Conferences**
deleting Bruce J Anderson 34/13 Methodist Church of New Zealand
deleting Joan M Pell 14/2 United Methodist Church
- 8/43/2 The Conference, by a Standing Vote, adopted Resolution 51/2,
p 583, **(3) Presbyters of other communions applying to be recognised and regarded**
deleting Krystyna H Kwarciak 19/1
- 8/43/3 The Conference adopted Resolutions 51/3, 51/4 and 51/5.
- 8/44 **47. DESIGNATIONS FOR APPOINTMENT OF DISTRICT CHAIRS**
- 8/44/1 The Conference adopted Resolutions 47/1, 47/2 and 47/3.
- 8/44/2 The Conference adopted Resolution 47/4, *adding* the following reasoned statement:
Andrew Lunn has been Chair of the Manchester and Stockport District since 2015. The Synod recognises that it is in a transition period and that Andrew's leadership of two Districts with support will ensure good communication within the District and with the region and the Connexion. The Synod recommends to

the Conference that the Revd Dr Andrew Lunn be appointed as Chair for the Bolton and Rochdale District for a period of two years from 1 September 2022.

- 8/44/3 The Conference adopted Resolution 47/5.
- 8/44/4 The Conference, with the required majority, adopted Resolutions 47/6, 47/7, 47/8 and 47/9.
- 8/45 **50. COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS**
- 8/45/1 The Conference adopted Resolutions 50/1 and 50/2.
- 8/45/2 The Conference adopted Resolution 50/3,
p 574, *deleting* The Revd John S Lampard
- 8/45/3 The Conference adopted Resolution 50/4.
- 8/45/4 The Conference adopted Resolution 50/5,
p 575, *deleting* the Revds Stephen Dunn, Professor Teddy Kalongo, Andrew Letby, Jonathan E Mead, Susan J Wigham, Ms Sarah Dixon, Mrs Elaine M Grout
adding Mrs Victoria Loveday
Victoria Loveday Children and Youth Co-ordinator for the Sheffield District, with experience of serving on the Candidates' Selection Committee panels.
- 8/45/5 The Conference adopted Resolution 50/6.
- 8/45/6 The Conference adopted Resolution 50/7,
p 576, The Secretary of the Committee:
for to be confirmed *reading* The Revd Mark Rowland
deleting The Revd Dr Jane Leach, the Revd Dr Michael Long, the Revd Mark Rowland
adding The Revd Neil A Stubbens, Mr Jon Curtis
Jon Curtis Local Preacher in the Exeter, Coast and Country Circuit. Former Venture FX Pioneer and Learning and Development Officer. Expertise in creating and curating resources for faith exploration and developing discipleship.
Neil Stubbens Presbyter in the Liverpool (North) Circuit. Former Connexional Ecumenical Officer. Wide knowledge of faith and order matters, with particular experience in ecumenical dialogue and crafting liturgy.
- 8/45/7 The Conference adopted Resolutions 50/8, 50/9 and 50/10.
- 8/45/8 The Conference adopted Resolution 50/11,

p 578,
(iv) *adding Miss Bridget Quint*
(viii) *for Ms Charlotte Hambly reading Ms Verity Wild*

Bridget Quint Nominated to the Council by the South East District

8/45/9 The Conference adopted Resolutions 50/12 and 50/13.

8/45/10 The Conference adopted Resolution 50/14,

p 579
Recording Officer: *for to be confirmed reading* Deacon Tracy J Hume
Reporting Officer: *for to be confirmed reading* Deacon Gail Morgan

8/45/11 The Conference adopted Resolution 50/15,

p 579,
adding Deacon Lemia Nkwelah, Deacon Andrew C Packer, Ms Angharad Herriman, Mr Iain A S Henderson, Mrs Caroline E L Dobinson

8/45/12 The Conference adopted Resolution 50/16,

p 579, following an application process, the following names are recommended to the Conference as members of the Mission Committee:

Miss Rebecca Ainsworth
Methodist local preacher and Deputy Youth Secretary in the Preston Ribble Circuit. Has been involved in a variety of missional activities and local programmes supplying youth activities to struggling families all over Preston.

The Revd Richard M Andrew
Chair of the Darlington District. Nominated by the Chairs' Meeting.

Mr Paul Bridges
Methodist local preacher and Chief Executive Officer of Huddersfield Mission, with experience in Methodist missional work, volunteering policy and practice, mediation and conflict resolution and not for profit Governance and Trusteeship.

The Revd Anthony J Clowes
Church Planting Officer in the Manchester and Stockport District. Has wide experience in regional strategy for church planting and coaching planters and pioneers, with an ecumenical appreciation for partnership mission across the denominations.

The Revd Dr Joanne H Cox-Darling (Chair of the Mission Committee)
Serving Superintendent, with experience of circuit ministry, strategic oversight, knowledge of processes and protocols. Has a deep and broad understanding of mission and is committed to the Church's strategies for Evangelism and Growth, and Justice Dignity and Solidarity.

