

42. Authorisations Committee

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1. The Authorisations Committee has reviewed applications from Circuits to authorise those who are not ordained as presbyters (both lay people and probationer presbyters) to preside at services of Holy Communion in accordance with Standing Order 011. Careful consideration was given to applications using the revised criteria set out in Book VI, Part 3 of CPD.
2. In 2023 the Faith and Order Committee completed its review of the current criteria for Authorisations, as tasked by the Conference (see Report 29 to the 2023 Conference) which has led to a new set of criteria. This has led to a new application form which requests information from Circuits in a more discursive way, including justification of how the request relates to their mission plan, as well as evidence of the need for the authorisation. The first year of working with these new forms has involved the Committee in learning different ways of working as we assess the applications. In some ways it places more weight on the considerations of the Authorisations Committee. We will continue to reflect on the implications of this new way of working.
3. The committee considered a total of 61 applications (including renewals after three years): 12 for presbyteral probationers and 49 for lay people. 59 authorisations are recommended to the 2024 Conference. The committee declined to recommend two applications which did not meet the missional criteria. The committee understands that one of these applications is subject to an appeal which is being considered under the terms of SO 011(3), and a report on that will be made separately to the Conference.
4. Applications are scrutinised by Circuit Meetings and District Policy Committees before submission. We are grateful to those Circuits and Districts which supply us with full and accurate details, as that helps us complete our part of the process with the minimum of uncertainty and delay.
5. All applications for consideration in 2025 should be submitted by Friday 28 March 2025 to authorisations@methodistchurch.org.uk. The committee will meet on 29 April 2025 to consider the applications received.
6. Authorisations, when granted, are for one year and their scope is limited to the Circuit in which the person resides. If the District Policy Committee (DPC) is satisfied that the person authorised remains suitable and the circumstances of the Circuit have not changed, it may on the application of the Circuit Meeting recommend

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a renewal of the authorisation for a second or third year, and the Authorisations Committee supports any such recommendation without further investigation (see lists B and C below). However it should be noted that DPCs are required to re-examine cases at the end of year 1 and year 2 to check these are still appropriate.

7. The Authorisations Committee presents three lists to the Conference. List A records the recommendations of the Committee on the initial applications and renewals at the end of a three-year term. Lists B and C set out the recommendations of the Authorisations Committee on renewals for a second or third year.
8. The committee welcomes informal consultations with any Circuit considering making an application for an authorisation.

***RESOLUTIONS

42/1. The Conference receives the Report.

42/2. The Conference authorises the following persons to preside at the Lord's Supper for the year commencing 1 September 2024 in accordance with the provisions of SO 011:

AUTHORISATIONS TO BE PRESENTED TO THE 2024 CONFERENCE

Key: P = Probationer presbyter
L = Lay person
M= Approved under missional criterion

LIST A – New applications for authorisations for three years

Circuit no	Circuit name	Application	Cat
2/6	Bridgend United Area	Neville Granville	L
2/20	South West Wales	John Birch	L
5/1	Birmingham	Julie Clark	P
5/6	Birmingham (West) and Oldbury	Michael Hall	L

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Circuit no	Circuit name	Application	Cat
6/5	Wigan	Kenneth Vernon	L
7/7	Gloucestershire	James Cullingford	P
11/4	Mid-Cheshire	Kathryn Craig	L
11/5	Dane and Trent	Anna Carrington	P
11/18	Stoke-on-Trent	Amy Wyatt	L
11/18	Stoke-on-Trent	Glynis Cooper	L
11/22	North Staffordshire	Karen Barnett	L
11/24	Staffordshire Moorlands	Beryl Stew	L
11/24	Staffordshire Moorlands	Gillian Meredith	L
12/1	Camborne, Redruth and Hayle	Sarah Flowerday	L
12/1	Camborne, Redruth and Hayle	Robert Manley	L
12/7	St Austell	Jo-Anne Petzing	L
12/14	The Lizard and Mounts Bay	Tracie Haslam	L
12/14	The Lizard and Mounts Bay	Sylvia Richards	L
12/14	The Lizard and Mounts Bay	Shirley Wearne	L
12/14	The Lizard and Mounts Bay	David Pascoe	
12/24	Mid-Cornwall	Miranda Knight	L
14/10	Norfolk Broads	Shaun Cushion	L
17/11	Barton, Brigg and Wolds	Jane Lloyd	L

