

REPRESENTATIVE SESSION

ORDER OF BUSINESS

09:15 Opening prayers

09:30 Administration

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11:30 Bible Study

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13:00 Lunch

14:15 Holy Communion to include the final business and the affirmations and commitments:

Presentation and final reading of the Stations

Daily Record for Tuesday 2 July

Written Portion of the Daily Record

Daily Record for Wednesday 3 July

Administration and appreciations

The Journal Resolution

The Adjournment Resolution

The Blessing

16:00 Adjourn

REPORT FROM THE CONFERENCE BUSINESS COMMITTEE

EDI Monitoring Report

This report presents the findings from the gender diversity monitoring conducted at the Methodist Conference on Tuesday 2nd July 2024. There were a total of 76 speakers throughout the day. The data revealed 35 male speakers, 36 female speakers, 1 non-binary speaker and 4 speakers preferred not to state their gender. Speakers who were lay: 28 (37%), ordained: 48 (63%).

Because of absences, there have been 220 representatives to the Conference. 117 female representatives, 87 male representatives, 2 non-binary representatives and 14 representatives who preferred not to state a gender.

There were a total of 113 ordained (51% of representatives) representatives and 107 lay (49% of representatives) representatives.

Statistical Summary

Total Number of Speakers: 76

Gender Distribution of Speakers

Female: 36 Male:35 Non-Binary:1 Prefer Not Say:4

***RESOLUTION

B/5. The Conference receives the Report.

ADDITIONS AND CORRECTIONS TO THE CONFERENCE AGENDA

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

Page 34, Resolution 5/7

Add Southampton

AGENDA ITEM 22: METHODIST COUNCIL, PART 2

SECTION O: METHODIST FORCES BOARD STANDING ORDER (Pages 263-264)

SO 286(3)(ii)

For to represent them;

Read to represent them *the Secretary*;

AGENDA ITEM 42: AUTHORISATIONS COMMITTEE (Pages 483-494)

List A

<i>add:</i> 2/25	Welshpool and Bro Hafren	John Harbron	L
<i>for:</i> 12/14	The Lizard and Mounts Bay	David Pascoe	
<i>read:</i> 12/14	The Lizard and Mounts Bay	David Pascoe	L
<i>add:</i> 14/5	Ely and Newmarket	Laura Martin	P
<i>add:</i> 26/11	Isle of Wight	Marian Izzard	L

List B

<i>delete:</i> 29/24	Ripon and Lower Dales	Sarah L Caddell	P
<i>delete:</i> 36/25	South Kent	Roy Hollands	L

List C

<i>delete:</i> 2/1	Ceredigion a Merionnydd Area of the Cymru	Eluned Williams	L
<i>delete:</i> 26/8	Dorset South and West	Chris Warren	L
<i>delete:</i> 26/8	Dorset South and West	Timothy Wells	L

AGENDA ITEM 44: PRESBYTERS AND DEACONS BECOMING SUPERNUMERARY OR RETURNING TO THE ACTIVE WORK (Pages 501-503)

Page 501, Recommended to return to the active work

For no case read Hee Gon Moon, Ernest Grimshaw

Page 501, Presbyters requesting permission to become supernumerary

Add:

Sally Binymin (16)

***ADDITIONAL RESOLUTION

44/5. The Conference permits the following presbyters to return to the active work: Hee Gon Moon, Ernest Grimshaw.

AGENDA ITEM 45: NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE (Pages 504-507)

***ADDITIONAL RESOLUTION

45/5. The Conference directs the Nominations Committee to confer with the chairs and deputy chairs of the Justice, Dignity and Solidarity, Faith and Order, Law and Polity and Safeguarding Committees as to how the work of the Nominations Committee might support the recruitment to those committees and to report to the 2025 Conference with recommendations for changes to SO 220 and any recommendations for the Nomination Committee's work in 2025-6.

AGENDA ITEM 46: COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS (Pages 508-520)

Resolution 46/1

Delete Marian J Jones

Add the Revd William Davis, Mr Forward Maisokwadzo, the Revd Manoa Ratubalavu, the Revd Cleopas Sibanda

William Davis: A presbyter; served as Chaplain of the Ghanaian Methodist Fellowships MCB for 10 years; served in the New River Circuit in London, Wolverhampton Circuit and Crystal Palace Circuit. He is the Adviser to the Connexional Fellowships' Sub-Committee. He is a member of the Connexional Panel on Deliverance Ministry.

