

Process for appointing the next Chair of the Council

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Resolution	26/1. The Council nominates Mrs Jill Baker to the Conference as Chair of the Council for 2018-2022.

1. The Council, at its meetings in October 2017 and January 2018, agreed to establish a nomination panel to bring a nomination for the next Chair of the Council. The panel, as appointed by the Council in January 2018, met with the two eligible candidates who had expressed an interest in being considered for this important role in the life of the Church. The panel considered the information and reflections which had been submitted by the two candidates, and explored with them in depth the skills and experience they would bring to the role. The conversation also considered the nature of the challenges which are inherent to the role.
2. Following this careful process of discernment, the panel brings the name of Mrs Jill Baker to the Council.

Reasoned statement

Jill Baker is the Vice-President of the Conference for 2017/18. She is a local preacher and a local preachers' tutor. She has served as President of Methodist Women in Britain (2011-13), a Mission Partner (1994-2001), a member of a District Policy Committee, and as a member of several connexional working parties. She is currently a member of the Ministries Committee and the Worship Leaders and Local Preachers Studies Board. She has extensive experience of attending and speaking at the Conference.

Jill brings a broad theology and an openness to hearing and appreciating different theological approaches and differing views on matters of business and policy. Jill is committed to a collaborative approach to decision-making and discernment and to listening to the range of voices represented by the Council. Jill is a clear thinker and articulate speaker, able to assess information as presented and respond appropriately.

Above all, Jill's priority is to hold all the business of the Methodist Church in Britain before God in prayer and to seek the mind of God in all its decision-making.

The panel therefore believes that Jill Baker is well-placed to chair the Council, and to represent it at the Conference and elsewhere.

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