Mr Matthew Forsyth
District Mission Enabler and a member of the Northampton District Executive. Involved in developing mission strategy, delivering new initiatives and leading the New Places for New People District project.

The Revd Dr Laurence Graham
Presbyter in the Methodist Church in Ireland (MCI), stationed as Superintendent of the Dublin Central Mission. Member of the Global Relationships Committee and served on the Working Party which led to the 'Future Mission Together' report to the Methodist Conference.

The Revd Elaine M Lindridge
Worked as a District Evangelism Enabler for the past 13 years. From September 2022, will take up leadership on the New Places for New People District project (The Mother House) seeking to resource and enable Circuits and churches to consider NPNP in a variety of different contexts.

The Revd Ian S Rutherford
Serving as the City Centre Minister at Central Hall Manchester, promoting action on social justice and global vision and for building Christian community and action against poverty on and from the economic margins. Experience in project managing community projects and coordinating mission events. Member of the Law and Polity Committee.

The Revd Jennifer A Spouge
Presbyter, with experience in strategic planning in the public, voluntary and private sectors. Previously served in a variety of contexts including circuit and LEP ministry, education and mission overseas.

Mr Paul Spray
Member of the Global Relationships Committee and chair of the new World Mission Fund Grants Committee comprised of Methodist leaders from around the world. A Methodist Local Preacher with an interest in using heritage for mission.

Ms Angela Zamaere Smith
Director of Programmes and member of the senior leadership team at All We Can. Member of the Global Relationships Committee.

8/45/13 The Conference adopted Resolution 50/17,

p 579,
deleting Mrs Hilary Evans
adding Mrs Ruth Parrott

Ruth Parrott Representative of Methodist Women in Britain

8/45/14 The Conference adopted Resolutions 50/18 and 50/19.

8/45/15 The Conference adopted as Resolution 50/20:

The Conference appoints the Connexional Panel on Deliverance Ministry as follows: The Revd Kate Strange (Chair), Ms Sarah Chadwick, The Revd Dr I Neil Cockling, The Revd William E Davis

The Revd Dr Neil Cockling received training in exorcism and deliverance at the Queen's College, Birmingham; he chairs the ecumenical group of Northern Christian Deliverance Ministers in the north of England. He has been a mental health chaplain since 1998, working closely with other mental health professionals to help distinguish spiritual experiences, psychoses and

delusions, and cultural narratives, and therefore to offer appropriate pastoral responses.

The Revd Kate Strange is a Deputy Chair of the Nottingham and Derby District and chair of the District Safeguarding Group. Kate is an experienced end of life chaplain and mental health chaplain working both in prison units and secure environments where she gained valuable insight and experience in deliverance ministry and the safeguarding of those most vulnerable.

Ms Sarah Chadwick is a retired solicitor, former District Safeguarding Officer and a member of the Connexional Safeguarding Committee. She was a member of the Joint Task Group on Deliverance Ministry and the Interim Connexional Panel for Deliverance Ministry.

The Revd William Davis was Director of the Children's Education Division in the Methodist Church in Ghana between 1997-2008 and a part time lecturer at the Trinity Theological Seminary. He has been a member of the interim Deliverance Ministry Panel and brings significant experience of this area of ministry across different cultures.

8/45/16 The Conference adopted as Resolution 50/21:

The Conference delegates to the Council the appointment of trustees of the Methodist Ministers' Pension Scheme, where such appointments are necessary prior to the Conference of 2023.

8/45/17 The Conference adopted as Resolution 50/22:

The Conference appoints Maureen Dixon to the Board of the William Leech Charity.

8/45/18 **Chair of the Conference Business Committee**

Under SO 136, the Business Committee is chaired by a past President or Vice-President appointed by the Conference on the nomination of the Council, for three years in the first instance. Noting that the Revd Loraine Mellor will have served for three Conferences at the end of this Conference, and given the review of all committees that is currently in train, the Council brings a nomination for one year only. The Revd Loraine Mellor, has indicated her willingness to serve for a further year as she has ably done since unexpectedly taking on the responsibility in 2020. The Council therefore nominates Mrs Mellor as Chair of the 2023 Conference Business Committee.

8/45/19 The Conference adopted as Resolution 50/23:

The Conference appoints The Revd Loraine N Mellor as Chair of the Conference Business Committee for the 2023 Conference.

8/46 **53. APPRECIATIONS**

8/46/1 The Conference adopted Resolution 53/1,

p 590, **The Revd Dr Nicola Price-Tebbutt**, first paragraph, line 10, for 'presbyters and lay people' *reading* 'ministers and lay people'

adding to end of first paragraph:

She has journeyed with the Methodist Diaconal Order in reviews and theological conversations. She has listened, accompanied and supported, and her ministry has been much appreciated.

