

PRESBYTERAL SESSION

ORDER OF BUSINESS

14:15 Holy Communion

15:45 Tea Break

16:15 Preliminary business and administration

Membership of the Conference (Agenda pages 737-742 and Order Paper page 2)

Letters of greeting to presbyters with more than 70 years' service:

The Revd Trevor S Bates (1953)
The Revd W Graeme Butler (1954)
The Revd Joseph F Collinson (1951)
The Revd John H S Crossley (1951)
The Revd Kenneth Cupit (1954)
The Revd Ralph E Fennell (1953)
The Revd Harry W Gillespie (1949)
The Revd Stephen J Grieves-Smith (1952)
The Revd Antony M Hearle (1947)
The Revd Ivan R Homer (1954)
The Revd Peter G Jarvis (1951)
The Revd Rowland G Joiner (1954)
The Revd Roy Kilner (1953)
The Revd George W S Knowles (1949)
The Revd Frederick G J Manuell (1954)
The Revd John L Mitchell (1952)
The Revd Dr Albert W Mosley (1948)
The Revd J Clive Pugh (1953)
The Revd Eric J Renouf (1954)
The Revd Colin G Rowe (1951)
The Revd Frank W Smith (1953)
The Revd John E Stanfield (1948)
The Revd Alan M Thompson (1954)
The Revd Dr John J Vincent (1953)
The Revd E Raymond Watker (1954)

Hours of session: Thursday: 14:15-15:45; 16:15-18:30; Friday: 09:15-10:45;
11:15-12:15; 12:30-13:00; 14:15-16:15; 16:45-18:30.

Appointment of Scrutineers

The Revd R Margaret K Mwilu (Chief Scrutineer)
The Revd Iris Bray
The Revd Julie Hassall

The Revd Leigh Maydew
The Revd Stephen Radford
The Revd Julia Skitt
The Revd Luke Smith

Appointment of Attestors of the written portion of the Daily Record
The Revd Calvin Cheung
The Revd Andrew C Moffoot

Membership of the Presbyteral Session Business Committee

Agenda Item 4: Report of the Presbyteral Session Business Committee (pages 30-31)

Resolution 4/1 (page 31)

Agenda Item 5: Conference Arrangements (pages 32-34, Order Paper page 3)
Resolutions 5/3 (Order Paper page 3), 5/4, 5/5 and 5/6 (page 33)

Draft of Stations

Presentation of the text of the obituaries

Method of dealing with Memorials and Notices of Motion

16:30 Discussion: Doing things right or doing the Right Thing?

18:15 Evening prayer

18:30 Adjourn

AMENDMENTS AND CORRECTIONS TO THE CONFERENCE AGENDA

CHANGES TO THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE PRESBYTERAL SESSION (Pages 737-743)

Wales Synod Cymru

66 The Revd Janet Park is unable to attend.

Bolton and Rochdale

80 The Revd Faith Nyota vice The Revd Wilfred W Robinson

PRESBYTERS ATTENDING THE PRESBYTERAL SESSION UNDER THEIR OWN ARRANGEMENTS

Delete The Revd Dr Valentin Dedji

Delete The Revd Pauline M Salter

Add The Revd Wendy Kilworth-Mason

AGENDA ITEM 5: CONFERENCE ARRANGEMENTS (Pages 32-34)

***AMENDED RESOLUTION

- 5/3. The Presbyteral Session of the Conference resolves that whenever it goes into closed session its membership, except when Standing Order 1145(7) applies, or the Conference otherwise resolves, shall be confined to presbyters who are entitled to vote on the business under consideration.
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ADDITIONAL OBITUARIES

The Conference is asked to accept this additional obituary. If, when necessary checks are carried out, changes need to be made prior to publication in the Minutes of the Conference, the Conference gives permission for such changes to be made.

Martin Howard Wray: Born in Halifax on 21 July 1946. His father died when he was young and his mother and aunt helped to bring him up. He went to catering college and subsequently worked in the kitchens at Leeds University, and pubs in the Yorkshire Dales. His uncle Tom was a Methodist local preacher and Martin followed in his footsteps, eventually candidating for the ministry and, after acceptance, being sent for training at Wesley College, Bristol. Forming part of his studies was a period of two years at The Methodist Theological School in Delaware, Ohio with a placement in a local church there. Martin served in the following Circuits: Tonbridge, Grays, Otley and Aireborough, Middlewich, Chorley, where he was superintendent minister, and Bolton. In 1998 he was given permission by the Methodist Conference to move into ministry in the sectors, giving him the freedom to develop his interest in spiritual direction, particularly drawing on the insights of St Teresa of Avila and St Ignatius Loyola. In 2010 Martin was invited to give an ecumenical perspective of St Teresa in a lecture to the International Teresian Conference in Avila, Spain. More locally, this next part of his ministry led to significant involvement at the Tabor Retreat Centre in Preston and Loyola Hall, Rainhill, Merseyside. Those post-1998 years opened a door, literally, Martin and Anne's house door, to many ministers and lay people from within the Methodist Church and beyond who came to benefit from Martin's wide reading, his profound sensitivity to the ebbs and flows of the human soul and his reminding them of the everlasting and unfailing mercies of God. For Martin, the joys of family were special. His wife Anne, children Laura, Tom and Melanie, and his grandchildren were held high in affection. At the time of Martin's death, Anne had been running for over thirty years a financial advisory service which proved helpful to many clergy. In his final years Martin became involved in the life of the parish church of Chorley and so it was fitting that Methodist, Anglican and Roman Catholic clergy took part in his funeral. Martin died on 23 April 2024 in the seventy-eighth year of his age and the fifty-second year of his presbyteral ministry.

RESIGNATIONS ACCEPTED BY THE PRESIDENT DURING THE YEAR

Andrew M Clark	no status
Edwin T Myers	no status
Mervyn P Oliver	no status
Fidelio R Patron	no status
Peter J Pillinger	no status
Judith M Satchell	no status
Christine Taylor	member