

## 54. Report to the Representative Session of Business Conducted by the Conference Diaconal Committee

The Conference Diaconal Committee met on 8 May 2024. The President took the Chair.

### 1. **Deacons who have died**

The Committee approved the obituaries of David Bernard Clark, Helen Davie, Ivy Rose Forkin, Maria Howard, Janet Linda Miles.

### 2. **Candidates**

- 2.1 The Committee recommended, with the required majority, acceptance by the Representative Session of the following candidates to proceed immediately into pre-ordination training:

Jane Brough  
Jessica Dalton  
Melissa Wheeler  
Kathryn Williams

- 2.2 The Committee recommended, with the required majority, acceptance by the Representative Session of the following candidates to proceed to training upon the fulfilment of certain conditions:

*No case*

- 2.3 The Committee noted the following deacons recommended by the Committee for the Discernment of Ordained Vocation for training for presbyteral ministry upon transfer from diaconal ministry:

*No case*

- 2.4 The Committee noted the following accepted diaconal candidates recommended by the Committee for the Discernment of Ordained Vocation for training for presbyteral ministry:

*No case*

### 3. **Transfer**

The Committee adopted the recommendation by a 75% majority or more of the Committee for the Discernment of Ordained Vocation acting as Transfer Committee that the following applicants should be transferred to the jurisdiction of this Conference, as a probationer:

*No case*

### 4. **Training and probation**

The Committee adopted the following special reports of the Ministerial Candidates and Probationers' Oversight Committee:

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- 4.1 Candidates accepted at previous Conferences and given permission to delay entry into training  
*No case*
- 4.2 Candidates accepted at this Conference and to be given permission to delay entry into training  
*No case*
- 4.3 Candidates accepted at this Conference and to be given permission to transfer to another Conference  
*No case*
- 4.4 Candidates conditionally accepted at previous Conferences
  - (a) Those judged to have fulfilled the condition and therefore to be accepted as candidates  
*No case*
  - (b) Those judged to have failed to fulfil the condition and thereby not to be accepted as candidates  
*No case*
  - (c) Those still to fulfil the condition  
*No case*
- 4.5 Changes in expected date of Reception into Full Connexion
  - (a) To an earlier date  
*No case*
  - (b) To a later date  
Marcianne Uwimana from 2024 to 2025
- 4.6 Deferment or suspension under SO 726
  - (a) Student deacons  
*No case*
  - (b) Probationers  
*No case*

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- 4.7 Withdrawals under SO 727
  - (a) Candidates  
*No case*
  - (b) Student deacons  
*No case*
  - (c) Probationers  
*No case*
- 4.8 Transfer to other Conferences or Churches  
*No case*
- 4.9 Reinstatements under SO 761  
*No case*
- 4.10 Discipline  
*No case*
- 4.11 Special reports  
  
Alison Hyde  
Dorice Williams
- 4.12 Discontinuance under SO 031(4)
  - (a) Student deacons  
*No case*
  - (b) Probationer deacons  
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In the following lists:

\* = change from the lists approved by the 2023 Conference

+ = candidates accepted by the 2023 Conference

Surname	First name(s)	Due to be received into Full Connexion
+Blackhall	James	2028
Brazier	Deborah Jane	2027
+Chikaviro	Vivian	2028
Clark	Natalie Mary	2025
+Cook	Helen	2027
Da Silva Kaka	Adelha	2025
+Dolman	Joanne	2027
Gardner	Helen	2025
*Hyde	Alison (Ali)	2025
Laycock	Judith Grace	2025
Morris	Samantha Jane	2026
+Paterson	Katrina (Kate)	2027
+Topping	William (Bill)	2027
*Uwimana	Marcianne	2025
Williams	Dorice	2026

### 5. Ordinands

The Committee recommended to the Representative Session of the Conference that the following are fit to be received into Full Connexion with the Conference as deacons and to be received into full membership of the Methodist Diaconal Order, and, if not already ordained, to be ordained:

Janet Amey  
 Margaret Chipandambira  
 Douw Gerbrand Grobler  
 Marie Poole  
 Claire Purfit  
 Suzanne Marie Sale  
 Vicky Ann Welsh

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### 6. **Permission to serve abroad**

Ramona Dinard  
Marlene A Skuce

### 7. **Permission to reside abroad**

Harriet P Bacon  
Gordon H Wallace

### 8. **Deacons becoming supernumerary**

- (a) The Committee recommended to the Representative Session that the following deacons be permitted to become supernumerary:

Sheila Dawson  
Donna Ely  
Janet Heys  
Linda Kinchenton  
Pamela Luxton  
Alison McCauley  
Jane Paine  
Margaret Patchett  
Kina Saunders  
Robert Stoner  
Annie Trembling  
Sara Windsor-Hides  
Jennifer Woodfin

- (b) Permissions granted during the year:

During the year, the President permitted the following deacons to become supernumerary on health grounds:

*No case*

*All applications are made under SO 790(1), except those marked \* who are applying on grounds of ill health under SO 790(2).*

*See the Presbyters and Deacons Becoming Supernumerary or Returning to the Active Work section of the Agenda for the resolution to be presented to the Representative Session.*

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### 9. Resignations

*No case*

### 10. Annual Inquiry

The Warden of the Order gave to the President on behalf of the Convocation the assurances as to the character and discipline of the deacons and diaconal probationers required by SO 183.

### \*\*\*RESOLUTIONS

**54/1. The Conference receives the Report.**

**54/2. The Conference resolves, by a Standing Vote, that it accepts for training, unconditionally or conditionally as the case may be, the candidates for ministry recommended by the Diaconal Committee whose names are recorded in the report of that Committee.**

**54/3. The Conference adopts the report on diaconal students and probationers recommended for continuance in training or on probation as set out in section 4.**

**54/4. The Conference resolves by a Standing Vote that those persons whose names have 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, to be ordained by prayer and the laying on of hands on the afternoon of this day, 30 June 2024, at Morley Central Methodist Church.**