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Circuit no	Circuit name	Application	Cat
18/9	Wirral	Ian Jackson	L
18/9	Wirral	Steve Cooper	L
18/9	Wirral	Judith Stelfox	L
18/9	Wirral	Mark Thomas	L
19/7, 19/8, 19/9	Stretford and Urmston, Altrincham, Sale	Dorothy Bretherton	L
21/1	Burnley and Pendle	Ian Wheeler	L
22/2	Nottingham (South)	Naomi Sparey	P
22/12	National Forest East	Alan Brady	L
22/12	National Forest East	Nicola Geeson	P
23/23	West Oxfordshire	Susan Jacobs	P
23/29	Vale of Aylesbury	Peter Honeyball	L
24/1	Plymouth and Devonport	Rebecca Marshall	P
24/7	Tavistock	Ali Mansfield	L
24/11	Bude and Holsworthy	Andrew Pitt	L
24/11	Bude and Holsworthy	Kevin Hogarth	L
26/8	Dorset South and West	Pamela Woodland	L
26/8	Dorset South and West	Anthony Boyden	L
27/32	Bradford North	Stuart Ayrton	L

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Circuit no	Circuit name	Application	Cat
28/2	Brownhills and Willenhall	John Worth	L
28/2	Brownhills and Willenhall	Michael Cronogue	L
28/4	Walsall	Sue Smith	L
28/4	Walsall	Sharon Jackson	L
28/4	Walsall	Bruce Kirk	L
28/13	Dudley and Netherton	Peter Roberts	L
28/13	Dudley and Netherton	William Jones	L
28/21	Telford	Josephine Kudlacik	L
29/16	Tadcaster	Abi Alex	P
29/26	Nidd Valley	Ian Bryon	P
31/10	North of Scotland Mission	Sarah Sim	L
34/1	North Bedfordshire	Paulette Tedd	P
34/10	Southend and Leigh	Stephen Mayo	P
34/10	Southend and Leigh	Colin Turner	L
35/37	Teddington	Philip Slater	L
36/1	Hampshire Surrey Border	Kyung Mi Banks	P
36/25	South Kent	David Songer	L
36/25	South Kent	David Smith	L

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LIST B – Renewals after one year for applications granted in 2023

Circuit no	Circuit name	Application	Cat
2/13	Gwent Hills and Vales	Hugo Potgeiter	L
2/13	Gwent Hills and Vales	Celia Price	L
2/18	Neath Port Talbot	Clem Raymond	L
2/18	Neath Port Talbot	Robin Sherwood	L
2/27	Vale of Glamorgan	Phillipa Doble	L
5/1	Birmingham	Danielle Wilson	M
5/12	South Warwickshire	Tina Brooker	P
5/12	South Warwickshire	Sheila Brown	L
6/1	Bolton	Sarah Hooks	P
9/14	South Lakes	Hayley Edmondson	P
9/16	South West Cumbria United Area	Hayley Edmondson	P
9/16	South West Cumbria United Area	Janet Ladds	L
9/16	South West Cumbria United Area	Robert Mantle	L
12/1	Camborne, Redruth and Hayle	Archie Rowe	L
12/7	St Austell	Jenny Taylor	L
12/8	Bodmin Padstow & Wadebridge	Sophie Doyle	M
12/12	Fore Street, St Ives	William Thomas	M
12/19	Liskeard and Looe	David Nicholls	L
12/20	Camelford and Week St Mary	Peter Daniel	L

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Circuit no	Circuit name	Application	Cat
12/20	Camelford and Week St Mary	Julie E Swann	M
13/7	Cleveland and Danby	June Feather	L
13/10	Bishop Auckland and Shildon	Rachel E Pinkney	P
14/10	Norfolk Broads	Judith H E Bell	P
15/1	Isle of Man	Rita Norrey	L
17/6	East Lincolnshire	Susan Alldread	L
17/6	East Lincolnshire	Tricia Johnson	L
17/6	East Lincolnshire	Richard Neale	L
18/9	Wirral	Ruth Dowson	P
19/19	Alderley Edge and Knutsford	Sincere Makunde	P
20/6	South East Northumberland Ecumenical Area	Richard Porter	P
22/1	Nottingham North East	Jason McMahon-Riley	P
22/2	Nottingham South	Paul A Johns	L
23/13	Northampton	Samantha Gillard	P
23/27	High Wycombe	Rachael Prince	P

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Circuit no	Circuit name	Application	Cat
24/1	Plymouth and Devonport	Janet Dobinson	M
24/7	Tavistock	Sandra Dodd	L
24/10	South Devon	Rachel Mitchell	L
24/11	Bude and Holsworthy	Courtney Drew	L
24/11	Bude and Holsworthy	Michael Reeves	L
24/11	Bude and Holsworthy	Mark Shepherd	L
24/20	Ilfracombe and Barnstaple	Sylvia Edwards	L
24/22	South Molton and Ringsash	Susan Procter	L
24/23	Torrige	Roy Harris	L
24/23	Torrige	Elsie Potter	L
24/23	Torrige	Frank Watson	L
24/24	West Devon	Angela Banfield	L
24/28	Teignbridge	Sharon Hurlow	L
25/14	Doncaster	Sean Worsley	L
25/17	Rotherham and Dearne Valley	Edward A Siddall	L
26/1	Southampton	Penny Thorne	P
26/4	Basingstoke and Reading	John Banks	P
26/6	Meon Valley	Rosie Banks	L
26/11	Isle of Wight	Shirley Whittingstall	L
27/17	Aire and Calder	Christopher J Holmes	P
27/21	Settle	Wendy Holt	L
27/31	Airedale	Tracy Ann Birks	P