Forward Maisokwadzo: Secretary of the Zimbabwean Fellowship of the Methodist Church in Britain. He works as Inclusion Adviser to the Mayor of Bristol. A former journalist from Zimbabwe, Forward was previously National Media and Communications Officer for City of Sanctuary UK and Ireland, and former Manager for Bristol City of Sanctuary.

Manoa Ratubalavu: A presbyter; serves as Chaplain/Coordinator of the Fijian Fellowship MCB and he also Chairs the Fijian Fellowship Council which consists of different denominations in the Fijian Community in the UK. Manoa is serving in the East Staffordshire and South Derbyshire Circuit and he is also a member of the Fellowships Sub-Committee, the Stationing Review Group and the EDI Committee for the Nottingham and Derby District. In the past, Manoa served as a Soldier in the Armed Forces.

Cleopas Sibanda: A presbyter; served as Chaplain of the Zimbabwean Fellowship MCB; he is currently one of the superintendent ministers in the Birmingham Circuit. Cleopas continues to support the ZBW Fellowship connexionally and is a member of the Fellowships Sub-Committee. Before coming to Birmingham, he served in the Cannock Chase Circuit in the Wolverhampton and Shrewsbury District.

Resolution 46/2

Delete Sonia M Hicks

Resolution 46/3

Delete Mr John Scott

Delete Mrs Helen Letley

Resolution 46/6

For The Revd Mark Rowland Read The Revd Dr Mark Rowland

Resolution 46/7

South-West

For The Revd Dr Marcus Torchon

Read The Revd Rachel Bending

North/Scotland

For The Revd S Mark Slaney

Read The Revd Jonathan Sewell

Rachel Bending is nominated to the Conference as Chair for the Southampton District. **Jonathan Sewell** is nominated to the Conference as Chair for the Newcastle upon Tyne District.

Resolution 46/8

*****AMENDED RESOLUTION**

46/8. The Conference appoints representatives to ecumenical bodies as follows:

(a) *Churches Together in Britain and Ireland (CTBI): Annual General Meeting:*

Mr Bala Gnanapragasam

(b) *Churches Together in Britain and Ireland: Senior Representatives' Forum:*

Mr Bala Gnanapragasam; the Revd Steven R M Cooper
 (c) *Churches Together in England (CTE): Enabling Group:*
The Revd Dr David M Chapman, the Revd Steven R M Cooper
 (d) *Churches Together in England Forum (17-19 March 2025):*
Deacon Prudence E Cahill, the Revd Steven R M Cooper, Mrs Aquilina Dube, the Revd
William E Fletcher, Mrs Carolyn J Godfrey, Trey Hall, Ms Bea Hulme, the Revd David
Jebb, the Revd Naomi N Kaiga; *three vacancies* (for young adults, to be appointed)
 (e) *Action of Churches Together in Scotland (ACTS): Members' Meeting:*
 The Revd S Mark Slaney, the Revd A James Patron Bell
 (f) *Scottish Christian Forum – Scottish Church Leaders Forum:*
 The Revd S Mark Slaney
Scottish Christian Forum – Scottish Ecumenical Officers Forum:
 The Revd A James Patron Bell
 (g) *Cytûn (Churches Together in Wales): Enabling Group*
 The Revd Dr Jennifer A Hurd
 Proxies: The Revds Dr Ian D Morris, Phillip A Poynor

Additional details of new nominations (underlined above)

Pru Cahill	Deacon in the North Lancashire Circuit; recommended by the Methodist Diaconal Order as a champion for ecumenical concerns.
Aquilina Dube	Vice Secretary of the Methodist Church Zimbabwe Fellowship UK.
Will Fletcher	Methodist Ecumenical Officer for Sussex, working hard to establish an ecumenical grouping in Sussex.
Carolyn Godfrey	Vice-President of the Conference.
Trey Hall	Director of Evangelism and Growth; chair of the CTE Group for Mission and Evangelism.
Bea Hulme	Methodist Youth President (from 1 September 2024).
David Jebb	Methodist Ecumenical Officer for Hertfordshire, with broad ecumenical and cross-cultural experience.
Naomi Kaiga	Presbyter in the Aire and Calder Circuit; Co-Chair of the connexional Justice, Dignity and Solidarity Committee.