8/46/2 The Conference adopted Resolution 53/2.

8/47 **FIRST REPORT OF THE LAW AND POLITY CONFERENCE SUB-COMMITTEE**

8/47/1 **1. Rented property in Wales**

Report

The Renting Homes Wales Act 2016 contains provisions which impose restrictions on obtaining possession of property which is occupied by an occupier under a contract which need not be a contract which creates the relationship of landlord and tenant. Those provisions are now being brought into force with effect from 1st December 2022. Concerns have arisen whether the provisions might apply to the occupation of manses. Counsel's Opinion has been sought and the advice is that a minor change should be made to Standing Order 803(1A) as set out below. Further possible amendments were considered by counsel, but having considered the advice received the sub-committee concluded that no further amendments were desirable.

8/47/2 The Conference adopted as Resolution LP/1:

The Conference amends Standing Order 803(1A) as follows:

... provision of a manse 'as a base for the work of ministry' means that the minister or probationer concerned is ~~expected~~ **enabled** to discharge the duties of the appointment ...

8/47/3 **2. Agenda item 17 – Conference Planning Executive (pages 135-136)**

Report

Resolution 17/6 directs that the role of the Conference Planning Executive be included in Standing Orders. The draft Standing Orders below are intended to achieve that objective.

8/47/4 The Conference adopted as Resolution LP/2:

The Conference amends Standing Orders as follows:

140 Conference Planning Executive and Conference Arrangements Committee

(1) There shall be a body, to be known as the Conference Planning Executive, with overall responsibility for the strategic planning of, and the taking of executive decisions in relation to, all practical matters concerning meetings of the Conference.

(2) The members of the executive shall be:

(i) the chair of the Business Committee for the Representative Session of the Conference;

(ii) the chair of the Business Committee for the Presbyteral Session of the Conference;

- (iii) *the member of the connexional Team with responsibility for the co-ordination of events;*
- (iv) *the Secretary of the Conference;*
- (v) *the Assistant Secretary of the Conference;*
- (vi) *the Conference Officer for Legal and Constitutional Practice;*
- (vii) *the Connexional Treasurer; and*
- (viii) *the Connexional Secretary.*

(3) *Without prejudice to the generality of clause (1) above, the responsibilities of the executive shall include making executive decisions about the following matters:*

- (i) *the venue and mode of meeting of the Conference;*
- (ii) *public acts of worship at or connected with the Conference (but for the avoidance of doubt subject to the provisions of Section 72 as respects reception into full connexion and ordination of presbyters and deacons);*
- (iii) *expenditure, including allowances to representatives;*
- (iv) *exhibitions, public lectures and other fringe events connected or associated with the Conference.*

(4) *The Methodist Council shall appoint a convener and other members of the Conference Arrangements Committee which, under the direction of the Secretary of the Conference, shall be responsible for all arrangements for the accommodation of the Conference and its members, public service and meetings in connection with the Conference and all financial and other matters relating thereto, except as provided in Standing Orders 141, 142 and 146 not falling within the scope of clauses (1) and (3) above, including in particular the arrangements for stewarding and the work of volunteers, and any other matters which the executive may request the committee to arrange.*

142 Charges

(1) Each committee or institution requiring additional accommodation on the Conference premises shall apply to the Conference Arrangements Committee **Planning Executive** and, where it is available and allocated to them, shall contribute as required for the same to the Methodist Church Fund.

(2) Each committee or institution holding a public meeting in connection with the Conference shall be responsible for the expenses involved and shall, in addition, contribute to the Methodist Church Fund a quota of the amount received by way of collections. The quota shall be determined by the Conference Arrangements Committee **Planning Executive**.

8/47/5 **4. Agenda item 40 – Deliverance Ministry (pages 420-431)**
Report

In the light of the adoption by the Conference of Resolution 40/2, the sub-committee concluded that provision should be made in Standing Orders for the Connexional Panel on Deliverance Ministry. A draft Standing Order is set out below.

8/47/6 The Conference adopted as Resolution LP/3:

The Conference amends Standing Orders as follows:

32A4 Connexional Panel on Deliverance Ministry

(1) The Conference shall appoint annually a panel of persons, to be known as the connexional Panel on Deliverance Ministry, upon the nomination of the Ministries Committee made in accordance with the terms of reference for the panel adopted from time to time by the Methodist Council.

(2) The panel shall have the responsibilities set out in such terms of reference, which shall include the arrangements, terms and conditions for the grant of authorisation of persons as practitioners in the field of deliverance ministry.

