

1/1 The Conference in its Presbyteral Session assembled at 14.15, The Revd Dr Barbara C Glasson, the President of the Conference, in the Chair.

1/2 The Conference engaged in worship.

1/3 **MEMBERSHIP OF THE CONFERENCE**

The Conference adopted the membership of this Session of the Conference, being those presbyters who are listed in the Agenda (pp 491-498) as members of the Representative Session, with any substitutions duly made, together with the officers of this session appointed by the last Conference, associate members, and those presbyters listed in the Agenda (p 499) who have received the permission of their Synods or, where appropriate, the President to attend this Session by their own arrangement, with the following corrections:

Wales Synod

for 'The Revd Anne Lawrence' reading 'The Revd Alana Lawrence'

Birmingham

for 'The Revd Faria Mapamula' reading 'The Revd Farai Mapamula'

Bristol

for 'to be confirmed' reading The Revd Carol A Chaplin

Scotland

The Revd Stephanie Njeru *vice* The Revd Nicholas B Baker

London

The Revd Steven R M Cooper *vice* The Revd Geoffrey F J Farrar

Associate Members

(b) Overseas

318 *for 'Bishop Festus Chula' reading 'Bishop Festus Chulu'*

324 *for 'to be confirmed' reading Bishop Juan de Dios Peña*

325 The Revd Glenn Alexander Mendoza Arrieta *vice* The Revd Leonardo Elias Paredas Rivas

328 *for 'to be confirmed' reading The Revd Bernard Siai*

330 *for 'to be confirmed' reading The Revd Epineri Vakadewavosa*

PRESBYTERS ATTENDING UNDER THEIR OWN ARRANGEMENTS

adding The Revd Heather M Walker

adding The Revd Danny Wheadon

1/4 **ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEM 61. COMMITTEE ON METHODIST LAW AND POLITY (3)**

1/4/1 The Conference adopted as Resolution LP/1:

The Conference, noting that the Representative Session will be considering a resolution for the rescission of the resolution of the 2019 Conference that the Conference of 2020 should meet in Telford ("the Telford Resolution"), resolves that:

- (1) the Conference in its Presbyteral Session shall conduct its business by electronic means and for that purpose a person is present or attends if he or she is present or attends electronically;
- (2) information and documents required for the purposes of the Presbyteral Session are taken to be in writing, printed or signed (as the case may require) if a legible electronic version has been provided to the Conference Office in a form which can be made available to the members of the Conference;
- (3) all resolutions passed and votes taken, including standing votes, shall be taken electronically by a process recommended by the Business Committee and agreed to (with or without amendment) by the Presbyteral Session;
- (4) if the Conference in its Representative Session resolves to rescind the Telford Resolution and to meet electronically, then for all purposes of the Deed of Union and Standing Orders, so far as the law permits, the business of the Presbyteral Session conducted in accordance with this resolution shall be taken to have been validly conducted.

1/4/2 The Conference adopted as Resolution LP/9:

The Conference, noting that the Representative Session will be considering a resolution for the suspension of Standing Order 132, resolves not to consider in its Presbyteral Session any notice of motion which does not, in the judgment of the President, relate to business which is before the Conference.

1/5 **LETTERS**

The Conference directed that letters of greeting be sent to presbyters with more than 70 years of service:

The Revd Kenneth D Beardsley (1950)
 The Revd Herbert W Clark (1949)
 The Revd John Garfoot (1942)
 The Revd Harry W Gillespie (1949)
 The Revd Antony M Hearle (1947)
 The Revd George W S Knowles (1949)
 The Revd Keith F Lyon (1950)
 The Revd Dr Albert W Mosley (1948)
 The Revd Dr Richard G Jones (1950)
 The Revd Cledwyn Parry (1950)
 The Revd Gordon F Simmons (1947)
 The Revd Howard L Skinner (1950)
 The Revd John E Stanfield (1948)
 The Revd W G Flaxman Vivian (1950)

1/6 **HOURS OF SESSION**

The Conference agreed that these should be 14.15-16.00 and 16.30-18.00 on Thursday, 25 June and 09.30-12.00 on Friday, 26 June.

1/7 **APPOINTMENT OF SCRUTINEERS**

The Conference appointed the Scrutineers as follows:

The Revd Philip J Jackson (Chief Scrutineer)
The Revd Andrew J L Hollins
The Revd Christopher A Jackson
The Revd Ann L Lett

1/8 **APPOINTMENT OF ATTESTOR**

The Revd Beverly Hollings was appointed in place of The Revd Philip J Jackson to attest the Journal of the Conference of 2019, and to attest the Daily Record and Journal and related documents of the Conference of 2020.

1/9 **20. FIRST REPORT OF THE PRESBYTERAL SESSION BUSINESS COMMITTEE**

The Conference adopted Resolution 20/1.

1/10 **SECOND REPORT FROM THE PRESBYTERAL SESSION BUSINESS COMMITTEE**

1/10/1 **Voting in the Conference**

1. The Conference Business Committee recommends to the Conference that all voting will take place either through the means of electronic 'raised hands' or by the use of the poll function in Zoom. It will be made clear to the Conference how voting is to be undertaken whenever a vote is taken. The Chief Scrutineer and the Chair of the Business Committee (as returning officer) will oversee all voting, and ensure that proper processes are followed. Where a standing vote is required, the Conference will be asked to use the raise hands function, and also to mark the significance of the vote by standing up if they are able to do so.

Elections

2. The Presbyteral Session is required to elect a new member of the Presbyteral Session Business Committee, to serve for the Conferences of 2021, 2022 and 2023.
3. A nomination form was circulated electronically to all voting members of the Conference.
4. It is proposed that all signatories to nominations send an email confirming their wish to nominate a particular candidate in lieu of a physical signature. The address from which the email is sent must be that used to register as a member of the Conference. The details of the email addresses to which this should be sent are included on the nomination form.
5. Ballot papers will be circulated as soon as possible on Thursday evening, and will need to be returned by 9:30 am on Friday morning. Voting members of the Conference should send their completed ballot paper to the designated email address which will be indicated on the ballot paper.
6. When ballot papers are received, all identifying information will be removed before the vote is read and the Committee therefore assures the Conference that all voting will be recorded anonymously (as they would be if we were using ballot boxes).
7. The single transferable vote system will then be used in the usual way.

Notices of Motion

8. Subject to the Conference adopting Resolution LP/9 [see 1/4/2], the Business Committee requests that all notices of motion which relate directly to the business before the Conference are submitted using the standard form (which has been sent to members of the Conference) by the deadline of 4:30 pm on Thursday 25 June.
9. Members of the Conference who wish to 'sign' a notice of motion should confirm this by sending an email to conferenceoffice@methodistchurch.org.uk. Again, the address from which the email is sent must be that used to register as a member of the Conference.

1/10/2 The Conference adopted as Resolution PB/1:

The Conference receives the Report.

1/11 **5. CONFERENCE ARRANGEMENTS**

The Conference adopted Resolutions 5/3, 5/4, 5/5 and 5/6.

1/12 **PASTORAL ADDRESS**

The President and Vice-President addressed the Conference. The Revds Charity Nzegwu and Ian S Rutherford, Rachel Deigh and The Revd Dr P Kofi Amisah responded.

1/13 The Conference adjourned at 16.05.

1/14 The Conference reassembled at 16.30 in closed session.

1/15 **45. MINISTERIAL CANDIDATES' AND PROBATIONERS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE**

1. Candidates for Presbyteral Ministry

1/15/1 The Conference considered a report of the Medical Committee of the Methodist Council and concurred with the report of the Candidates Appeals Committee.

1/15/2 The Conference recommended, with the required majority, acceptance by the Representative Session of the following candidates, to proceed unconditionally into pre-ordination training:

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| Tracy Ann Birks | Alexandra Dagmar Laing |
| Hannah Moon Chun | Jason Lee McMahon |
| Rachel Irene Collins | Rachel Moss |
| Tiras Philip Dainty-Share | Rachel Elizabeth Pinkney |
| Anne Mary Day | Joyce Popoola |
| Steven David Donnison | Agnes Eyiaba Sam |
| Ruth Elizabeth Dowson | Heather Elizabeth Simmons |
| Samantha Jane Gillard | Naomi-Rachel Frances Sparey |
| Sarah Anne Hooks | Blayze Kyle White |
| Juliet Aritey Kisob | |

1/15/3 The Conference recommended, with the required majority, acceptance by the Representative Session of the following candidate, unconditionally, with permission to defer entry into pre-ordination training:

Laura Sarah Martin

1/15/4 The Conference adopted, with the required majority, Resolution 45/2.

1/16 **2. Special Reports**

1/16/1 The Conference received a report that Laura Sarah Martin had been given permission to defer entry into training until 2021.

1/16/2 The Conference agreed the following changes in the expected date of Reception into Full Connexion:

To a later date:

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| Jonathan Bell | 2024 (from 2023) |
| Tina Brooker | 2025 (from 2023) |
| Kenneth Peter Kingston | 2021 (from 2020) |
| Sydney-Samuel Ekundayao Lake | 2021 (from 2020) |
| James Alan Patterson | 2024 (from 2023) |
| Matthew Barrie Smith | 2024 (from 2023) |
| Marcia Yvonne Tull | 2024 (from 2023) |
| Karen Sian Williams | 2023 (from 2022) |

1/16/3 The Conference received reports regarding the further deferment of probation of Penelope Jane Thorne under SO 726, the withdrawal of student presbyter Ria Vanessa Delves and probationer Thomas James Parker under SO 727 and the discontinuance of student presbyter Manuokafoa Tuipulotu under SO 031(4).