Note: The Revd Helen D Cameron, President of the Conference, will attend the CTE Forum (17-19 March 2025) in a different capacity, as a President of Churches Together in England.

Resolution 46/10

Add:

Chair of the Memorials Committee The Revd Kenneth G Howcroft

Resolution 46/12

Delete: Mr Iain A S Henderson

Resolution 46/22

Add: the Revd Paul Regan (Chair)

Paul Regan is a presbyter who brings a wealth of experience and knowledge of the charity and business sectors. He has chaired organisations such as Citizens UK, London Community Land Trust. Paul has held several leadership positions and is a social entrepreneur setting up numerous projects for the homeless and unemployed people. His breadth of knowledge and experience would be an asset to the work of the Conference Property at Central Hall Westminster.

*****ADDITIONAL RESOLUTION**

46/24. The Conference, in exercising its power under SO 241, nominates the Revd Derek McLean to the Board of MHA.

Derek McLean is an experienced presbyter and qualified Actuary with a professional background in investment management at senior levels. Mr McLean routinely and strongly demonstrates an understanding of Methodist values and current priorities. Mr McLean's enthusiasm and passion for the work of MHA and his ability to fulfil the general responsibilities and obligations of a Trustee are evident. Mr McLean's breadth of knowledge, eye for detail and experience in finance, management and ministry, combined with his personable character and his ability to speak with clarity and conviction will be an asset to the Board.

AGENDA ITEM 47: PRESBYTERS AND DEACONS FROM OTHER CHURCHES (Pages 521-523)

(2) Presbyters of other autonomous Methodist Conferences

Add Jeffrey A Conklin Miller 25/13 United Methodist Church

AGENDA ITEM 48: APPRECIATIONS (Pages 524-525)

Add:

The Revd Loraine Mellor

The 2023 Conference expressed its thanks to Loraine Mellor who took over the position of Chair of the Conference Business Committee unexpectedly in 2020 and held the role for four years, including the difficult circumstances of the Coronavirus lockdown in her first year and the challenge of the hybrid Conference of 2021. Mrs Mellor unexpectedly resumed the role this year and has once again delighted the committee with her careful and efficient chairing and the Conference with her good-humoured and unflappable management of the business. Once again, the Conference has cause to be thankful to Mrs Mellor for sharing the wisdom of her experience and the energy of her commitment to the Connexion.

*****RESOLUTION**

48/5. The Conference expresses its deep thanks to the Revd Loraine Mellor for her service as Chair of the Conference Business Committee and wishes her well in her future life and ministry.

Deacon Ruth Richey

Ruth Richey has served as Deputy Warden of the Diaconal Order since 2018. In her role, Ruth has supported and nurtured the work of the Order. She has worked sensitively and with patience and clarity with the mission and purpose of the Order at the centre. Ruth has brought great wisdom and gentleness in approach to all aspects of the role, along with offering unfailing support and commitment to the Church, grounded by her faith, and for which we are very grateful. Her support of the Warden in the exercise of the leadership of the Order and her careful and prayer engagement with deacons in moments of joy and sorrow have been greatly valued, as has the cheerful approach and sense of humour which have enriched many a conversation.

*****RESOLUTION**

48/6. The Conference expresses its gratitude to Deacon Ruth Richey for her work as Deputy Warden of the Diaconal Order and wishes her well for her future life and ministry.

AGENDA ITEM 50: OVERSIGHT AND TRUSTEESHIP (Pages 561-655)

Page 579

Paragraph 5.2, add to the list:
The Warden of the Methodist Diaconal Order

Page 580

Paragraph 5.3, fifth bullet point:
Add: the Warden of the Methodist Diaconal Order

Page 581, paragraph 5.5

For: 2. A retreat-type gathering of the Chairs and Connexional Council for reflection on the work of God.

Read: 2. A retreat-type gathering of the Chairs, the Warden of the Methodist Diaconal Order and Connexional Council for reflection on the work of God.