8/47/7 **5. Agenda item 43 – Committee on Methodist Law and Polity (2) (pages 462 and 466)**

Report

When this business was presented, reference was made to two points spotted by a member of the Conference and raised with the sub-committee. The first was the reference in Standing Order 801(5)(b) to “one full quarter’s stipend”, which appeared to reflect the past practice of paying stipends quarterly rather than monthly. An amendment to update the text is proposed below. The second was the apparently anomaly that under Standing Order 805(3)(b) it is only presbyters or presbyteral probationers who may apply to the Fund for the Support of Presbyters and Deacons in the circumstances there specified. Following inquiry, the sub-committee understands that the explanation may be that there are other funds available to deacons and diaconal probationers alone in such circumstances. The sub-committee therefore does not propose any amendment to this Conference, but will seek to establish the position during the next connexional year, so that if an amendment is appropriate, it can be brought to the 2023 Conference.

After the business had been dealt with, another member of the Conference drew attention to the anomalous title to Standing Order 734, appearing on the top of p.466 of the Agenda. A further amendment is proposed to deal with that.

8/47/8 The Conference adopted as Resolution LP/4:

The Conference amends Standing Orders as follows:

801 Stipends

(5)(b)... ~~one full quarter’s~~ **three full months’** stipend ...”

734 Ministerial Presbyteral and Diaconal Probationers of other Conferences and Churches

8/47/9 **6. Agenda item 17 – Impact (Conference Scrutiny Sub-committee (pages 130-133 Report**

By adopting Resolution 17/3 the Conference agreed to establish a Scrutiny Sub-committee in place of the Financial Committee. The report to the Conference did not give details of the proposed membership of the sub-committee or its proposed relationship with the Business Committee, although it envisages that the sub-committee's work would involve some aspects of the current Business Committee.

The Law and Polity Conference Sub-committee therefore proposes that the Conference should direct the Methodist Council to do further work on the details of this matter and that for the connexional year 2022-2023 the Financial Committee should have the additional task of scrutinising notices of motion for their impact.

8/47/10 The Conference adopted as Resolution LP/5:

The Conference directs the Methodist Council to carry out further work to determine the details of the Conference Scrutiny Sub-committee (including its membership and its relationship with the Business Committee) and following collaboration and consultation with the Justice, Dignity and Solidarity Committee and the Law and Polity Committee to bring Standing Orders for the establishment of the Conference Scrutiny Sub-committee to the Conference of 2023.

8/47/11 The Conference adopted as Resolution LP/6:

Pending the establishment of the Conference Scrutiny Sub-committee the Financial Committee, in addition to its responsibilities under Standing Order 136A, shall scrutinise the material coming before it to determine as far as may be its impact on the whole connexion in terms of resources of finance, personnel and workload and shall advise the Conference of its conclusions. Such advice shall wherever possible be given in writing.

8/48 **THE STATIONS**

8/48/1 The Stations were presented to the Conference in the form of the Draft previously circulated with the following amendments:

WALES SYNOD CYMRU

for: Stephen D Wigley (Chair of the Synod)
Jennifer A Hurd (Chair of the Synod)
reading: Jennifer A Hurd (Chair of the Synod)
Stephen D Wigley (Chair of the Synod)

2/1 Cymru
for: Eirlys M Gruffydd-Evans
reading: Eirlys M Gruffydd Evans

2/9 Cardiff
for: Evelyn R Bhajan
reading: † Evelyn R Bhajan

2/19 Newport and Lower Wye
adding: Rachel L Frank (WA)

THE BIRMINGHAM DISTRICT
5/1 Birmingham

adding: L Denise Yeadon (*Hospice Chaplain*)
deleting: David M Butterworth (*Workplace Chaplain*)

for: Neil W Johnson
reading: Neil W Johnson (*Street Ecclesial Community – NPNP*) who shall act in respect of ministerial duties under the direction of the Chair of the District

adding: Irene Tafirenyika (D) (WA)

5/4 **Birmingham (Sutton Park)**
deleting: Irene Tafirenyika (D) (WA)

5/6 **Birmingham (West) and Oldbury**
Supernumeraries:
adding: Frances M Young

5/12 **South Warwickshire**
deleting: James Church (AP)
adding: David M Butterworth (*Workplace Chaplain*)
Supernumeraries:
deleting: R Andrew Laird

THE BOLTON AND ROCHDALE DISTRICT

for: Synod Secretary to be confirmed
reading: There is a Lay Secretary of the District Synod

6/4 **Rochdale and Littleborough**
for: Marcianne Uwimana
reading: † Marcianne Uwimana

6/7 **Leigh and Hindley**
deleting: Brian R Jones

THE BRISTOL DISTRICT

7/16 **Somerset Mendip**
for: Collin Gregory Moore (RR)
reading: Collin L Moore (RR)

7/17 **Weston-super-Mare and Burnham-on-Sea**
Supernumeraries:
adding: David J Easton