1/16/4 The Conference adopted Resolution 45/1,

p 459, 1.5(b), *adding:*

Kenneth Peter Kingston from 2020 to 2021
Karen Sian Williams from 2022 to 2023

p 460, 1.6(b) for 'No case' reading Penelope Jane Thorne
and 1.7(c) *deleting* Karen Sian Williams

1/17 **3. Preachers Recommended for Continuance on Trial**

The Conference adopted Resolution 45/4,

p 461-463, *adding:*

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| * Kenneth Peter Kingston | 2021 |
| * Sydney-Samuel Ekundayo Lake | 2021 |
| * Penelope Jane Thorne | 2024 |
| * Karen Sian Williams | 2023 |

1/18 **4. Preachers on Trial presented to the Conference for Reception into Full Connexion**

1/18/1 The Conference accepted the recommendation of the Ministerial Candidates' and Probationers' Oversight Committee that the following are fit to be admitted into Full Connexion with the Conference as presbyters:

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| Esther Akam | Paul Graham Carter |
| Clare Anderson | Calvin Cheung |
| Dalwyn Ronald Attwell | Phillip Anthony Dixon |
| Daniel James Balsdon | Natalie Jade Hackett |
| Timothy Charles Broughton | Samantha Hagerman |

Judith Cecilia Lincoln
Matthew Lunn
Alexis Jack Mahoney
John Peter Malnutt
Benjamin Scrivens
Zena Frances Smith

Ah Moi (Josephine) Soon
Rebekah Joy Stennett
Andrew John Sterling
Joy Ruth Ventom
Jervis Daniel Yovan

1/18/2 The Conference, by a Standing Vote, adopted Resolution 45/5,

p 464, *deleting* Kenneth Peter Kingston

1/19 **46. PRESBYTERAL TRANSFERS AND REINSTATEMENTS**

1. Recommendations of the Ministerial Candidates' Selection Committee acting as a Transfer Committee (under SO 730)

1/19/1 The Conference recommended, with the required majority, acceptance by the Representative Session of the following applicants for transfer to be received into Full Connexion:

Mucharutya Chisvo (Methodist Church in Zimbabwe)
Jan Hendrik Hofmeyr (Methodist Church of Southern Africa)
Jonathan Scott Manning (Methodist Church of Southern Africa)
Israel Selvanayagam (Church of South India)
Alex Yesudas (Church of South India)

1/19/2 The Conference recommended, with the required majority, acceptance by the Representative Session of the following applicant for transfer to proceed to pre-ordination training and probation:

Joyce Mayisiri (United Methodist Church Zimbabwe)

1/19/3 The Conference recommended, with the required majority, acceptance by the Representative Session of the following applicant for transfer to proceed to probation:

Kevin Robert Highfield (United Methodist Church Baltimore-Washington Conference)

1/19/4 The Conference accepted the recommendation of the Ministerial Candidates' Selection Committee that the following be recognised and regarded as presbyters in Full Connexion with the Conference under Standing Order 732(2) and (3):

Paulo Bessa Da Silva (The Methodist Church in Brazil)
Dawn Francis Brown (Methodist Church of Southern Africa)
Jimmy Dube (Methodist Church in Zimbabwe)
Donna Lynne Fowler-Marchant (United Methodist Church North Carolina Conference)
Elizabeth Christina Catherina Van Aardt Goddess (Methodist Church of Southern Africa)
Brian Hutton (Methodist Church of Southern Africa)
Matthew Allen Laferty (United Methodist Church East Ohio Conference)
Chellaian Lawrence (Church of South India)
Clement Matarirano (Methodist Church in Zimbabwe)
Peggy Mulambya-Kabonde (The United Church of Zambia)
Richman Ncube (Methodist Church in Zimbabwe)

Ung-Soon Nguang (Methodist Church in Malaysia Sarawak Chinese Annual Conference)
 Noel Nhariswa (Methodist Church in Zimbabwe)
 Brenton Robert Prigge (Uniting Church in Australia)
 Adrian Trevor Roux (Methodist Church in Southern Africa)
 Sean Colin Turner (United Methodist Church Western North Carolina Conference)
 Bethany Marie Willers (United Methodist Church Iowa Conference)

1/19/5 **3. Recommendations for reinstatements to Full Connexion**

The Conference concurred with the recommendation of a Reinstatement Committee that Barrie James Cash should be reinstated to Full Connexion.

1/19/6 The Conference adopted Resolution 46/1,

p 466, 1.10, *adding* Matthew Allen Laferty (United Methodist Church East Ohio Conference)

1/19/7 The Conference, by a Standing Vote, adopted Resolution 46/2.

1/20 **44. PERMISSIONS TO SERVE**

The Conference adopted Resolution 44/1.

1/21 **RESIGNATIONS**

The Conference received a report that the President had accepted the resignation of the following presbyters in Full Connexion, according them the status indicated:

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| Patrick J Aldred | No status |
| Luiz F Cardoso | No status |
| Charles D J Connor | Member only |
| D Kevin Jones | No status |
| Jarel A Robinson-Brown | No status |
| Barbara P Savage | No status |

1/22 The Conference received a report on behalf of the Convenors of Connexional Discipline, Pastoral and Appeal Committees.

1/23 The Conference noted that John A Price had ceased to be a presbyter in Full Connexion with the Conference.

1/24 The Conference reassembled in open session at 17.47.

1/25 The Conference shared in worship and adjourned at 17.59.

- 2/1 The Conference assembled at 09.30, and shared in worship.
- 2/2 The Conference was addressed on the theme of *Climate, Health and Church* by The Revd Professor Peter Byass, and the Conference engaged in discussion.
- 2/3 **31. STATISTICS FOR MISSION**
The report on membership was presented to the Conference as required by Standing Order 305(2).
- 2/4 The Conference engaged in discussion of Agenda Item **35. Ministerial Covenant.**
- 2/5 **OBITUARIES**
- 2/5/1 The Conference adopted the Obituaries as printed and circulated to the Conference,

in the Obituary for Gerald Stanley Broadbent *for* 'He was a husband to Daphne' *reading* 'He was a loving husband to Daphne'

in the Obituary for Raymond Henry Trezise *amending the list of Circuits to read:* Pateley Bridge, Batley, Dewsbury, York South and Waltham Abbey and Hertford [*as corrected by 4/16/1*]

in the Obituary for Colin Richard Wilson *adding* 'Port Antonia and Annotto Bay in' *before* 'Jamaica'

and the Obituaries below,

directing that if, after checks have been carried out in the Conference library, it is necessary to correct inaccuracies in any of the Obituaries adopted, the Secretary of the Conference be authorised to make such corrections before the Obituaries are published in the Minutes of the Conference.
- 2/5/2 **Alan Dawson:** Born in Cramlington on 15 June 1951, Alan's parents, Henry and Edna, were a devout Christian couple who nurtured him into faith. He had an older brother, John, who was also involved in the church until his death. Alan studied chemistry & physics at Newcastle University and became a teacher, working in several schools in the area, until in his late 20s he sensed God calling him to ordained ministry. He trained at Wesley College, Bristol and then spent a year in the USA as the senior Methodist minister in Dallas. (Only as a footnote would he add that this was a small prairie village, not Texas!) He then served in the following Circuits: Worsley, Sheffield (Ecclesall), Scunthorpe, National Forest East, and Derbyshire Dales. While stationed in Sheffield he met and married Chris, whom he treasured, and inherited a family. Afterwards he would say he went to Sheffield as a young bachelor and left as a grandfather with bifocals. He took his new family to heart and delighted in his grandchildren, chauffeuring them and helping with homework and careers advice. All were liberally sprinkled with bad jokes. As a minister, Alan had a pastoral heart and a practical mind. As well as caring for people, he had great expertise in developing buildings to meet the missional needs of the Church. He had a strong faith and confidence that God knew what God was doing. He knew that faith makes a difference in how we live together and so was committed to the 'social gospel'. Because of his faith and his sense of humour, Alan

was a welcome preacher whom people looked forward to hearing. He sat down in 2016 and he and Chris moved to Wark in the Tynedale Circuit, where he continued to be supportive to the village chapel and to the Circuit. 'Just let me know if there's anything I can be doing to help', he said on countless occasions. Alan died on 8 May 2020, in the sixty-ninth year of his age and the thirty-eighth year of his ministry.

David Dunn-Wilson was born in Plumstead, London on 11 August 1933. His father and grandfather were Primitive Methodist Ministers. David trained at Handsworth College, Birmingham and was awarded a Fulbright Scholarship to study at the University of Dubuque, Iowa. Returning to the UK, David was Minister on the Home Mission Department's Caravan. David and Elizabeth married, having three children, Anne, Mark and Abigail, of whom he was immensely proud. David served in the following home-based Circuits: Doncaster District Coalfield Mission, Liverpool (South-East), Romford, and Eastbourne. David's great passion was preaching the Gospel. He was never happier than when enabling, equipping, and encouraging others to share the good news of Jesus Christ. He wrote and taught extensively, gathering degrees as the natural outworking of his joy in learning. David was awarded BA, MA (Birmingham), MA (Kent), BD (Nottingham), MPhil (Sussex), and PhD. (Leeds). He was also a Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts (FRSA). Despite his undoubted academic abilities, David's was a grounded academia, and he never lost touch with his love of practical ministry. David and his beloved wife Elizabeth, responded to a call to work overseas and were stationed to the Methodist Church of the Caribbean and the Americas (MCCA), the Panama and Costa Rica District, where they served initially in the very tough setting of Rio Abajo and Paraiso. A second term saw service in the Valiente Indian Mission to develop a theological college serving Guaymi Indian evangelists. David returned to the UK to take up the Lewins Chair of Practical Theology at Hartley Victoria College. After six years, he was appointed as Head of the Department of Theology at Kenya Methodist University where academic work was combined with local church ministry alongside Elizabeth. On his return to the UK, The University honoured David as Emeritus Professor. Retiring to Eastbourne, David's ministry continued as writer, preacher, Bible teacher and local preachers tutor; he served Cliff College on its International Training Centre programme and was an external lecturer on the MA. David died on 12 May 2020 in the eighty-seventh year of his life and the sixty-fifth year of his ministry.

Derek William Wesley Jaggard: Born in Great Bentley, Essex on 24 May 1938. Being born on Wesley day, to a family steeped in Methodism, is the reason for one of his names. After leaving Colchester grammar school Derek worked as an industrial physicist where he became involved in setting up Christian meetings. He did his National Service with the RAF, travelling to Aden where he became very active in the church. Returning to England he spent a year at Cliff College before returning to his old job. Derek and Faith met through circuit youth meetings, both heavily involved in the church and both local preachers, and in 1964 they were married. Their long and happy marriage was blessed with two children, Mark and Rebecca, four grandchildren and one honorary grandchild. Derek was so very proud of them all. After returning home from work one day, Derek announced to Faith he was going to candidate for ministry. No one was surprised. He was accepted and trained at Wesley College, Bristol. Derek shared his ministry with his wife and their children, and served in the following Circuits: Newmarket, Ipswich, Peterborough, Lincoln (South), and Romford. Whilst at Ipswich he was the Chaplain to St Clements as well as the Girls' and Boys' Brigade. Derek was often moved into circuits where churches needed to be brought together, predominantly URC and Methodist, as he had wisdom and skill in the legalities. He was well-read, being interested in politics and the Third World. However, Derek's passion in ministry was his pastoral work, at ground level, and people responded to that. He supported people and brought them to faith. In 2003 Derek retired to the Bury St Edmunds circuit to be close to family

and continued to preach as a supernumerary until ill-health prevented this. Derek has served his God from childhood to his death. He died on 27 April 2020 in the eighty-second year of his age and the forty-third year of his ministry.