Page 581, Resolution 50/13

*****AMENDED RESOLUTION**

50/13. The Conference suspends Standing Order 293 [as renumbered from SO 230 if resolution 50/5 above is adopted] with effect from the close of the Conference of 2024 until the close of the Conference of 2025.

Page 595, SO 230(4)(iv)

amend to read: ~~SO 713(7A)~~ **714A**

Page 611, SO 273(1)

Replace (iii) and (iv) with:

- (iii) up to ~~five~~**six** persons nominated by the ~~Methodist~~**Connexional** Council; and
- (iv) one person nominated by the District Chairs; and**
- ~~(iv)~~**(v)** up to ~~five~~**six** persons nominated by the Company.

Page 637, SO 376(6)(i)

At end of clause, for: Standing Order 013(11); or

Read: Standing Order 013(11) **or Standing Order 1105(10)**; or

Order Paper page 37

Amendments to SO 200 should be shown as additions rather than replacements.

Order Paper page 38

Page 637 *for* SO 367(5) *read* SO 376(5)

Order Paper page 41

Add:

Revoke SO 929(3)

Supplementary report

SO 291 requires that the Conference appoint a panel of persons to deal with a significant number of possible matters in relation to the Conference. It has not yet been possible to compile a list of persons so the Conference is asked to authorise the Secretary to draw suitable persons as required from the panel appointed under SO290 and the list of past Presidents and Vice-Presidents.

*****ADDITIONAL RESOLUTION**

50/16.The Conference notes the absence of nominations to the panel required by SO 291 and directs that should the need arise for a connexional review group the Secretary of the Conference should invite suitable persons from the panel appointed under SO 290 and/or past Presidents or Vice-Presidents to form such a group.

Report of an Authorisations to Preside Appeal Panel under Standing Order 011(3) held on 29 May 2024.

Panel Members: The Revd Ken Howcroft (Chair), Mr Martin Harker and Mrs Barbara Easton. The Revd Michaela Youngson, Assistant Secretary of the Conference, was in attendance. Appeal raised by the South Holland Circuit 17/15 against the decision not to authorise Darren Charlton to preside at the sacrament of the Lord's Supper in the South Holland Circuit.

The panel was grateful to the Circuit for their submission and the extra information that it contained.

The panel recommends to the Conference that the appeal be upheld and an authorisation granted, on the following grounds.

- The Authorisations Committee had accepted that there was a proven need in the Circuit for an authorisation to be granted to someone. The additional information in the appeal made it plain how great and urgent that need is.
- The Panel noted that the Circuit had not been able to find an alternative candidate to fulfil the role as suggested by the Authorisations Committee.
- The Panel noted that the *Criteria for Authorising Persons* in these matters in CPD state that if it is judged that the granting of an authorisation to a particular person might lead to a blurring of the distinction between particular calling and ministries, the Authorisations Committee might decline the application, but that it is not required to decline it. Although there was a hint in the original application that blurring might be taking place, the Panel accepted the assurances in the appeal submission that this was not the case, and trust that there will be education in the circuit to re-enforce this.
- The Panel judged that the need in the circuit was such that the appeal should be upheld.

On another point, the Panel noted that this was the first year that new Criteria were applied and felt there was a lack of clarity, particularly regarding what constitutes a blurring of the distinction between particular callings and ministries. The Panel believe that there is a need for more guidance to be given to circuits about how to make an application, and what information would be helpful for the circuit to provide.

*****RESOLUTIONS**

42A/1.The Conference authorises Mr Darren Charlton to preside at the sacrament of the Lord's Supper in the South Holland Circuit.

42A/2.The Conference notes the concerns of the Authorisations Appeal Panel as set out in the report and directs the Ministries Committee to consider what further guidance would be helpful, in consultation with members of the Authorisations Committee, the Appeal Panel, and with the Secretary of the Faith and Order Committee.

REPORT OF THE LAW AND POLITY COMMITTEE CONFERENCE SUB-COMMITTEE PART 1

1. Special resolution consultations

Three Special Resolutions have come before the Conference this year for which directions for consultation are required under Standing Order 126(1), as follows:

- a) Resolution 24/5: Model Trust amendments for the Connexional Council;
- b) Resolution 24/6: Model Trust amendments relating to memoranda of consent;
- c) Resolution 50/11: Deed of Union amendments relating to deputy chairs.

