

Appointments, January 2021

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Membership of the pre-shadow Mission Committee

At its meeting in October 2021, the Council adopted the principle of establishing a Mission Committee as outlined in paper MC/20/101 and directed the Connexional Team to bring names for a pre-shadow Mission Committee to its next meeting.

The Council agreed that a pre-shadow Mission Committee could explore ways of setting up a committee that is flexible to the growing change across our mission field, one that is able to facilitate reactive development within the boundaries of long term goal setting, and that does not stifle entrepreneurial development and creativity in response to need and growth. It noted that as far as possible, the members of the shadow committee between them should represent the diversity of both ordained and lay people involved in missional activities in a variety of contexts, including mission overseas and in Britain, in rural and urban contexts, with a particular focus on intergenerational, children, youth and family and young adult work city centre work and work with communities experiencing poverty and other forms of marginalisation. Taking note of the Inclusive Church report, deep consideration should be given to the diversity of this new group.

The names below represent an attempt to fulfil those requirements.

1. Deacon Myrtle Poxon (Chair)

A deacon for over 40 years, with experience of Circuit ministry in Cardiff, Lancashire and London who has served 6 years overseas. She has served the Church as Vice-President of the Conference, Network President, Vice-President of the Methodist Diaconal Order, LWPT Advocate and on various district and connexional committees. She is passionate about enabling the Church to meet the challenges of today and fulfil our mission.

2. Mr Peter Baffoe

Acting director of the South London Mission and has worked as faith and community development officer at the mission since 2010. Member of the Ministries Committee and the Diaconal Order Leadership Group. School Governor of a local primary school and acts as the link governor for diversity and curriculum, as well as being a board member of a housing association and a community foundation.

3. The Revd Anthony J Clowes

Church Planting Officer in the Manchester and Stockport District with a responsibility to develop a district wide 'New Places for New people' project. A Leadership Coach at the Joshua Centre with the Church of England Diocese. A freelance with the United Methodist Church on their Discipleship and Ministries pathway. Previously a Youth Evangelist with the Methodist Church and the Church of England in Liverpool. Former Lead Pastor of the Potters Church in Stoke-on-Trent and was involved with two new local congregations. Has a passion for overseas mission, and through partnership with Compassion UK, led to more than 150 new child sponsorships and two building developments in Ethiopia.

4. The Revd Dr Joanne Cox-Darling

Serving local presbyter, with a strong background in mission and evangelism from both a research and practice basis. Joanne has been involved in grassroots mission, international projects, and national strategic development and oversight. A member of the Methodist Council and a trustee of the Southlands Methodist Trust. Chair of the ecumenical Christian Enquiry Agency.

5. The Revd Dr Laurence Graham

Presbyter in the Methodist Church in Ireland (MCI) and currently stationed as Superintendent of the Dublin Central Mission. General Secretary of World Mission Partnership and Chair of MCI's Pioneer Mission Committee. Member of the Global Relationships Committee and served on the Working Party which led to the 'Future Mission Together' report to the Methodist Conference. A former President of Methodist Church Ireland and a lay agriculturalist Mission Partner in Haiti and Antigua.

6. The Revd Elaine Lindridge

District Evangelism Enabler, who works to support leaders in a wide variety of situations; including rural, inner city, suburban and areas of social deprivation. Elaine has a wealth of experience in encouraging and enabling Mission and Evangelism across the Newcastle upon Tyne District where she serves. She is committed to encouraging Methodists to see evangelism, inclusion, justice and social engagement all as integral parts of the Good News.

7. Mr Isaac Nketiah-Boateng

British Youth Council representative and a member of Longbridge Methodist Church. Isaac is currently studying in Leicester, and his experience of being a young leader will be useful for this role in the Methodist Church.

8. The Revd Rajbharath Patta

Serving in the United Stockport Circuit. Has been involved with Stockport Interfaith engagements, working on programmes like Church at the Marketplace, and in food pantry for schools in addressing holiday hunger, and working on innovative worships like cafe worships. Has a strong conviction that mission is all about public theological engagements, celebrating Christian presence in the public sphere, in the post-secular British society.

9. Jon Purcell

Liaison Officer for Methodist Archives, and is a member of the Methodist Heritage Committee and its Archives and Records sub-committee. Former University Librarian and Director of Heritage Collections at Durham University. His professional background and direct personal involvement in Methodist heritage has developed his interest in the powerful potential of heritage as a facilitator and instigator for mission, engagement and outreach.

10. Mr Paul Spray

Member of the Global Relationships Committee, and chair of World Church Sub-committee. A Methodist Local Preacher and a volunteer for the Oxford Winter Night Shelter, so wrestling with issues of mission at a local level. Has worked at a senior level for Christian Aid, the Catholic Institute for International Relations, and the government Department for International Development. Has been awarded a papal knighthood.

11. The Revd Kan Wing-Chit Yu

Being an ordained minister with Chinese heritage, Kan serves in the Teddington Circuit and hopes to offer some diversity with her cultural background and make a fruitful contribution to reshape the mission of the Methodist Church, thus making the Jesus' disciples in our multi-ethnic church and beyond. Previously served in the North Kent Circuit for both English and Chinese speaking churches until 2020.

12. Mrs Helen Woodall

Methodist Local preacher. Synod Secretary Birmingham District. Chair of the Connexional Grants Committee 2014-2021. Member Strategy and Resources Committee 2003-2009 and 2014-2021

13. Ms Angela Zamaere Smith

Director of Programmes, and member of the senior leadership team at All We Can. Her role includes restructuring of the programmes and partnerships staff team, development of the agency's partnership framework, codifying its approaches, policies and procedures and responsible exiting of some countries/partnerships and scoping, and on-boarding new ones. Member of the Global Relationships Committee.

The committee will be convened by the Assistant Secretary of the Conference.

*****RESOLUTION**

27A/1. The Council appoints the pre-Shadow Mission Committee as set out above.