THE CUMBRIA DISTRICT

9/9 **Penrith**
Supernumeraries:
deleting: A Michael Cannon

THE CHESTER AND STOKE-ON-TRENT DISTRICT

11/1 **North Cheshire**
Supernumeraries:
adding: Helen Caine

11/8 *adding:* **District Mission Enabler**
for: David J L Willis (*District Mission Enabler*)
reading: David J L Willis who shall act in respect of ministerial duties under the direction of the Chair of the District

THE CORNWALL AND ISLES OF SCILLY DISTRICT

12/7 **St. Austell**
for: Iris R Bray (S)
reading: Iris R Bray

12/12 **St Ives (Fore Street)**
adding: Mark Dunn-Wilson (S)

12/19 **Liskeard and Looe**
deleting: Chloe E M Jones (AP)

12/24 **Truro School**
for: Aubin De Gruchy (*Chaplain*)
reading: Aubin De Gruchy (*Chaplain*) *who shall act in respect of ministerial duties under the direction of the Chair of the District*

THE DARLINGTON DISTRICT

13/1 **Darlington and Teeside**
for: Timothy C Boocock
reading: Timothy C Boocock (WA)

THE EAST ANGLIA DISTRICT

14/1 **Norwich**
for: Sharon L Willimott
reading: Sharon L Willimott *who shall act in respect of ministerial duties under the direction of the Chair of the District*

14/2 **Ipswich**
for: Saul Tadzauche
reading: Saul Tadzaushe

14/4 **Haverhill**
Supernumeraries:
adding: Kenneth M Nicholls

14/18 **Thetford, Diss and Mildenhall**
Supernumeraries:
deleting: Kenneth M Nicholls

14/26 **Cambridge**
for: Jane Leach (*Principal, Wesley House, also Connexional Team*)
reading: Jane Leach (*Principal, Wesley House*)

THE LINCOLNSHIRE DISTRICT

17/22 **Boston**
for: Ann L Lett
reading: Ann L Lett (S)

for: Valerie J Ogden
reading: Valerie J Ogden (S)

THE LIVERPOOL DISTRICT

18/1 **Liverpool (North)**

adding: Karen A Beecham (S)
adding: Ian J K Hu (S)

deleting: **18/4 Liverpool (City Centre Ministry)**
deleting: *Supernumerary:*
deleting: Martyn A Newman

18/8 Crosby
adding: Helen R Kirkup (WA)

18/13 Sankey Valley
deleting: David Easton (S)

18/19 Lancashire West
Supernumeraries:
adding: Stephen R Foster

adding: **18/20 Emmaus**
adding: Karen A Beecham (S)
adding: *Supernumerary:*
adding: Martyn A Newman

THE MANCHESTER AND STOCKPORT DISTRICT

19/1 Manchester
deleting: Krystyna Kwarciak (RR)

for: Ian S Rutherford (*City Centre Manager*)
reading: Ian S Rutherford (*City Centre Minister*)

19/2 United Stockport
adding: Stephen Barlow (WA)
Supernumeraries:
deleting: K Graham Hawley

19/8 Altrincham
adding: Kevin Johnson (*The Chapel in the Fields*) who shall act in respect of ministerial duties under the direction of the Chair of the District

19/9 Sale
deleting: Kevin Johnson (*The Chapel in the Fields*) who shall act in respect of ministerial duties under the direction of the Chair of the District

THE NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE DISTRICT

20/2 Newcastle upon Tyne (West)
for: Lynda Coulthard (S)
reading: Lynda Coulthard

20/6 South East Northumberland Ecumenical Area
Supernumeraries:
deleting: Nigel S Waterfield

20/13 Chester-le-Street
for: Elizabeth Kent
reading: Elizabeth Kent (*University of Durham*)

THE NOTTINGHAM AND DERBY DISTRICT

22/2 Nottingham (South)
deleting: Andrew W Fyall (*Deputy Chair*) who shall act in respect of ministerial duties under the direction of the Chair of the District
adding: **Deputy Chair of District and District NPNP Enabler**
adding: Andrew W Fyall who shall act in respect of ministerial duties under the direction of the Chair of the District

22/4 Nottingham (Trent Valley)

Supernumeraries:
deleting: Stuart A Bell

22/6 Derby
for: Colin J Emerson (S)
reading: Colin J Emerson

adding: Stuart A Bell (S)

for: Christopher P Briggs who shall act in respect of ministerial duties under the direction of the Chair of the District
reading: Christopher P Briggs (*District Mission Enabler*) who shall act in respect of ministerial duties under the direction of the Chair of the District
deleting: Gillian M Sharp (WA)

22/12 National Forest East

Supernumeraries
deleting: C Jill Bryant

THE NORTHAMPTON DISTRICT

23/10 Loughborough
Supernumeraries
adding Douglas Maw

23/13 Northampton
adding: Ian J Forsyth (AP)
adding: Rachael D Warnock (AP)
Supernumeraries
adding: Malcolm J Oliver