The Sub-committee advises that, since the consultations will not take place until after 1 September 2024, by which time the consequential amendments made by Resolution 50/6 (if passed) will have taken effect, the consultations on the amendments proposed by Special Resolutions 24/5 and 24/6 and Special Resolution 50/11 should be with the Connexional Council. If Standing Order 126(1) has not been amended to refer to the Connexional Council instead of to the Methodist Council, the Sub-committee will offer the Conference further advice.

2. Methodist Children and Youth Assembly

Following further discussion with the chair of the Mission Committee and the Youth President, the Sub-committee understands that they are content for the text of the amended Standing Order 240 adopted by resolution 22/4 to be amended by the inclusion of the following:

(2) *The Assembly shall be:*

- (i) *A place of celebration, inspiration and empowerment for all children and young people associated with the life of the Methodist Church in Britain.***
- (ii) *A place where dialogue happens across generations.***
- (iii) *A place for the Christian discipleship of children and young people in the Methodist tradition.***
- (iv) *A place for the upskilling and inspiring of those with a ministry among children, young people and their households.***
- (v) *A place where vocational experiences and opportunities are presented for all attendees.***

In the belief that to include that clause would lead to the better achievement of the intention of the Conference, the Sub-committee brings the following resolution under Standing Order 131(25)(ii).

*****RESOLUTION**

LP/3. The Conference amends Standing Order 240 by the inclusion of clause (2) as set out above.

The following part of the Report is in draft form only and shows the business that the Sub-Committee will bring if the resolutions before the Conference relating to Agenda item 50 are passed:

REPORT OF THE LAW AND POLITY COMMITTEE CONFERENCE SUB-COMMITTEE PART 2

3. Overlapping business

3.1 The Conference will be aware that it has at times dealt with business which involved amendments to Standing Orders which were also amended by resolutions contained in Agenda item 50, the report of the Oversight and Trusteeship Task Group. It may assist the Conference to bear in mind that, in the absence of any contrary direction or resolution, its resolutions take effect from the date on which they are passed. Accordingly, where the Conference has amended Standing Orders which were subsequently amended by resolutions 50/5 and 50/6 taking effect from 1 September 2024, there is no inconsistency between the two sets of amendments. The first amendments will have effect until 1 September 2024, after which the second set of amendments will take effect.

3.2 This principle means that following the adoption of resolutions 50/5 (revoking Parts 2, 3 and 10 of Standing Orders and replacing them with Parts 2 and 3 as set out in Agenda item 50, as amended on the Order Paper) and 50/6 (making consequential amendments), taking effect from 1 September 2024 in accordance with resolution 50/9, the position in relation to that business is as follows:

- (1) The business relating to modified constitutions of districts in Agenda item 3, Methodist Council part 1, Section C, (resolution 3/5) contained amendments to Standing Orders 401 and Section 48A referring to the Connexional Council on the assumption that resolution 50/5 would be passed. No further amendments are required.
- (2) Agenda item 22, Methodist Council part 2, Section K, dealing with discretionary payments to circuits amended Standing Orders 013 and 1105 (resolution 22/12) but retained unamended in each case a cross-reference to Standing Order 365(7), which by virtue of resolution 50/5 has become Standing Order 376(6). The cross-references will be corrected during the editing of *The Constitutional Practice and Discipline*, as provided for by resolution 50/7 as amended. The new Standing Order 376(6) was adopted in the revised form set out on the Order Paper, including at the end of paragraph (i) the words "or Standing Order 1105(10)". No further amendments are required.
- (3) The revisions to the Standing Orders governing the Forces Board in Agenda item 22, Methodist Council part 2, Section O, (resolution 22/19) were drafted on the assumption that resolution 50/5 would be passed. No further amendments are required.
- (4) The principle that the role of Connexional Treasurer should cease to exist was reported to the Conference in Agenda item 22, Methodist Council part 2, Section R (resolution 22/25), and the consequential Standing Order amendments there referred to are set out on pp. 648-9 and were made by resolution 50/6. No further amendments are required.
- (5) The Methodist Council's expectation that the current Standing Order 212(5), providing for the Medical Committee, would be revoked and not replaced was reported to the Conference in Agenda item 22, Methodist Council part 2, Section S (resolution 22/26). Standing Order 212(5) was duly revoked by resolution 50/5. No further amendments are required.