John Hugh Roberts “Jack”: Born 6 December 1926 in Holyhead, Anglesey, Jack’s Welsh roots always remained an important part of his life. His call to ministry came early. He had time in Newbury as a pre-collegiate year and then went to Headingley ministerial training college, followed by two years as a probationer in the Beverley Circuit. It was here he met Doreen and married. Six weeks later, after offering for overseas service, they sailed to South Africa and then to Zimbabwe, Rhodesia as it was, and stayed there for fifteen years. During this time they served in Tegwini, Plumtree, Shabina, Salisbury and Chibero. Jack had a great affinity for the life here and was extremely politically active. He was eventually banned from working in the country and left to return to England with the family. During the time in Zimbabwe all four children were born, Janice, Glenys, Hazel and David. Returning to England, Jack served in the following Circuits: Middlesbrough and Eston, Bradford (Woodhouse Grove), and Ealing and Acton. Jack enjoyed a full ministry, always having a passion for serious preaching and reading, pastoral care and methodical administration. He continued to have a wide interest in politics and current affairs. Doreen and Jack retired to Bourne End and enjoyed good years of retirement. Jack continued to preach, lead studies and work for some time for the Marlow Pastoral Foundation. He cared for Doreen in her later years of illness. Jack continued to live on his own for some time in Bourne End but with declining memory moved to live with his daughter Hazel and then his last years in a care home. He had eight grandchildren and three great grandchildren. Jack died on 22 December 2019 in the ninety-fourth year of his age and the seventieth year of his ministry.

George Williams Simons: Born in Brightside, Sheffield on 4 November 1923, George was introduced to Jesus Christ, his Saviour and friend, by faithful Sunday school teachers. He was encouraged to witness and serve by ministers in the Sheffield Mission and under the influence of Cliff College students. Through a colleague at work, George heard the call to preach and was recognised as a local preacher in 1943. George joined the Methodist Peace Fellowship in 1939 and registered as a conscientious objector in 1942. For National Service he served in the National Fire Service and the National Coal Board as a Bevin Boy. Accepted for the Methodist ministry in 1944, George began his studies whilst working down the mines. He left coalmining in 1947 and served a pre-collegiate probation year in Kirkoswald, Cumbria. He trained at Headingley College 1948 -1950. On 12 August 1950 George married Joan Larcombe, and together they shared a full and varied itinerant ministry which would last for 40 years until Joan’s death in March 1991. George served in the following Circuits, Liverpool (Crosby) after which he was ordained at the Sheffield Conference in 1951, Goole, Lowestoft, Birmingham (Elmdon), Birkenhead, Nottingham (West), Hoylake and West Kirby and Dunstable, the last three as superintendent. The diversity of these appointments demonstrates George’s ability to relate to all manner of people: rural, industrial, fishing, urban and suburban communities. He loved people. George sat down in 1989 in the Reading and Silchester Circuit. He helped train local preachers. His preaching and genuine interest in people were appreciated. His local church in Woodley valued his warm hospitable presence in worship and at the Wesley Guild. His love of people was only matched by his love of God in Jesus. George could see the presence and love of God wherever he was. Latterly, in the care home, he said, ‘This place is full of Jesus.’ George was a loving father and grandfather and is survived by daughter Kate and son Andrew. He died on 9 May 2020, in the ninety-seventh year of his age and the seventy-third year of his ministry.

George Allan Stanton: Born in Netherton, Dudley on 7 March 1928, Allan was educated at the primary school in Netherton before progressing to Dudley Grammar School. After leaving school at the age of 16 with his School Certificate, he went to work at BSR in Birmingham, where he learnt how to calibrate wirelasses. Whilst still at school he joined Bert Bissell's Bible study class for young men at Vicar Street Methodist Church, Dudley. At the end of the war Allan served in the RAF as a nursing orderly and he became a local preacher whilst he was stationed at Horsham St. Faiths. He met Sheila Cater in 1948 in the Methodist Chapel and they were married at East Dereham Methodist Church in Norfolk on 4 July 1953. In 1956 Allan and Sheila's son Paul was born in South Wales and this was followed a few years later with the birth of their daughter Hilary. Allan trained for the Methodist ministry at Hartley Victoria College in Manchester and was ordained at the Conference in Stockport in 1955. Allan served a pre-collegiate year in the South Molton Circuit and, after his theological training, he served in the following circuits; Madeley, Rhymney Valley, Shrewsbury, Bolton Park Station, London (Finsbury Park), Colwyn Bay and Llandudno, Doncaster, and Norwich. Allan retired at the age of 64 after 40 years of service and he and Sheila moved to Norwich in 1992. Allan enjoyed his retirement, preaching at various churches across the city and leading a house group. After a period of ill-health Allan moved into Dussindale Park Care Home in Norwich where he died on 27 April 2020 in the ninety-third year of his age and the sixty-eighth year of his ministry.

2/6 The Conference adjourned at 11.19.

2/7 The Conference reassembled at 11.30.

2/8 **MEMORIAL SERVICE**

A solemn Memorial Service was held during which the Secretary of the Conference read the names of those presbyters who had died during the year, as follows:

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| Barrie A Allcott** | Roger James Greene |
| John William Ansley | Thomas Hall |
| Thomas Peter Arnold** | Trevor Lewis Hancock* |
| John Hilary Atkinson | Elizabeth Daphne Hodgkiss |
| Charles Banks* | C Brian Holliday* |
| Edward Maxwell Bradley | Marjorie Regina Constance Hopp |
| Keith David Briddock | John P Horner |
| George Brigham | John Anthony Howard |
| Gerald Stanley Broadbent* | David Heighton Howarth** |
| Edna Buggey** | Arthur Hetherington Howell |
| Glyn Gordon Collins | David John Hudson |
| John Fillingham Cook | Derek William Wesley Jaggard |
| Alfred Wesley Cooke | Keith Roy Jefferies* |
| Brian Dann** | Raymond Lionel Jones |
| Alan Dawson | James S Kyle** |
| Julyan Drew | Godfrey Kenyon* |
| Ian Stewart Duncan | Geoffrey James Lear |
| David Dunn-Wilson | Charles David Le Seelleur |
| Deanne Rona May Evans** | John Philip Le Sueur |
| David Wesley Fairhurst | Alan Glynn Lister |
| William Farrell | Sarah Louise Lowe |
| Douglas Graham** | Keith Marsden |
| James Neil Graham | Michael J Mason** |
| John George Graham | John Jeffrey Morgan |
| Marjorie Grantham* | Donald Moxon |

Trevor Henry Payne
 Timothy David William Pittock
 John Platts
 Derek Polgrean
 Bernard William Price*
 Ronald David Priestley
 John Stewart Pyke
 Roy Henry Queripel
 Kenneth Basil Renouf
 Ronald H Rich**
 John Hugh Roberts
 Ronald Roper*
 Dennis John Edward Salmon
 David Miles Sharples
 John Malcolm Simmonds
 George W Simons
 Colin Victor Smith
 Elizabeth Ann Smith
 Roger Harrison Smith
 Thomas Laurence Smith
 John Graham Snaith*
 Heather April Snape
 William Hugo Squire
 George Allan Stanton

Roger John Steward*
 George E Stewart
 David Charles Stringer*
 William Oswald Stubbs
 Tom Summersby*
 Reginald Edward Tansey
 John Brian Taylor
 Raymond William Thompson
 Peter Westbury Trembath
 Raymond Henry Trezise
 Graham Arthur Vickers
 Geoffrey Wainwright
 G Harry Walkley**
 Kenneth S Walters**
 Albert Ward
 Marie-Louise Whitcombe*
 Herbert W White*
 Thomas G Wilkinson**
 Philip Michael Willson
 Colin Richard Wilson
 Margaret Christine Woodlock-Smith
 Donald Wright
 John Brian Wright

* Presbyters who had died before or during the previous Conference but whose Obituaries are presented to this Conference.

** Obituaries for these presbyters will be presented to the next Conference

2/9 The Conference adjourned at 11.52.

2/10 The Conference reassembled at 12.05.

2/11 **51. PRESBYTERS AND DEACONS BECOMING SUPERNUMERARY OR RETURNING TO THE ACTIVE WORK**

2/11/1 The Conference adopted Resolution 51/1,

in **3. Presbyters requesting permission to become supernumerary**

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| <i>adding</i> | Philip J Berry | (40) |
| <i>adding</i> | Christine E Kennell | (28) |
| <i>adding</i> | Clifford J Meharry | (34) |
| <i>adding</i> | Stephen Oliver | (16) |
| <i>adding</i> | Gary S Ridley | (29) |
| <i>adding</i> | Susan Rowe | (20) |
| <i>adding</i> | Maurice E Stafford | (40) |
| <i>adding</i> | Elizabeth D Trinder | (13) |

2/11/2 The Conference adopted Resolution 51/2, noting the corrections under **3.** above.

2/12 **THANKS TO THE PRESIDENT**

The Revd Michaela A Youngson expressed the thanks of the Conference to the President of the Conference.

2/13 **ANNUAL INQUIRY**

The Chairs of the Districts gave to the Conference the assurances as to the character and discipline of the presbyters and presbyteral probationers required by Standing Order 154.

2/14 The Conference shared in worship.

2/15 Notwithstanding Resolution 5/5 of the Conference of 2019 [DR 1/9], the Conference resolved by a Standing Vote to adjourn to 14.15 on Saturday 27 June for the Representative Session.

2/16 The Conference adjourned at 12.24.

2/17 **LETTERS**

2/17/1 Letters of concern were written in the name of the Conference to The Revd F John Carne and The Revd Dr Andrew D Wood.

2/17/2 Letters of sympathy were written in the name of the Conference to The Revds Harry W and Christine Gillespie, The Revd Samuel E McBratney, The Revd Carole and Mr Barry Natton, and Dr Peter Smith.

2/17/3 A letter of condolence was written in the name of the Conference to The Revd Bernard Siai, Moderator of the United Church of Papua New Guinea, on the death of his predecessor, The Revd Sir Samson Lowa.

2/17/4 Letters of thanks were written in the name of the Conference to those who had spoken to or facilitated the Presbyteral Session.

3/1 The Conference in its Representative Session assembled at 14.15, The Revd Dr Barbara C Glasson, the President of the Conference, in the Chair.

