

48. Appreciations

Dr Daleep Mukarji

Daleep Mukarji has served as Chair of the Strategy and Resources Committee since 2019. He has brought to the role wide connexional experience, along with a clear understanding of the Committee's role in the life of the Church. During his time as Chair he has had to address a wide-ranging agenda, whilst being alert to a changing world and society and has, with knowledge and experience, ensured that all shades of opinion are voiced within the Committee to reach the best-informed answer to any question. Dr Mukarji has worked to ensure that the work of the SRC is carefully and meticulously planned whilst also ensuring that the mission of the Church is at the centre of all its deliberations. His wisdom has been an indispensable part of the conversations on Oversight and Trusteeship which have brought the work of this committee to an end.

Dr Mukarji has exercised with care and compassion the committee's responsibility for the oversight of work of the Senior Management Team (SMG). The SMG is grateful for his support, challenge and insight, and for his care in weighing with the committee the impact of its (and the Council's and Conference's) decisions on the Team.

The Conference has cause to be thankful to God for the skill and integrity with which Dr Mukarji has served the Church as Chair of the Strategy and Resources Committee.

*****RESOLUTION**

48/1. The Conference expresses its gratitude to Dr Daleep Mukarji for his service as Chair of the Strategy and Resources Committee and wishes him well in the future.

The Revd Sonia Hicks

Sonia Hicks has served as Chair of the Methodist Council since 2021. During her ministry in this role she has been dedicated to her work as Chair, perspicacious in the scrutiny of the committee's agenda, and diligent in ensuring that the business of the Council has been completed. With a wide experience of the Connexion, Sonia has worked tirelessly to make sure that the meetings of the Council attended to the work before them and to its consequences, with a good humour, patience and clarity, and a sense of the pastoral needs of all those involved.

The Conference expresses its thanks to Sonia for her unwavering commitment, rooted firmly in the love of God and wishes her well in her future ministry.

*****RESOLUTION**

- 48/2. The Conference expresses its thanks to the Revd Sonia Hicks for her service as Chair of the Methodist Council and wished her well in the future.**

Members of the Council and the Strategy and Resources Committee

The Conference offers its thanks to all who have been members of the Council and the Strategy and Resources Committee. The Conference is very grateful for the time and effort that has been put in to ensure the work of the Connexion continued fruitfully between meetings of the Conference. The dedication and commitment that have been witnessed in meetings has been instrumental in ensuring the Church is equipped fully as it continues to move forward in sharing Our Calling as a Church and that it has grasped opportunities to bear witness in the present age.

Membership of both the Council and the SRC has often involved much work outside meetings, in preparation, in serving on working parties and task groups, and in time-critical decision-making, often about unexpected and difficult questions. The Conference thanks all those involved who have given of themselves unstintingly and graciously.

*****RESOLUTION**

- 48/3. The Conference thanks all the members of the Council and the Strategy and Resources Committee for their hard work and service in the life of the Church.**

Anne Bolton

Anne Bolton has been Connexional Treasurer since 2023, taking up the role at a point when there was an expected transition to a new way of working with the Resourcing Committee coming into being in 2024. Anne has brought her considerable experience of financial matters to the role, applying her skills and expertise in a way which has greatly assisted the Church, particularly through its Strategy and Resources Committee, to consider strategic and important issues. She has helped to work towards the abolition of the role of Connexional Treasurer, ensuring that there is a proper handover of responsibilities.

The Conference expresses its thanks to Anne for her commitment to use her skills in the service of the Church through the role of Connexional Treasurer.

*****RESOLUTION**

- 48/4. The Conference thanks Anne Bolton for her service as Connexional Treasurer and wishes her well for the future.**