- (6) The business relating to the Conference Scrutiny Sub-committee in Agenda item 22, Methodist Council part 2, Section T, contained amendments drafted on the assumption that resolution 50/5 would be passed. No further amendments are required.
- (7) The business relating to the composition of the Conference in Agenda item 49, Committee on Methodist Law and Polity, Section D, contained amendments to Standing Order 102 on the assumption that resolution 50/5 would be passed, but also included a minor change to the current Standing Order 250. That change is superseded by the revocation of Standing Order 250 with effect from 1 September 2024 and its replacement by a new Standing Order 240, the text of which was considered and adopted as part of the business in Agenda item 22, Methodist Council part 2, Section G (see resolution 22/4, cross-referred to in Agenda item 50 at p.603). The amendments to Standing Order 102 did not reflect the provisions as to elections contained in the new Standing Order 240 and so further minor amendments are required. Those amendments are set out in resolution LP/5 below.
- (8) Additionally, the business in Agenda item 49 Section D made a minor amendment to Standing Order 336(4). That change is superseded by the revocation of Standing Order 336 and its replacement by a new Standing Order 330, which includes in clause (5) the amendment to the former Standing Order 336(4). No further amendments are required.
- (9) The business relating to consequential amendments following revisions to candidating processes in Agenda item 49, Committee on Methodist Law and Polity, Section G, introduced a new Standing Order 714A which contained a cross-reference to Standing Order 232 and amended that Standing Order. Standing Order 232 is revoked and replaced by Standing Order 230 with effect from 1 September 2024 pursuant to resolution 50/5 and Standing Order 230 is in the revised form set out on the Order Paper which incorporates a cross-reference to Standing Order 714A in place of Standing Order 713(7A). The cross-reference to Standing Order 232 in Standing Order 714A will be corrected in the editing process pursuant to the amended resolution 50/7. Section 32A, to which further consequential amendments were made in paragraph 3 on p.559, incorporates the amendments there shown. No further amendments are required.

***RESOLUTIONS

LP/4. The Conference receives the report.

LP/5. The Conference further amends Standing Order 102 with effect from 1 September 2024 as follows:

(1) ...

(viii) the Youth President together with one lay person elected ~~at the preceding Methodist Children and Youth Assembly~~ in accordance with Standing Order ~~250~~**240**(11).

(2) ... the responsible body shall subject to Standing Order ~~250~~**240**(11) ...

4. Commissioned chaplains

Standing Order 102(1)(v), as amended, refers to representation of commissioned chaplains by a presbyter. Following the removal of the distinction between presbyters as chaplains and deacons as serving in support of chaplains by the adoption of the new Standing Order 286 by resolution 22/19 (if passed), the Sub-committee brings the following resolution under Standing Order 131(25)(ii) for the better achievement of the intention of the Conference.

***RESOLUTION

LP/6. (to be moved if resolution 22/19 is passed) The Conference further amends Standing Order 102(1)(v) to read “one presbyter *minister* ...”

BIBLE STUDY

Objective: to grasp what a relational, justice seeking church looks like

John 15:15-17

¹⁵ I do not call you servants^[a] any longer, because the servant^[b] does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. ¹⁶ You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. ¹⁷ I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

Acts 4:33-35

³³ With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. ³⁴ There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. ³⁵ They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

Isaiah 58:12

Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt;
you shall raise up the foundations of many generations;
you shall be called the repairer of the breach,
the restorer of streets to live in.

Question: What does it take to become more relational: if you could change one thing, what would it be?