3/2 **PRAYERS**

The Conference engaged in worship, during which the President of the Methodist Church in Ireland, The Revd Dr Thomas McKnight, led prayers.

3/3 **ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEM 61. COMMITTEE ON METHODIST LAW AND POLITY (3)**
(continued) *[as corrected by 4/16/3]*

3/3/1 **SECTION F: INITIAL RESOLUTIONS**

1. Since the last formal meeting of the Law and Polity Committee, the United Kingdom has gone into lockdown as a result of the coronavirus pandemic and the Methodist Council has decided that the Conference of 2020 cannot take place at Telford, as was resolved by the Conference of 2019, but that an electronic meeting should be held to deal with essential business and other matters. Members of the Law and Polity Committee have been involved in offering advice to the Methodist Council and the Connexional Team on these issues and the advice given on holding electronic meetings is set out in the second report of the Business Committee.

2. In summary, the Committee's view is that:

(1) The governing documentation of the Methodist Church requires a physical meeting of the Conference.

(2) The governing documentation also requires, however, that certain business should be conducted annually. There is other business which is pressing, even if not legally required to be conducted this year.

(3) The Charity Commission has given guidance to bodies in such a position to the effect that it will be understanding of the situation and of any decision to proceed electronically.

(4) In order to meet the needs of the Methodist Church, the best course is for the Conference to meet electronically, but since the constitutional status of such a meeting is obscure, the business done should be limited as far as possible to business which is essential.

(5) The business of the Conference should be conducted in a way which will demonstrably enable, as far as possible, effective participation and discussion.

To achieve these objectives, the Conference is invited to pass a series of enabling resolutions.

3. In addition, the Committee is aware that since the lockdown restrictions came into force, many Methodist bodies have conducted business electronically in

order to ensure that necessary work is undertaken. Decisions have been made which are preliminary to matters which will come before the Conference and which are required by Standing Orders, and business of other kinds has been undertaken. The constitutional basis for at least some of that action is doubtful. It is the Committee's view that it would be appropriate for the Conference, as far as possible, to ratify such action and a resolution is put forward for that purpose.

3/3/2 The Conference adopted as Resolution LP/2:

Pursuant to Standing Order 131(25)(iii) and 131(25A), the Conference resolves to rescind the resolution of the 2019 Conference that the Conference of 2020 in its Presbyteral and Representative Sessions should meet at Telford on the ground that a physical meeting at Telford or elsewhere in Britain has become illegal and resolves instead to meet by electronic means to enable business necessary to the continuing life of the Methodist Church to be transacted.

3/3/3 The Conference adopted as Resolution LP/3:

For the purpose of enabling its business to be conducted effectively by electronic means, the Conference further resolves that for the duration of the Conference of 2020, so long as it is meeting electronically:

(1) the Standing Orders relating to the business of the Conference shall be read and construed as if:

(a) a person is present or attends if he or she is present or attends electronically;

(b) information and documents required for the purposes of the Representative Session are taken to be in writing, printed or signed (as the case may require) if a legible electronic version has been provided to the Conference Office in a form which can be made available to the members of the Conference;

(2) all resolutions passed and votes taken, including standing votes, shall be taken electronically by a process recommended by the Business Committee (including the appointment of scrutineers) and agreed to (with or without amendment) by the Representative Session.

3/3/4 The Conference adopted as Resolution LP/4:

The Conference further resolves that for all purposes of the Deed of Union and Standing Orders, so far as the law permits, the business of the Representative Session conducted in accordance with Resolutions LP/2 and LP/3 shall be taken to have been validly conducted.

3/4 **THIRD REPORT FROM THE CONFERENCE BUSINESS COMMITTEE**
[as corrected by 4/16/3]

3/4/1 **Voting in the Conference**

1. The Conference Business Committee recommends to the Conference that all voting will take place either through the means of electronic 'raised hands' or by the use of the poll function in Zoom. It will be made clear to the Conference how

voting is to be undertaken whenever a vote is taken. The Chief Scrutineer and the Chair of the Business Committee (as returning officer) will oversee all voting, and ensure that proper processes are followed. Where a standing vote is required, the Conference will be asked to use the raise hands function, and also to mark the significance of the vote by standing up if they are able to do so.

Elections

2. The Business Committee has considered how best to conduct the elections for the President and Vice-President of 2021/2022, Conference-elected members of the Conference, and members of the Business Committee. It has determined to follow a process as close as possible to that which would be followed if the Conference was meeting in the usual way.
3. Nomination forms were circulated electronically to all voting members of the Conference, and role descriptions for the offices of President and Vice-President of the Conference were placed on the website to assist in the prayerful discernment of individuals eligible for such designation.
4. It is proposed that all signatories to nominations send an email confirming their wish to nominate a particular candidate in lieu of a physical signature. The details of the email addresses to which this should be sent are included on the relevant nomination form.
5. Ballot papers will be circulated on Monday evening, with the elections taking place during the day on Tuesday. Voting members of the Conference should send their completed ballot paper to the designated email addresses which will be indicated on the ballot paper.
6. When ballot papers are received, all identifying information will be removed before the vote is read and the Committee therefore assures the Conference that all voting will be recorded anonymously (as they would be if we were using ballot boxes).
7. The single transferable vote system will then be used in the usual way.

Notices of Motion

8. Subject to the Conference adopting Resolution LP/10, the Business Committee requests that all notices of motion are submitted using the standard form (which has been sent to members of the Conference) by the deadline of 1 pm on Sunday 28 June.
9. Members of the Conference who wish to 'sign' a notice of motion should confirm this by sending an email to conferenceoffice@methodistchurch.org.uk.

Advance indication of a request to be called to speak

10. The Committee encourages members of the Conference to indicate in advance where there are items of business on which they wish to speak. This will enable the Committee to advise the President and Vice-President with regard to a range of points and a diversity of representation (see resolution LP/8). A form is available for download and has also been sent to representatives.

3/4/2 The Conference adopted as Resolution B/1:

The Conference adopts the Report.

3/5 **3. APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS OF THE CONFERENCE**

The Conference adopted Resolution 3/3,

p 38, line 2 of the reasoned statement, *for* 'Charity Law Society' *reading* 'Charity Law Association'

3/6 **22. METHODIST COUNCIL, PART 2, Section P**

The Conference adopted Resolution 22/21.

3/7 **MEMBERSHIP OF THE CONFERENCE**

The Conference adopted the membership of this session of the Conference as set out in the Agenda (pp 491-498), as amended by Daily Record 1/3 and the following substitutions and corrections:

Representatives of Connexional and Other Bodies (SO 102)

74 *for* 'to be confirmed' *reading* Ms Jasmine Yeboah

75 *for* 'to be confirmed' *reading* Mr Zariel Konadu

79 Miss Emily Roe *vice* Mr Connor Dickens

Birmingham

Deacon Marilyn O S Slowe *vice* Deacon Eunice Attwood

Northampton

Mr Bobby Peach *vice* Miss Margaret Stones

Bedfordshire, Essex and Hertfordshire

for 'Mrs Katharine Crew' *reading* 'Ms Katharine Crew'

3/8 **APPOINTMENT OF SCRUTINEERS**

The Conference appointed the Scrutineers as follows:

The Revd Philip J Jackson
(Chief Scrutineer)

Mrs Wendy Barwise

Mr Matthew Collins

Mrs Laura Gallery

Mrs Katrin Hackett

The Revd Andrew J L Hollins

The Revd Christopher A
Jackson

The Revd Ann L Lett

Mr Steve Rogers

Mr Richard Walsh

Mr Alan J Window

3/9 **1. ELECTION AND INDUCTION OF THE PRESIDENT AND VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE METHODIST CONFERENCE**

3/9/1 The Revd Richard Jeremy Teal, having been nominated according to rule at the preceding Conference, was duly elected by a Standing Vote as President of the Conference (Resolution 1/1).

3/9/2 Mrs Carolyn Jayne Lawrence, having been nominated according to rule at the preceding Conference, was duly elected by a Standing Vote as Vice-President of the Conference (Resolution 1/2).

- 3/9/3 The Induction of the President took place.
- 3/10 **PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS**
The President of the Conference delivered his inaugural address.
- 3/11 The Conference adjourned at 15.41.
- 3/12 The Conference reassembled at 16.15.
- 3/13 **1. ELECTION AND INDUCTION OF THE PRESIDENT AND VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE METHODIST CONFERENCE (continued)**
The Induction of the Vice-President took place.
- 3/14 **VICE-PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS**
The Vice-President of the Conference delivered her inaugural address.
- 3/15 **WELCOME TO ECUMENICAL AND WORLD CHURCH REPRESENTATIVES AND GUESTS**
- 3/15/1 The Conference welcomed the ecumenical associate members of the Conference from the Church of England, the United Reformed Church, the Roman Catholic Church in England and Wales, the Scottish Episcopal Church, the Russian Orthodox Church in Great Britain and Ireland, and the Cherubim and Seraphim Council of Churches.
- 3/15/2 Mrs Maggie Swinson of the Church of England responded on behalf of the ecumenical guests.
- 3/15/3 The Conference welcomed full members and associate members of the Conference from the Methodist Church in Ireland, the United Methodist Church (UMC), Evangelisch-Methodistische Kirche, Comunidad Cristiana Metodista de Venezuela, Eglise Protestante Méthodiste du Bénin, the Methodist Church in Fiji, the Methodist Church The Gambia, Igreja Evangelica Metodista Portuguesa, the UMC in Northern Europe and Eurasia, Iglesia Evangelica Metodista en Bolivia, the Methodist Church Sierra Leone, L'Opera per le Chiese Evangeliche Metodiste in Italia (OPCEMI), the Church of Bangladesh, the Church of North India, the United Church in Papua New Guinea, the United Church of Zambia, the Methodist Church in the Caribbean and Americas, Iglesia Evangelica Metodista en El Salvador, Iglesia Evangélica Nacional Metodista de Guatemala, the Free Methodist Church of Rwanda, the Uniting Church in Australia, and the UMC in Central and Southern Europe.
- 3/15/4 Bishop Hannah Faal-Heim of the Methodist Church The Gambia responded on behalf of the World Church guests. *[as corrected by 4/16/3]*
- 3/16 **ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEM 61. COMMITTEE ON METHODIST LAW AND POLITY (3) (continued)** *[as corrected by 4/16/3]*
- 3/16/1 The Conference adopted as Resolution LP/5:

The Conference, noting that the effect of the legal restrictions imposed by the Coronavirus Act 2020 and regulations made under that Act, together with guidance given to minimise the risks to public health arising from the coronavirus pandemic, has been to make unlawful, or a contravention of the guidance, physical meetings which are provided for by Standing Orders, resolves that where strict compliance with Standing Orders has therefore not been possible, each such Standing Order shall be read and construed as if

extended to permit as an alternative the taking of such reasonable steps to achieve the object of the relevant Standing Order as were considered practicable in all the circumstances: Provided that this resolution shall not affect adversely any rights which may have accrued to any person as a result of non-compliance with any Standing Order.