23/26 Milton Keynes
adding: Alison Facey (*Hospital Chaplain*)

23/29 Vale of Aylesbury
for: Noreen S Daley-Lee
reading: S Noreen Daley-Lee

THE PLYMOUTH AND EXETER DISTRICT

24/3 Exeter, Coast and Country
for: Leon A Dundas (RR)
reading: Leon A Dundas
Supernumeraries
adding: Jeanette Richardson

24/11 **Bude and Holsworthy**
adding: Nina Johnson (WA)

24/27 **Ringsash**
Supernumeraries
deleting: Jeanette Richardson

THE SHEFFIELD DISTRICT

25/1 **Sheffield**
deleting: Gareth P Jones

25/13 **The Peak**
adding: Gillian M Sharp (WA)
Cliff College
for: Jeffrey A Conklin-Miller (AP)
reading: Jeffrey A Conklin-Miller (RR)

25/14 **Doncaster**
for: Jonathan D Bellfield
reading: Jonathan D Bellfield (*Hospital Chaplain*)

THE SOUTHAMPTON DISTRICT

26/10 **Christchurch and Wimborne**
Supernumeraries:
deleting: Peter M Stanley

THE YORKSHIRE WEST DISTRICT

for: Synod Secretary to be confirmed
reading: There is a Lay Secretary of the District Synod

27/17 **Aire and Calder**
adding: Andrew J Atkins

27/32 **Bradford North**
deleting: Martyn D Atkins (WA)
Supernumeraries:
adding: Patricia Malham

27/33 **Bradford South**
Supernumeraries:
deleting: Patricia Malham

27/34 **Calderdale**
deleting: Andrew J Atkins

THE WOLVERHAMPTON AND SHREWSBURY DISTRICT

28/14 **Gornal and Sedgley**
adding: C John Hartley

28/21 **Telford**
deleting: John L Trudgill

THE YORKSHIRE NORTH AND EAST DISTRICT

29/33 **York**
adding: Christine Sutherby (WA)

THE SCOTLAND DISTRICT

- 31/3** **Forth Valley**
adding: Nicola Hilmy-Jones (WA)
adding: Gareth P Jones (WA)
- 31/10** **North of Scotland Mission**
adding: + Douw Grobler (D)
- 31/13** **Inverness**
for: Elizabeth M Allison (WA)
reading: Elizabeth M Allison (*Hospital Chaplain*)

THE BEDFORDSHIRE, ESSEX AND HERTFORDSHIRE DISTRICT

- 34/4** **South Bedfordshire**
deleting: Nina Johnson
- 34/1** **North Bedfordshire**
adding: Terry C W Wright (*Other Appointment*)
- 34/13** **St Albans and Welwyn**
deleting: Alison Facey
- 34/14** **West Hertfordshire and Borders**
Supernumeraries
adding: C Jill Bryant

THE LONDON DISTRICT

- 35/5** **Battersea and Wandle Valley**
Supernumeraries:
deleting: David Hollingsworth
- 35/9** **Tower Hamlets**
Supernumeraries:
adding: David Hollingsworth
- 35/24** **Ealing Trinity**
for: Theresa E Simon-Sam (D)
reading: Theresa E Simons-Sam (D)
- 35/26** **Wimbledon**
Supernumeraries
adding: David Hookins
- 35/30** **Lesnes Abbey**
for: Anselmo Francisco Amaral
reading: Anselmo Francisco Do Amaral
- 35/40** **Purley**
adding: Stephen J Day (S)
- 35/41** **Croydon**
deleting: Nadine Wilkinson
Supernumeraries:
adding: Juliet Ushewokunze

35/43 **Orpington and Chislehurst**
for: Robert Nambinarayanan (RR)
reading: Robert S Nambinarayanan
deleting: Terry C W Wright

THE SOUTH EAST DISTRICT

36/1 **Hants-Surrey Border**
deleting: L Denise Yeadon (*Hospital Chaplain*)

36/5 **Staines and Feltham**
deleting: Alan Wickens (AP)

36/6 **Wey Valley**
adding: Nadine Wilkinson (WA)
Supernumeraries:
deleting: Julia S Monaghan

36/8 **West Sussex (Coast and Downs)**
Supernumeraries:
deleting: Claude A Nurse
deleting: Billy Slatter

36/11 **Redhill and East Grinstead**
adding: David Hinchliffe (S)
Supernumeraries:
adding: Billy Slatter
deleting: Lynda A Cooke

36/21 **North Kent**
adding: Rosemary Pritchard (*Returning from overseas service*)
Supernumeraries:
adding: Lynda A Cooke

36/25 **South Kent**
deleting: Graham Halsall (AP)
deleting: Patricia L M Fogden (AP)

PERMISSION TO SERVE ABROAD

adding: Carmel Ieraci (Australia)