**PRESBYTERS, DEACONS AND LAY PEOPLE
WHO HAVE ENTERED INTO REST 2024**

Presbyters

Crispian Thomas Acher	Ian Mason
Frances Anne Ballantyne	John Peter Mason
Goh Peng Beh	Robert Brian Mavers
Margaret Mary Bethel	John Brian McCarthy
David Blanchflower	Roger Lionel Moore
John David Bland	Irene Elizabeth Morrow
Richard Martin Broadbent	Ian Wesley Mutton
Peter Brooks	James Needham
Vernon Thomas Bullock	Brian Newbold
Keith Burchell	Lionel Edwin Osborn
Jack Robert Burton	Daniel James Reid Paterson
Elizabeth Alice Childs	Marcus Alwyn Pattern
Norma Beryl Couldwell	Julia Mabel Pellett
David Stanbury Cruise	Stanley Ralph Pipe
Derek Hubert Alfred Davidson	Terence William Porter
William Rhys Davies	Antony Howard Price
John Edward Davis	John Edward Pullen
Douglas Allan Dennis	Janet Elizabeth Roe
Harry Alan Dodd	Geoffrey William Scarlett
Stephen Richard Donoghue	William Frederick Seymour
Donald McNaughton Eadie	Brian Norman Shackleton
Roy Sidney Everitt	Gordon Shaw
John Farrimond	John Brian Sherrington
Geoffrey Norman Kay Gee	John Basil Siddons
Robert Drummond Gillespie	Barrie David Snook
John Goatley	Martine Keala Stemerick
Margaret Winifred Graham	Mary Stott
Peter Charles Graves	Albert Juan Thompson
David John Griffiths	Clifford Topping
Dennis Griffiths	Ioane Tupou
Cesar Anibal Guidi	Laurence John Turner
Terence Harris	Joan Margaret Verity
John Barrie Hirst	Marion Isabella Enid Warren
Keith Angus Horton	Paul Trevor Waterfield
James Housman Hunkin	Stanley Maurice Weary
Derek Richard Illsley	Robert White
Keith Jump	John Mark White
Alfred Lawson	Donald Morley Wilkes
David Wilfred Le Poidevin	Thomas Mercer Witham
David Lee	Martin Howard Wray
Kenneth Mankin	Maurice Harold Wright
Robert Arthur Marsh	

Deacons

David Bernard Clark
Helen Davie
Ivy Rose Forkin
Maria Howard
Janet Linda Miles

Lay People

Brian Coldwell
Sandra Lewer
Chris Nock
Eluned Williams

Those who have served as Mission Partners and have died since the last Conference:

The Revd Margaret Mary Bethell
The Revd David Cruise
Mr Howard Dalzell
The Revd Keith A Horton
The Revd Alfred Lawson
The Revd David J S Lee
The Revd Irene Morrow
The Revd Ian W Mutton
Miss Olive May Penlington
Mrs Margaret Phippen (née Sangster)
Dr Audrey Mary Platt
The Revd Dr Geoffrey Shaw
The Revd Clifford Topping
The Revd Paul T Waterfield
The Revd Robert White
The Revd Donald M Wilkes

257 accredited Local Preachers; the names reported by the Districts are recorded in a Book of Thanksgiving held by the Connexional Team.

And many others whose service is known to others and to God.

ALLOCATION OF DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES TO THE CONFERENCE OF 2025

The allocation of District Representatives to the Conference of 2025 will be as follows:

	District	Presbyters or Deacons	Deacons	Lay Persons
1	North West England	5 *	3 *	9 *
2	Wales Synod Cymru	2	1 *	4
5	Birmingham	2	1	4
7	Bristol	2	*	4
10	Channel Islands	2 *		2 *
11	Chester and Stoke-on-Trent	1		3
13	Darlington	1		3
14	East Anglia	2	*	3
15	Isle of Man	1		1
17	Lincolnshire	2		2
20	Newcastle upon Tyne	2 *	1	2 *
21	Lancashire	2 *		2 *
22	Nottingham and Derby	2	*	4
23	Northampton	3		4
25	Sheffield	2		3
26	Southampton	3	1	4
27	Yorkshire West	3		6 *
28	Wolverhampton and Shrewsbury	2 *	1	2 *
29	Yorkshire North and East	3		4
31	Scotland	2		4
32	Shetland (include with Scotland)			
34	Bedfordshire, Essex & Herts	2	1	4
35	London	5	1	9 *
36	South East	3	1	5
37	South West Peninsula	3 *	1 *	5 *
	Totals	57	12	93

Asterisks denote changes from the 2024 allocation.