3/16/2 **SECTION G: CONFERENCE PROCEDURE**

4. The Reports of the Business Committee have identified a number of procedural matters in relation to which it recommends the suspension of Standing Orders and the adoption of an alternative procedure. The relevant resolutions, which relate to the rules of debate, notices of motion and voting procedures, are set out below.

3/16/3 The Conference adopted, with the required majority, as Resolution LP/6:

The Conference suspends Standing Order 130 for the duration of the current meeting of the Conference.

3/16/4 The Conference adopted, with the required majority, as Resolution LP/7:

The Conference further suspends for that period the rules of debate contained in clauses (1A), (3) to (5), (8), (11) to (16), (18) and (22) to (24) of Standing Order 131.

3/16/5 The Conference adopted as Resolution LP/8:

The Conference further directs that:

- (1) in place of clause (1A) of Standing Order 131 the President shall at his or her discretion call upon members to speak after paying such regard as he or she thinks fit to applications to do so made at such time and in such form as may from time to time be notified in writing to the members of the Conference by the Business Committee (which shall include provision for applications in advance of the debate and for applications during its course). In exercising his or her discretion the President shall seek to ensure that a representative range of opinions is heard on the business under consideration by the Conference;
- (2) the President, having regard to the constraints upon debate imposed by the exigencies of operating electronically and the importance of securing full and informed participation, but having allowed a reasonable time for debate, may at any time in his or her discretion:
 - (a) put to the Conference a resolution that the business before the Conference be referred to the Conference of 2021, upon terms that the body responsible for the business may decide whether then to present it in the same form or in a different form or to withdraw it altogether, in the light of the debate which has occurred;
 - (b) adjourn the debate to a time to be determined by the Business Committee;
- (3) where the President moves a resolution under paragraph (2)(a), the person moving the substantive resolution relating to the relevant

business shall have the opportunity to speak before the vote is taken and the resolution moved by the President requires a two-thirds majority;

- (4) a resolution under paragraph (2)(a) may be put more than once in relation to the same business;
- (5) a member wishing to propose an amendment to a resolution otherwise than by a notice of motion circulated in advance of the debate does not require a seconder but may do so only if the attempt comes in a timely fashion to the attention of the President and the proposal may then be considered only by permission of the President, to be withheld or given, conditionally or unconditionally, at his or her absolute discretion;
- (6) the person moving a resolution, including a resolution proposing an amendment, shall have a right of reply to the debate on the resolution;
- (7) a member wishing to raise a point of order on the ground that the rules of debate or regulations of the Conference or these directions have been violated may do so only if the attempt comes in a timely fashion to the attention of the President. The President may at his or her absolute discretion permit the point to be raised, in which case that shall be done as soon as is reasonably possible. The President shall decide all questions of order.

3/16/6 The Conference adopted, with the required majority, as Resolution LP/10:

The Conference suspends Standing Order 132 for the duration of the present meeting of the Conference and directs instead that:

- (1) any two members may upon notice of motion complying with these directions bring before the Conference any lawful resolution to amend a resolution which is before the Conference or which in the judgment of the President after consultation with the Vice-President otherwise relates to business which is before the Conference;
- (2) every notice of motion shall be sent to the Secretary or the Conference Office in electronic form and signed by the following persons:
 - (a) where the proposal is to amend a resolution and those presenting that business to the Conference are prepared to accept it, the proposer and seconder;
 - (b) in any other case, by the proposer and seconder and four other persons;
- (3) subject to paragraph (4) below, a notice of motion in the Representative Session must be received by the Secretary or the Conference Office no later than 1 pm on Sunday 28 June 2020;
- (4) a notice of motion may be received later than the time specified in paragraph (3) above if:
 - (a) it is judged to be on a matter of urgency by the President after consultation with the Vice-President; or

- (b) it proposes to amend a resolution circulated or materially altered on or after Saturday 27 June 2020 and it is received before 5 pm on the day before the resolution is to be dealt with.

3/16/7 The Conference adopted, with the required majority, as Resolution LP/11:

The Conference suspends Standing Order 110A, clause (5), for the duration of the present meeting of the Conference and directs instead that nomination papers shall be provided to the Conference Office so that they are received no later than 5.30 pm on Monday 29 June 2020 and shall then be made available as soon as possible for consideration by members of the Conference by such means as are specified on the Order Paper until 6.00 pm on Tuesday 30 June 2020, by which time the members of the Conference must have voted in accordance with the instructions given on the Order Paper. Before the vote is taken, the Secretary of the Conference shall seek from each nominee an assurance of willingness to serve, if elected, and shall report the outcome to the Conference.

3/16/8 **SECTION H: OTHER MATTERS**

5. It is clearly the case that while restrictions on physical meetings continue, there will be further business to be done for which electronic meetings are likely to be required and for which the constitutional basis is doubtful, as explained in Section F above. The Committee therefore offers a further resolution to address that situation.

3/16/9 The Conference adopted as Resolution LP/12:

The Conference, noting further that the continuing effect of the legal restrictions imposed by the Coronavirus Act 2020 and regulations made under that Act, together with guidance given to minimise the risks to public health arising from the coronavirus pandemic, is at present, and is likely to continue to be, to make unlawful, or a contravention of the guidance, physical meetings which are provided for by Standing Orders for the general conduct of the business of the Methodist Church, resolves that where strict compliance with Standing Orders governing such business is therefore not possible, each such Standing Order shall be read and construed, while such legislation and guidance, or any further such legislation or guidance, comes into or remains in force, as if extended to permit as an alternative the taking of such reasonable steps to achieve the object of the relevant Standing Order as are considered practicable in all the circumstances: Provided that:

- (1) this resolution does not of itself authorise the holding of an electronic meeting of an initial or appeal committee under Section 03, a consultative or pastoral committee under Section 04, an appeal panel under Standing Order 234 or a discipline or appeal committee under Part 11;
- (2) where a meeting under one of those provisions is required to be held, it may be held electronically with the agreement of the person who is the subject of the discontinuance, competence or safeguarding proceedings or the respondent under Part 11;
- (3) if the person mentioned in paragraph (2) above does not agree to an electronic meeting, the chair of the committee or panel may in his or her discretion decide that an electronic meeting should nevertheless

be held if he or she is satisfied that in all the circumstances the meeting would be able to deal fairly with the proceedings.

3/16/10 SECTION H: OTHER MATTERS (continued)

6. The Conference of 2019 passed provisional resolutions under Standing Order 122 in connection with the report God in love unites us and a deferred special resolution under Standing Order 126 amending Model Trust 14(2A) as to the power of managing trustees to permit the use of their premises by members of other Christian churches or congregations. Both SO 122 and SO 126 require consultation and consideration in the Connexion in the year (SO 122) or years (SO 126) following the year of the Conference in which the relevant resolutions were passed. The effect of the pandemic has been to make the consultation and consideration impossible or impractical. The following resolutions are proposed to address the situation.

3/16/11 The Conference adopted, with the required majority, as Resolution LP/13:

The Conference hereby suspends Standing Order 122, clause (3) until the close of the Conference of 2021 and directs that:

- (1) any provisional resolutions adopted by the Conference of 2019 which would under that clause have been submitted to the Synods before this current meeting of the Conference, reported on by them and submitted for confirmation to this meeting of the Conference shall instead, except in any District in which they have already been submitted to and dealt with by the Synod, be submitted to the Synods before the Conference of 2021, and shall in every case be reported on by the Synods and by the Law and Polity Committee to that Conference and submitted to it for confirmation; but that
- (2) any provisional resolutions adopted by the Conference of 2020 or by the Conference of 2021 (subject to any further resolution of that Conference) shall be dealt with as if Standing Order 122, clause (3), were still in force.

3/16/12 The Conference adopted, with the required majority, as Resolution LP/14:

The Conference hereby suspends Standing Order 126, clause (4), until the opening of the Representative Session of the Conference of 2021 and directs that:

- (1) any deferred special resolutions adopted by the Conference of 2019 which would under that clause have been considered by the Synods before this current meeting of the Conference shall (if not already so considered) instead be so considered at their first meetings in the next connexional year; but that
- (2) any deferred special resolutions adopted by the Conference of 2020 shall be dealt with as if Standing Order 126, clause (4), were still in force.

3/17 21. FIRST REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE BUSINESS COMMITTEE

The Conference adopted Resolution 21/1 in the form:

The Conference receives the Report of the Business Committee.

- 3/18 **57. SECOND REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE BUSINESS COMMITTEE**
The Conference adopted Resolution 57/1.
- 3/19 **ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEM 60. REPORT TO THE REPRESENTATIVE SESSION OF BUSINESS CONDUCTED BY THE CONFERENCE DIACONAL COMMITTEE**
- 3/19/1 The Conference Diaconal Committee (“the Committee”) met via video conference on 9 June 2020. The President took the Chair.
1. **Deacons who have died**
The Committee approved the obituaries of Ruth Margaret Baudains, Anne Ellenor, June Harrison, Rita Margaret Jakeman, Joyce Rawkins, Patricia Sanders, Eileen Wright. *[as corrected by 6/61/1]*
 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:
Natalie Mary Clark
Helen Gardner
Suzanne Marie Sale
Vicky Ann Welsh
 - 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 Ministerial Candidates’ Selection Committee 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 Ministerial Candidates’ Selection Committee for training for presbyteral ministry:
No case
 3. **Transfer**
The Committee adopted the recommendation by a 75% majority or more of the Ministerial Candidates’ Selection Committee 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:
 - 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
Alison Hyde (from 2022 to 2023)
Robert Austin Stoner (from 2020 to 2022)
- 4.6 Special cases:
No case
- 4.7 Deferred entry into probation:
Alison Hyde
- 4.8 Withdrawals under SO 727:
- (a) Candidates
No case
 - (b) Student deacons
Helen Lunn
 - (c) Probationers
No case
- 4.9 Transfer to other Conferences or Churches:
No case
- 4.10 Reinstatements under SO 761:
No case
- 4.11 Discipline:
No case
- 4.12 The Committee noted, pursuant to SO 031, that the following students and probationers had been discontinued:
No case

In the following lists:

* = change from the lists approved by the 2019 Conference

+ = candidates accepted by the 2019 Conference

| <i>Surname</i> | <i>First name(s)</i> | <i>Due to be received into Full Connexion</i> |
|----------------|----------------------|---|
| +Amey | Janet Ann | 2024 |
| Bennett | Tessa Joanne | 2023 |
| +Chipandambria | Margaret | 2024 |
| Gabbatiss | Kim Louise | 2022 |
| Goddard | Caroline Michelle | 2021 |
| Hassall | Shirley Dianne | 2021 |
| +Hoe-Crook | Sarah Emily | 2023 |
| *Hyde | Alison | 2023 |
| Johnson | Katherine Jane | 2020 |
| Perrott | Nigel George | 2020 |
| +Pitkeathly | Sarah | 2023 |
| +Poole | Marie | 2024 |
| Rigby | Sarah Jane | 2023 |
| Sam | Theresa Effuah | 2022 |
| Snowball | Helen | 2021 |
| Spinks | Rebekah Joy | 2020 |
| Stoner | Robert Austin | 2022 |
| Uwimana | Marcianne | 2022 |
| Wheadon | Sally Anne | 2020 |

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:

Katherine Jane Johnson
Nigel George Perrott
Rebekah-Joy Spinks
Sally Anne Wheadon

6. Permission to serve abroad

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:

* Filippus den Uil
Rona Eastman
Lynda J Gallimore

(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 Standing Order 790(1), except those marked * who are applying on grounds of ill health under Standing Order 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.