PERMISSION TO RESIDE ABROAD

adding: Harold K Nel
adding: Bryanell Rop (D) (United States)
deleting: Carmel Ieraci (Australia)

for: Harriet P Bacon (Barbados)
reading: Harriet P Bacon (D) (Barbados)

for: Gordon H Wallace (Ireland)
reading: Gordon H Wallace (D) (Ireland)

FORCES CHAPLAINS

Royal Navy Chaplains

adding: O Mark Street
deleting: Richard Rowe

Army Chaplains

deleting: O Mark Street

Royal Air Force Chaplains

deleting: Philip Corrigan

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

deleting: Stephen M Barlow

deleting: Rachel L Frank

deleting: C John Hartley

deleting: + Mayisiri Joyce

Supernumeraries

deleting: Helen M Caine

deleting: David J Easton

deleting: Stephen R Foster

deleting: James H Grayson

deleting: David W Hookins

deleting: Douglas Maw

deleting: Malcolm J Oliver

deleting: Rosemary Pritchard

deleting: Juliet Ushewokunze

deleting: R John Withington

deleting: Frances M Young

ASSOCIATE PRESBYTERS

adding: Colin E Foreman (2/7)

adding: Kenneth Hague (17/1)

for: Lesley Riley (9/7)

reading: Lesley A Riley (9/7)

deleting: Graham Halsall (36/25)

8/48/2 The Conference, by a Standing Vote, adopted the Stations.

8/49 DAILY RECORD

8/49/1 The Daily Record for Wednesday 29 June was presented, taken as read, and adopted,

7/16, *moving* 'The Conference adopted Resolutions 44/8, 44/9 and 44/10' from 7/16/4 to become 7/16/1, and renumbering the paragraphs;

7/27/1, *deleting* the first paragraph 'The Conference recognises the importance of hearing the voice of children and young people and expresses its concern at the direction of travel of 3Generate.'

7/29/3, *for* Amy Walker *reading* Amy Walters.

8/49/2 The Written Portion of the Daily Record for the Representative Session was presented in headings only and adopted.

8/49/3 The Daily Record for Thursday 30 June was presented in headings only and adopted.

8/50 **EXPRESSIONS OF THANKS**

8/50/1 The Assistant Secretary of the Conference, The Revd Michaela A Youngson, and the ex-Vice-President, Mrs Barbara M Easton, expressed the thanks of the Conference to the President and Vice-President of the Conference.

8/50/2 The Conference expressed its thanks to the Record Office staff, the Conference Business Committee, Sharon Hassanali and the Conference Arrangements Team, the staff of the conference centre, the Conference volunteers, the technical team, The Revd D Paul Wood and musicians, the connexional media team, the Conference letter writer, the Convenor of the Memorials Committee and those taking the Record.

8/51 **ATTESTATION**

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.

8/52 **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 23 June 2022, 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.

8/53 **ADJOURNMENT**

The Conference, by a Standing Vote, resolved to adjourn to the Conference of 2023, which would meet in Birmingham on Thursday 22 June in its Presbyteral Session, and on Saturday 24 June in its Representative Session.

8/54 The Conference adjourned at 12.54.

8/55 **LETTERS**

8/55/1 A letter was written in the name of the Conference to Mr Michael G Angell, CEO of Methodist Insurance PLC, congratulating the company on its 150th anniversary.

8/55/2 Letters of thanks were written in the name of the Conference to The Revd Ian J Worsfold thanking him for his service to the Conference as Precentor, and to The Revd Henry J Lewis thanking him for his service as Chair of the connexional Safeguarding Committee.

8/55/3 Letters of thanks were written in the name of the Conference to Worship Coordinator The Revd D Paul Wood, musician Mr Matthew Beckingham, those who led worship during the Conference, the scrutineers, the technical team, the Conference arrangements team and the Chaplains.

8/55/4 Letters were written in the name of the Conference to those ministers becoming supernumerary this year.

8/55/5 Letters were written in the name of the Conference to the following presbyters on the occasion of the 25th anniversary of their ordinations:

The Revd Kathleen W Allen
The Revd Richard M Andrew

The Revd Dr Madeleine E Andrews
The Revd Pamela M Bayliss

The Revd Linda M Atkin
 The Revd Catherine H Bird
 The Revd J Laurence Bullas
 The Revd Valerie M Burgess
 The Revd Margaret B Burton
 The Revd Dr David M Chapman
 The Revd E Gordon Charlesworth
 The Revd Hilary M Cheng
 The Revd Patricia Christopher
 The Revd Simon J Clarke
 The Revd Sara E Coggin
 The Revd David P Collinson
 The Revd Margaret L Deans
 The Revd Philip R Dew
 The Revd Colin J Emerson
 The Revd Alan J Fretwell
 The Revd Armstrong K Fummey
 The Revd Ruth M Gee
 The Revd Joan Gooding
 The Revd David G Greenaway
 The Revd Brian J Hadfield
 The Revd David A Harrison
 The Revd Jean Hogben
 The Revd Susan A Holden
 The Revd Andrew S Horsfall
 The Revd Patricia M Horton
 The Revd Lynnette Houghton
 The Revd Dr Carole Irwin
 The Revd Stephen Jackson
 The Revd Michael D Jones
 The Revd Melvyn J Kelly
 The Revd Brian J Kennard
 The Revd Jean M King
 The Revd Susan J Wigham
 The Revd Michael W Lees
 The Revd David G H Leese
 The Revd Mary Lloyd
 The Revd Charlotte A Lorimer