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Circuit no	Circuit name	Application	Cat
28/3	Shropshire and Marches	Ruth Downes	L
28/3	Shropshire and Marches	Mike Hallworth	L
28/3	Shropshire and Marches	Adrian Williams	L
28/9	Stafford	Jean Harrison	L
28/9	Stafford	Robert Johnson	L
28/14	Gornal and Sedgley	William Caldwell	L
29/24	Ripon and Lower Dales	Sarah L Caddell	P
29/36	Goole and Selby	Joseph Kwallah	P
34/1	North Bedfordshire	Paul Cooper	L
34/6	Colchester	Hannah Chun	P
34/10	Southend and Leigh	Heather Simmons	P
34/11	South Essex	Fiona Smith	P
36/17	Hastings, Bexhill and Rye	Alan Hurrell	L
36/17	Hastings, Bexhill and Rye	Jill Sayers	L
36/18	Weald of Kent	Kirsty S McGhee	P
36/21	North Kent	Oscar Siu	L
36/25	South Kent	Roy Hollands	L

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LIST C – Renewals after two years for applications granted in 2022

Circuit no	Circuit name	Application	Cat
2/1	Bathafarn Area of the Cymru	Elizabeth Jones	L
2/1	Glannau Maelor Area of the Cymru	Maryl Rees	L
2/1	Ceredigion a Merionnydd Area of the Cymru	Eluned Williams	L
2/16	Mid Glamorgan Mission	Paul Cooke	L
2/16	Mid Glamorgan Mission	John Cullwick	L
2/16	Mid Glamorgan Mission	Jane Williams	L
6/5	Wigan	James Whelan	L
6/8	Bury	Thomas King	M
9/4	Western Fells	Lilian Dixon	L
9/4	Western Fells	Vivienne Kendall	L
9/4	Western Fells	Douglas McDevitte	L
9/4	Western Fells	Amanda Taylor	M
9/7	Kirkby Stephen, Appleby and Tebay	David Askew	L
9/7	Kirkby Stephen, Appleby and Tebay	Wilf Capstick	L
11/15	Potteries Mission	Paul Owen	L
11/18	Stoke-on-Trent Mission	Alison Price	M
12/3	Falmouth and Gwenapp	Jenny Lockwood	L
12/7	St Austell	Bernard Goudge	L
12/7	St Austell	Mary Lightfoot	L
12/7	St Austell	Tony Warren	L

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12/24	Mid Cornwall	Christine Roberts	L
13/11	Durham and Deerness Valley	Fiona Weir	M
17/6	East Lincolnshire	Nick Adams	L
17/6	East Lincolnshire	Neil Baxter	L
17/6	East Lincolnshire	Roger Maidens	L
19/8	Altrincham	Kevin Jaquiss	L
21/1	Burnley and Pendle	Richard Hoyle	L
22/13	Borders Mission	Jacqueline Dawson	L
22/13	Borders Mission	Michael Render	L
22/22	National Forest East	Susanna Draper	L
23/11	Hinckley	Judith Cooke	L
23/12	Melton Mowbray	Jennifer Oliver	L
23/14	East Mercia	Patricia Basson	L
23/14	East Mercia	Kate Hitchcox	L
24/16	Tiverton and Wellington	Richard Allington	L
24/16	Tiverton and Wellington	Gill Atkinson	L
24/16	Tiverton and Wellington	Ruth Hartley	L
24/16	Tiverton and Wellington	Hazel Parsons	L
24/22	South Molton and Ringsash	Sheila Collier	L

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24/23	Torridge	David Ley	L
25/1	Sheffield	Nick Waterfield	M
25/14	Doncaster	Jack Key	M
25/14	Doncaster	Christine Ogley	L
25/17	Rotherham and Dearne Valley	David Guy	L
25/17	Rotherham and Dearne Valley	Anne Holmes	L
25/17	Rotherham and Dearne Valley	Clive Taylor	L
25/19	Trinity	Keith Abel	L
26/2	Winchester, Eastleigh and Romsey	Peter Castle	L
26/2	Winchester, Eastleigh and Romsey	John Evans	L
26/8	Dorset South and West	Chris Warren	L
26/8	Dorset South and West	Timothy Wells	L
26/11	Isle of Wight	Mike Hackleton	L
26/11	Isle of Wight	Jane Morris	L
27/34	Calderdale	Caroline Stead	L
28/3	Shropshire and Marches	Vivienne Thomas	L
28/4	Walsall	Peter Kelsall	L
29/1	Kairos	Liane Kensett	M
34/10	Southend and Leigh	Bob Briant	L
34/10	Southend and Leigh	Agnes Sam	P