9. Resignations

The Committee noted that the President had given permission for the following deacons to resign:

No case

10. Annual inquiry

Circumstances prevented the Annual Inquiry from taking place at the Convocation held virtually in May, and it has therefore been deferred until the autumn.

3/19/2 The Conference adopted as Resolution 60/1:

The Conference receives the Report.

3/19/3 The Conference adopted as Resolution 60/3:

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

3/20 **ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEM 62. RECEPTION INTO FULL CONNEXION**

3/20/1

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|---------------------------------|---|
| Contact name and details | The Revd Ruth M Gee Assistant Secretary of the Conference |
| Subject and aims | To clarify the status of those received into Full Connexion but not yet ordained. |

The context in which the Conference meets this year has brought into focus questions about our understanding of the relationship between two ceremonies which normally take place on the same day; reception into Full Connexion and ordination.

The requirement for social distancing and other measures necessitated by the current pandemic have affected many of those who were looking forward to life-changing events, among them those who were expecting to be received into Full Connexion and ordained today. This has been a difficult and painful time for them, made more difficult by the need to work to a very tight timescale to bring the resolutions attached to this report to the Conference.

When we first entered lockdown at the end of March we could not be sure what the situation would be at the end of June. It was clear that we would not be meeting in Telford as we had planned but it was not certain how long the requirement for social distancing and the prohibition on any gathering would last. By mid-April it was clear that ordination services would not be possible at the end of June. Reception into Full Connexion could and would take place for those already ordained and we needed to decide whether to proceed with this for those not yet ordained.

Reception into Full Connexion and ordination for those not already ordained are agreed upon by a single resolution of the Conference. This meant that the choice was either to defer both ceremonies until the Conference of 2021 or to receive the probationer presbyters and deacons into Full Connexion today, with the ordination

services to take place at times and places to be arranged. The completion of probation is a significant moment for those who have responded to a call to minister as presbyters and deacons, it seemed appropriate to celebrate this through their reception and move to ordain them as soon as possible. Ordinands were given the option to defer their reception into Full Connexion until the Conference of 2021 and one presbyteral ordinand has chosen to do so.

Though it is normal for reception into Full Connexion and ordination to take place on the same day, it is not without precedent for the two to be separated by significant periods of time. However, such a separation for so many brought into sharp focus the need for clarity about the status of those who will no longer be probationers but ordinands in Full Connexion.

Members of the Law and Polity and Faith and Order committees have undertaken a considerable amount of work in order that the following resolutions might be brought to the Conference. In doing so it is recognised that there is more work to be done in order to further clarify our understanding of these distinct ceremonies which are described in the Conference Report on Ordination 1974 (paragraph 21) as “so closely associated that neither is complete without the other”. In the same Conference report we read, “If one ceremony is separated from the other in time, it would seem to be right that the person concerned should refrain from acting in the way proper to the ceremony that has not yet taken place” (paragraph 22). The following resolutions enable the Conference to affirm that those being received have entered into a new relationship with the Conference, whilst recognising that they are yet to be ordained to a ministry which in essence belongs to the Church as a whole. The status of ordinands in Full Connexion is that they have entered into a new relationship with the Conference but have not yet been ordained “to the presbyterate and diaconate in the One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church” [*Methodist Worship Book 298*].

If the Conference adopts these resolutions and the subsequent resolution to receive these persons into Full Connexion, then they will enter into a covenant relationship between themselves and the Conference, and the diaconal ordinands will become full members of the Methodist Diaconal Order.

This evening as the Conference affirms their ministry, though we cannot be together physically, in every District across the Connexion, and in countries around the globe people will stand together in a joyous solemnity that is no less real because unseen.

3/20/2 The Conference adopted as Resolution 62/0:

The Conference receives the Report.

3/20/3 The Conference adopted as Resolution 62/1:

In approaching the resolutions later in today’s business to receive into Full Connexion those persons who have been recommended by the Presbyteral Session and the Conference Diaconal Committee respectively for reception into Full Connexion and ordination, the Conference:

- (a) shares our ordinands’ deep sadness that, in the current emergency, we are not able to proceed today to their ordination;
- (b) affirms and gladly celebrates that their reception into Full Connexion marks the significant moment when they have duly completed all their initial training and probation;

they have entered into the covenant relationship between themselves and the Conference;
the diaconal ordinands become full members of the Methodist Diaconal Order;

- (c) eagerly looks forward to the time when their ordination can take place and assures them of our prayers for them and for those who are continuing to support them in their ministry in this time of waiting;
- (d) recognises that meanwhile directions are needed as to the application of Standing Orders which would otherwise make no provision for their position.

3/20/4 The Conference adopted as Resolution 62/2:

The Conference accordingly (i) suspends Standing Orders 728(6)(a) and 728A(5)(a) until the opening of the Conference of 2021 and in their place directs that those who have been accepted into Full Connexion with the Conference as presbyters or deacons shall, unless already ordained, be ordained in services to be held at times and places to be arranged, at each of which the President or a deputy being a presbyter shall preside and (ii) further directs as follows:

- (1) These directions concern the position pending ordination of persons, not already ordained, who will today have been received into Full Connexion by this Conference as presbyters or deacons under Standing Order 728(5)(b) or 728A(4)(b) but cannot be ordained today.
- (2) Directions concerning references in Standing Orders to presbyters or deacons apply whether the provisions in question refer directly to presbyters or deacons or by way of the word 'minister' or 'ministers'.
- (3) All provisions in Standing Orders or in Book VI of The Constitutional Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church applying both to presbyters and presbyteral probationers shall also apply to those received into Full Connexion as presbyters and all such provisions applying both to deacons and diaconal probationers shall also apply to those received into Full Connexion as deacons.
- (4) As to those received into Full Connexion as presbyters:
 - (i) all provisions in Standing Orders relating to invitations, curtailment and extension of invitations, sabbaticals, continuing development, resignation, reinstatement, base of ministry, permission to serve elsewhere or study, supernumeraries, seniority, school, prison and workplace chaplaincies, and complaints and discipline, which apply to presbyters shall also apply to them;
 - (ii) all provisions in the following Standing Orders which apply to presbyters shall also apply to them, namely Standing Orders 052(2), 057(3), 210(1)(iv), 212(4), 323, 364(2), 417B, 425(1), 438(1A), 451, 484(1), 502(1)(b) and (g)(i), 540, 566(4)(i), 715(4), 718(10), 740(1), 782, 785 and, in 488; items (16) and (17);
 - (iii) Section 04 of Standing Orders shall apply and Section 03 shall not;

- (iv) any provisions in Standing Orders relating to presidency at the Lord's Supper, the conduct of services of confirmation, the exercise of pastoral charge, membership of the Conference, the position of district Chairs or superintendency which apply to presbyters shall not apply to them;
- (v) any provisions in the following Standing Orders which apply to presbyters shall not apply to them, namely Standing Orders 052(4), 056(4), 414(3), 426, 480, 520, 609, 729(1)(i) and, in 488, item (12);
- (vi) any provisions in Standing Orders which apply to presbyters and are not dealt with in (i) to (v) above shall apply or not apply to them as may be directed by the President should the question arise.

(5) As to those received into Full Connexion as deacons:

- (i) all provisions in Standing Orders relating to invitations, curtailment and extension of invitations, sabbaticals, continuing development, resignation, reinstatement, base of ministry, permission to serve elsewhere or study, supernumeraries, seniority, school, prison and workplace chaplaincies, and complaints and discipline, which apply to deacons shall also apply to them;
- (ii) all provisions in the following Standing Orders which apply to deacons shall also apply to them, namely Standing Orders 212(4), 323, 364(2), 417B, 438(1A), 451, 484(1), 502(1)(b), 540, 715(4), 718(9), Section 75, 783, 785;
- (iii) Section 04 of Standing Orders shall apply and Section 03 shall not;
- (iv) any provisions in Standing Order 609(1) or in Standing Orders relating to membership of the Conference which, in either case, apply to deacons shall not apply to them;
- (v) any provisions in Standing Orders which apply to deacons and are not dealt with in (i) to (iv) above shall apply or not apply to them as may be directed by the President should the question arise.

(6) Notwithstanding Standing Order 011(5)(b), any such person who has until reception into Full Connexion been authorised under Standing Order 011 to preside at the Lord's Supper shall continue to be so authorised.

3/21 The Conference adjourned at 17.43.

3/22 The Conference reassembled at 18.00.