The Revd Marion C Lumbers
 The Revd Robert J Maginley
 The Revd Neville C Markham
 The Revd Celia E McDonald
 The Revd Philip R Meadows
 The Revd Loraine N Mellor
 The Revd Paul Mellor
 The Revd Christine A Millwood
 The Revd Peter R Mooring
 The Revd Dr David Murfin
 The Revd Rosamy Murphy
 The Revd David C Newlove
 The Revd Joyce Nicholson
 The Revd Antony N Oakley
 The Revd David M Payne
 The Revd Stephen J Poole
 The Revd Trevor J Pratt
 The Revd Canon Julian M
 Pursehouse
 The Revd Dr Jacqueline D Quarmby
 The Revd Andrew Renshaw
 The Revd Derek Rigby
 The Revd Elaine C Russell
 The Revd Pauline M Salter
 The Revd Colin F Scarrett
 The Revd Judith M Shewen
 The Revd Philip M Simpkins
 The Revd W Briant Smith
 The Revd M Cameron Stirk
 The Revd Darren P Stott
 The Revd Joanna L Thornton
 The Revd Ann M Vaughan
 The Revd W Arthur Wakelin
 The Revd Barbara M Walls
 The Revd Susan Wilkins
 The Revd Nicholas P Wood
 The Revd Michaela A Youngson

8/55/6 Letters were written in the name of the Conference to the following presbyters on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of their ordinations:

The Revd Anthony Barnes
 The Revd Christopher J Bishop
 The Revd Dr Kenneth C Carveley
 The Revd P John Caudle
 The Revd Gordon N Elford
 The Revd Richard D C Jones
 The Revd John D Kennedy

The Revd Dr Philip J Lockett
 The Revd J Barry Lumley
 The Revd Peter B Mortlock
 The Revd George E Palmer
 The Revd Geoffrey Peddie
 The Revd William Prince
 The Revd Robert O Saunders

8/55/7 Letters were written in the name of the Conference to the following presbyters on the occasion of the 60th anniversary of their ordinations:

The Revd Norman W Bray
 The Revd Brian D Brown
 The Revd Derek R Chapman

The Revd Alexander Conn
 The Revd Kenneth R Cracknell
 The Revd R John Dimmock

The Revd Brian Fitzpatrick
The Revd Geoffrey Fletcher
The Revd John Furniss
The Revd Brian J Gameson
The Revd Colin J Groom
The Revd Gilbert S Hall
The Revd Derek G Holtom
The Revd F Leonard Karn

The Revd Derek C Kellington
The Revd David J S Lee
The Revd John C Newton
The Revd Anthony W Pudner
The Revd Lord J Roger Roberts
The Revd Frank Sanderson
The Revd Prof Frank Whaling
The Revd Robert White

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(c) referred to the Methodist Council

none

RESPONSES TO NOTICES OF MOTION OF PREVIOUS CONFERENCES

For a report about work done and work in progress on Notices of Motion brought to previous Conferences, see item 32 of the Agenda (adopted Daily Record 8/33).

See also:

5/4/4 and 7/9 regarding Notice of Motion 2021/112: Looking to the Future;

5/21/4 regarding Notice of Motion 2021/119: Justice, Dignity and Solidarity Report;

7/25 regarding Notice of Motion 2019/201: Review of the role of Youth President;

7/26/1 regarding Notice of Motion 2021/118: Justice, Dignity and Solidarity Report and Notice of Motion 2021/111: Review of Stationing;

7/26/3 regarding Notice of Motion 2020/103: EDI Scrutiny;

8/26 regarding Notice of Motion 2021/110: Methodist Ministers' Housing Society.

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See also:

5/4/4-5 regarding Memorial M4 (2021) Review of Standing Order 563(2)(vi);

6/3/1 regarding Memorial M43 (2021): Marriage and Relationships Report (2020);

6/20/1 regarding Memorial M16 (2019): Membership;

6/21/8 regarding Memorial M6 (2020): Global Climate Emergency;

8/5/1 for a further reply to Memorial M20 (2021): Conversion Therapy;

8/21 for a further reply to Memorial M23 (2018): Community Land Trusts;

8/26 regarding Memorial M31 (2021): God in Love Unites us and Church Buildings.