3/23 **RECEPTION INTO FULL CONNEXION AS PRESBYTERS**

The following persons were presented for admission into Full Connexion, the Presbyteral Session having judged that they were fit for such admission and, if appropriate, for ordination:

3/23/1 The preachers on trial:

Esther Akam
Clare Anderson
Dalwyn Ronald Attwell
Daniel James Balsdon
Timothy Charles Broughton
Paul Graham Carter
Calvin Cheung
Phillip Anthony Dixon
Natalie Jade Hackett
Samantha Hagerman
Judith Cecilia Lincoln

Matthew Lunn
Alexis Jack Mahoney
John Peter Malnutt
Benjamin Scrivens
Zena Frances Smith
Ah Moi (Josephine) Soon
Rebekah Joy Stennett
Andrew John Sterling
Joy Ruth Ventom
Jervis Daniel Yovan

3/23/2 The following people to be received by transfer:

Mucharutya Chisvo
Jan Hendrik Hofmeyr
Jonathan Scott Manning
Israel Selvanayagam
Cleopas Sibanda [see 2019 2/11/1]
Alex Yesudas

3/23/3 One person to be received by reinstatement:

Barrie James Cash

3/23/4 The Conference resolved by a Standing Vote that those persons whose names had been read to the Conference and are printed in the Agenda and Daily Record be now received into Full Connexion with the Conference as presbyters, and that those not already ordained be ordained at a date and place to be determined.

(Resolution 45/6)

3/24 **RECEPTION INTO FULL CONNEXION AS DEACONS**

3/24/1 The following persons were presented for admission into Full Connexion and as full members of the Methodist Diaconal Order, the Conference Diaconal Committee having judged that they were fit for such admission and, if appropriate, for ordination:

Katherine Jane Johnson
Nigel George Perrott
Rebekah-Joy Spinks
Sally Anne Wheadon

3/24/2 The Conference resolved by a Standing Vote that those persons whose names had been read to the Conference and are printed in the Agenda be now received into Full Connexion with the Conference as deacons, and, if not already ordained, be ordained at a date and place to be determined.

(Resolution 60/4)

3/25 The Conference adjourned at 18:50.

3/26 **LETTERS**

- 3/26/1 A letter of sympathy was written in the name of the Conference to Mrs Meta Dunn.
- 3/26/2 A letter of congratulation was written in the name of the Conference to The Revd Michael D Parker.
- 3/26/3 A letter of thanks was written in the name of the Conference to Mrs Louise Wilkins for her service as Conference Officer for Legal and Constitutional Practice.

- 4/1 The Conference assembled at 9.30 and shared in worship.
- 4/2 **APPOINTMENT OF ATTESTORS OF THE DAILY RECORD AND JOURNAL**
- 4/2/1 The Conference confirmed the appointment by the Presbyteral Session of The Revd Beverly Hollings to attest the Journal of the Conference of 2019, and to attest the Daily Record and Journal and related documents of the Conference of 2020.
- 4/2/2 The Conference appointed Mrs Heather Lovelady to attest the Daily Record and Journal and related documents of the Conference of 2020.
- 4/3 **THE LOYAL ADDRESS**
- The Conference directed that a letter of greeting be sent to Her Majesty the Queen.
- 4/4 **3. APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS OF THE CONFERENCE (continued)**
- The Conference adopted Resolutions 3/1 and 3/2.
- 4/5 **ADDITIONAL REPORT FROM THE CONFERENCE BUSINESS COMMITTEE**
- 4/5/1 **Notices of Motion**
1. The Business Committee reports to the Conference that it has received a notice of motion relating to paragraph 6.2 of the Ecumenical Report (Agenda item 24, p 221) [as corrected by 5/11]. This report is therefore removed from the list of business to be taken *en bloc* and will be scheduled for Wednesday morning.
 2. Two notices of motion were among those received: one on the subject of the implications of Covid-19 and one on climate justice in the light of Covid-19. The Committee advised the President that it did not consider that these related to business before the Conference, and the President after consultation with the Vice-President, concurred (pursuant to resolution LP/10(1)). These have therefore not been circulated.
 3. In the light of the concerns raised about the implications of Covid-19 on the Church and on the world, the Committee proposes to enable workshops to take place on that theme. These will take place on Tuesday afternoon (at 4pm) via Zoom and further information will be circulated to members of the Conference. If anyone wishes to offer to facilitate one of these workshops, please indicate to the chair of the Business Committee as soon as possible (chair@methodist-nd.org.uk).

Standing Order 134A(1)

1. Standing Order 134A(1) provides for the Business Committee to table a list of those resolutions in the Conference Agenda which the Business Committee considers suitable for adoption *en bloc* ('the list').
2. Standing Order 134A(1)(c) entitles any six members of the Conference to require any item (except a recommended reply to a memorial) to be removed

from the list by giving written notice to the Secretary of the Conference before the close of business on the third day of the Representative Session.

3. Standing Order 134A(1)(d) requires the resolutions remaining in the list to be moved *en bloc* and voted upon without discussion not earlier than the fourth day of the Representative Session.
4. During a physical meeting of the Conference, the third day of the Representative Session is normally the first day on which the main Conference Business commences, namely the Monday, and the fourth day of the Representative Session is normally the second day of the main Conference Business, namely the Tuesday.
5. However, in the case of the Conference of 2020, no Representative Session took place on the Sunday, meaning that, at least arguably, the third day of the Representative Session will be the Tuesday rather than the Monday; and the fourth day will be the Wednesday, rather than the Tuesday. The Business Committee has recommended in its second report that close of business on Monday 29 June 2020 should remain the time by which notice requiring an item to be removed from the *en bloc* business must be given. The following resolution gives effect to that recommendation so far as necessary and consequentially amends Standing Order 134A(1)(d).

4/5/2 The Conference adopted as Resolution B/2:

The Conference adopts the Report.

4/5/3 The Conference adopted as Resolution B/3:

The Conference agrees that, for the Conference of 2020 only, the reference to 'the third day' in Standing Order 134A(1)(c) shall be read as a reference to Monday 29 June 2020, and the reference to 'the fourth day' in Standing Order 134A(1)(d) shall be read as a reference to Tuesday 30 June 2020

4/6 **34. CHANGING PATTERNS OF MINISTRY**

The Conference agreed to the withdrawal of Resolutions 34/2, 34/5, 34/6, 34/7, 34/8, 34/9 and 34/10.

4/7 **13. UNIFIED STATEMENT OF CONNEXIONAL FINANCES**

The Conference adopted Resolution 13/1.

4/8 **2. METHODIST COUNCIL, PART 1, Sections A and B**

4/8/1 The Conference adopted Resolution 2/1,

p 23, 3rd bullet point, *for* 'the Revd Sonia J Hicks' *reading* 'the Revd Sonia M Hicks'

4/8/2 The Conference adopted Resolution 2/2,

p 25, paragraph 2, 2nd bullet point, *for* 'ensure that and Circuits' *reading* 'ensure that churches and Circuits'

4/8/3 **Notice of Motion 2020/101: Report 2. Methodist Council, Part 1, Section B**

The Conference continues to believe that racism is a denial of the gospel and also opposes and rejects all other forms of unjust discrimination, including homophobia, biphobia and transphobia. It hears the challenge of those who proclaim that Black Lives Matter. It recognises that there is still much work to be done to ensure that individual and systemic discrimination is brought to light and rooted out of the life of the Methodist Church. While welcoming the work that has been done by the Methodist Council following the referral by the Conference of 2019 of Notices of Motion 2019/206 and 2019/207, it believes that a more robust and rigorous approach is required. Experience in many sectors has demonstrated that careful, independent and transparent monitoring processes are an essential element of combatting unjust discrimination.

The Conference adopted the Motion and the following two resolutions:

4/8/4 The Conference adopted as Resolution 2/2a:

The Conference directs the Methodist Council to monitor the extent and effectiveness of the implementation of its three directions in paragraph 5 of section B of its report and to report to the Conference of 2021.

4/8/5 The Conference adopted as Resolution 2/2b:

The Conference directs the Methodist Council to produce and implement a robust, independent and transparent system for monitoring and reviewing stationing outcomes with regard to EDI concerns and to report to the Conference of 2022.

4/9 **11. METHODIST HOMES (MHA)**

The Conference adopted Resolution 11/1.

4/10 The Conference adjourned at 11.10.

4/11 The Conference reconvened at 11.30.

4/12 The Conference was led in Bible Study by the Youth President, Ms Thelma Commey and other representatives of 3Generate.

4/13 The Conference adjourned and reconvened in its Presbyteral Session at 11.43.

4/14 **PRESBYTERAL SESSION BUSINESS COMMITTEE**

The Conference elected The Revd Catherine Dixon to serve on the Presbyteral Session Business Committee for the Conferences of 2021-2023.

4/15 The Conference adjourned and reconvened in its Representative Session at 11.46.

4/16 **DAILY RECORD**

4/16/1 The Daily Record of the Presbyteral Session on Thursday, 25 June and Friday, 26 June was presented, taken as read, and adopted,

at 2/5/1 for 'Tresize' reading 'Trezise'

- 4/16/2 The Written Portion of the Daily Record of the Presbyteral Session was presented in headings only and adopted.
- 4/16/3 The Daily Record for Saturday, 27 June was presented, taken as read, and adopted,
 at 3/3 and 3/16, in the headings, *for 'POLICY' reading 'POLITY'*
 at 3/4, in the heading, *for 'CONFERENCE BUSINESS CONFERENCE' reading 'CONFERENCE BUSINESS COMMITTEE'*
 at 3/15/4, *for 'Bishop Hannah Faal Heim' reading 'Bishop Hannah Faal-Heim'*

4/17 **22. METHODIST COUNCIL, PART 2, Section K**

4/17/1 The Conference adopted Resolution 22/8.

4/17/2 **Notice of Motion 2020/105: Black Lives Matter: Additional resolution to report 22. Methodist Council, Part 2**

With people around the world, the Conference has seen the power and passion of those who have expressed their concerns with the current events that are taking place in the USA, the UK and elsewhere with the killing of black people (notably George Floyd) and those who have been harmed by the police. The fear, anger and distress are also being reverberated in the UK and parts of the world through the Black Lives Matter movement. We stand in a prophetic moment in which people, institutions and nations are being challenged to overcome and dismantle racism and the structures which promote, sustain and enable it. Racism is not simply a matter of individual attitudes but a systemic and historic injustice of dramatic proportions. When the Conference met in Wolverhampton in 2009, it enshrined in its Standing Orders the declaration that racism is a denial of the gospel, but in reality it is still widespread within the Methodist Connexion. This notice of motion is therefore an invitation to the Conference practically to demonstrate to the world that it is appalled by these events and is taking all necessary actions to correct the wrongs of injustice and racism but also to show solidarity with victims.

The Conference adopted the Motion and the following resolution:

4/17/3 The Conference adopted as Resolution 22/8a:

The Conference:

- (i) welcomes the development of the Inclusive Methodist Church strategy and pays tribute to the efforts of those who are working to promote equality, diversity and inclusion within our connexion and to root out all discrimination. This requires the necessity of an explicit anti-racist policy in order to ensure not only diversity but an active stance against all forms of discrimination. The Conference recognises that this work requires joint effort and financial resources, in order that it may succeed and commits itself to ensure that those resources are found and provided;
- (ii) requests the Methodist Council to seek to build strategic anti-racist actions that call for the raising up of individuals (especially those hurting from this issue), partner with other churches (across denominations) and professional bodies and move forward to a just world;

- (iii) requests the Council to ensure that those working on the Inclusive Methodist Church strategy are supported by a diverse group of skilled and committed people with the relevant experience and understanding to develop the plans and to report back to the Conference with updates and recommendations;
- (iv) recognises that the connexional leadership of the church, the Chairs of District, lay workers and Superintendents, as well as its own members, do not sufficiently reflect the diversity which is present within our Connexion. The Conference, therefore, seeks a greater commitment to working to overcome this lack of diverse representation;
- (v) calls on all Methodist ministers and members to engage properly in their own contexts, without fear or favour to confront and challenge all racism and other forms of unjust discrimination that the day may come when our actions, as well as our words, show that 'racism is a denial of the gospel';
- (vi) directs every Circuit to convene a forum for reflection, conversation and planning as to how the actions in (v) may be carried out in each local context.

4/17/4 Notice of Motion 2020/102: New Resolution to report 22. Methodist Council, Part 2

The Conference of 2016 directed the Methodist Council 'to ensure that work be progressed to identify the key issues for the Methodist Church to consider in order to ensure that people who are intersex or transgender are included in the life of the Church.' The Conference of 2018 passed Notice of Motion 204 giving further directions regarding this work. The Conference notes that that included the presentation of a full report not later than 2021.

The Conference is aware that our current context is especially worrying for trans people. Despite its consultation indicating 70% support for long-campaigned for reforms to the Gender Recognition Act, this work has been shelved by the government and incidences of hate crime and transphobia are rising. Many trans people have real fears for their safety and wellbeing. The Conference therefore believes that this work is particularly important now.

The Conference welcomes the proposals relating to the Inclusive Methodist Church and believes this must include trans, intersex and non-binary people alongside other EDI strands. It rejects transphobic discrimination and calls on the Methodist people to stand with trans, intersex and non-binary people.

The Conference adopted the Motion and the following resolution:

4/17/5 The Conference adopted as Resolution 22/9a:

The Conference notes that the work referred to in Notice of Motion 2018/204 will be reported to the Conference of 2021 and directs that it be incorporated into the Inclusive Methodist Church strategy.

4/17/6 Notice of Motion 2020/103: EDI Scrutiny

The Conference expresses its thanks for the work done by the EDI Committee over the past six years and the work of the Task Group during the last year to help focus

the work going forward “towards shaping the Methodist Church to be the Inclusive Church we have long committed ourselves to be”.

The Conference notes that the reports of the EDI Task Group and the EDI Committee to the Methodist Council state that “The Methodist Council has recognised that Equality Diversity and Inclusion must move beyond being ‘one of many priorities competing for scarce resources and finance’, to being viewed as an essential and integral part of the Church’s life and mission” and that “Achieving and maintaining the inclusive church is the responsibility of the whole church.”

If achieving and maintaining the inclusive church is the responsibility of the whole Church then this must include the Conference.

The Conference also notes that one of the workstreams identified by the Task Group and the EDI Committee is “Scrutiny and Transparency”.

Whilst it is not doubted that there is commitment and competency to manage and deliver the proposed implementation plan across the Connexion, it is important that scrutiny happens in a way that not only is transparent but is seen to be transparent. This could best be done by a small independent scrutiny committee with no management responsibility. This could help to engender trust and confidence, particularly to those who have been hurt in the past. If the plan progresses as intended then this committee would have a very light touch to the actual work, as its key purpose would be scrutiny and assurance. It would report to the Council and the Conference.

The Conference therefore directs:

- 1) that the Methodist Council bring the full report from the EDI Committee and the EDI Task Group to the 2021 Conference setting out the coherent implementation plan with timescales, resources and responsibilities to achieve this;
- 2) that the EDI Committee and EDI Task Group working together ensure that the full report contains proposals for a small independent EDI Scrutiny Committee to be established to provide scrutiny and assurance on the implementation of the EDI plan going forward. This committee should have the authority to consult experts, within and outside the Church, in the different areas of equalities if needed;
- 3) that the independent body responsible for EDI scrutiny shall report annually to the Council with a summary report to the Conference until it is confident that the EDI themes are being delivered in such a way as to ensure ongoing development of the Inclusive Church.

The Conference adopted the Motion.

4/17/7 **Notice of Motion 2020/104: Report 22, Section K - EDI Data Collection, Monitoring and Analysis**

Report 22, Section K introduces the Conference to ‘The Inclusive Methodist Church’ strategy, where one of the elements is defined: ‘Represents the diversity of the Methodist Church throughout its life and structures and affirms that there is no place for discrimination in our processes of selection, discernment and appointment.’

The Conference notes that it is impossible to know if the diversity of the Methodist Church is represented throughout its structures without accurate data to assist in this assessment.

The Conference recognises that for several years, the Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Committee has repeatedly asked for the production of EDI statistics without success.

In addition in para. 2.3, Section G (Resourcing Leadership) of the Methodist Council (Part 2) report to the 2016 Conference (Overcoming Barriers to Participation). The report called for:

The development of EDI profiling across a variety of offices, lay and ordained, through both records and statistics, to identify where there are particular issues and where resources may need to be prioritised.

A piece of research which looks at barriers affecting people from a number of backgrounds from offering for particular offices in the Church, including ordained ministries to support the Ministries Committee, Ministerial Candidates' and Probationers' Oversight Committee (MCPOC) and Ministerial Candidates' Selection Committee (MCSC), in developing a wider and coordinated approach to these issues.

Although the Conference recognises the underrepresentation of women and people from black, Asian and minority ethnic (BAME) backgrounds in leadership positions and strategic committees, in the absence of accurate data and statistics it would be difficult to say what real representation would look like.

Reports from Public Health England and the Office for National Statistics on the impact of COVID-19 make clear the disproportionate impact the disease has had on BAME communities. In addition, following the unlawful killing of George Floyd in the United States and the stance taken by the Methodist Church in Britain to show solidarity with the ensuing 'Black Lives Matter' protests, it is imperative that the Methodist Church monitor, collect and analyse appropriate EDI statistics.

The collection and analysis of appropriate EDI data is critical in forming an evidence-based approach necessary to address issues of representation and disproportionality, making informed decisions and allocating resources equitably, to reflect all aspects of diversity.

Resolutions:

1. The Conference directs that the directory returns for all ministers and probationers include ethnic monitoring, and that online stationing profiles include the monitoring of all aspects of diversity.
2. The Conference urges all members of the Conference and the Council to complete monitoring forms fully.
3. The Conference also directs that all key committees record and monitor the range of diversity present in the make-up of the committee.
4. The Conference encourages all Methodist employing bodies to conduct the monitoring of all aspects of diversity, for all recruitment campaigns under their control.

5. The Conference directs the Methodist Council to determine how the data to which resolutions 1-4 refer are to be most effectively recorded and analysed.

The Conference adopted the Motion.

- 4/17/8 The Conference adopted, with the required majority, Resolution 22/9.
- 4/18 The Conference went into closed session at 13.01.
- 4/19 The Conference considered a scheme of actuarial and other liabilities recorded in the Written Portion of the Record and adopted as Resolution 64/1:
- The Conference receives the Report and adopts the scheme.
- 4/20 The Conference received a report on behalf of the Convenors of Connexional Discipline, Pastoral and Appeal Committees.
- 4/21 The Conference reconvened in open session at 13.12.
- 4/22 The Conference engaged in worship and adjourned at 13.17.
- 4/23 **LETTERS**
- 4/23/1 Letters of thanks were written in the name of the Conference to The Revd Professor Peter Byass, the Youth President Ms Thelma Commey and her colleagues from 3Generate, Mr Sam Monaghan, Chief Executive of MHA, and The Revd Prebendary C Norman R Wallwork.
- 4/23/2 Letters of sympathy were written in the name of the Conference to Lord Beith and to The Revd Dr Michael J A Long.

5/1 The Conference assembled at 9.30 and shared in worship. *[as corrected by 6/61/3]*

5/2 **ADDITIONAL REPORT FROM THE CONFERENCE BUSINESS COMMITTEE**

5/2/1 The Business Committee is grateful for the forbearance of the Conference as its business overran yesterday. This has left a considerable amount of unfinished business so, owing to the pressure on time, the Business Committee recommends that the Conference adjourns no later than 13:30 on Tuesday and Wednesday. The Business Committee further recommends that speeches be reduced to three minutes for presenters and two minutes for speakers. Where it is felt that there is support for notices of motion which have been presented, it is suggested that seconders do not need to speak.

Members of the Conference will note the list of business for today, and the Committee suggests that Agenda Item 35: The Ministerial Covenant is not expected to be a major discussion item. The Conference is asked to commend it to the Connexion for study and response, and therefore there will be opportunity for discussion and debate in other contexts and at the Conference of 2022 if the resolutions attached to the report are adopted. The Committee also notes that item 31 will now be presented immediately before item 4 with which there are overlapping themes and therefore might not necessitate much discussion.

By way of clarification, the Business Committee confirms that Notice of Motion 2020/109 is now not to be put to the Conference since it seeks to amend a resolution which the Conference has agreed to withdraw.

The Business Committee asks the permission of the Conference for Agenda Item 33: Ministry in the Methodist Church to be deferred to the 2021 Conference, as indicated in its First Report (Agenda page 168).

Members of the Conference are reminded that the confidential papers which were shared with the closed sessions of both the Presbyteral and Representative Sessions should be shredded or deleted from electronic systems.

5/2/2 The Conference adopted as Resolution B/4:

The Conference adopts the Report,

and thereby gave permission for the withdrawal of Resolutions 33/1 and 33/2.

5/2/3 The Conference adopted, with the required majority, as Resolution B/5:

The Conference suspends Standing Order 110A(6) for the duration of the Conference in so far as it applies to the designation of the Vice-President of the Conference of 2021, and resolves that the designation shall be by majority vote.

5/3 **23. CONNEXIONAL CENTRAL SERVICES BUDGET 2020/2021**

The budget was presented.

5/4 **32. FAITH AND ORDER COMMITTEE REPORT**

5/4/1 The Conference agreed to the withdrawal of Resolution 32/2.

5/4/2 The Conference adopted Resolution 32/1,
p 294, *deleting* Section 6.

5/4/3 **Notice of Motion 2020/110: Additional Resolutions for Report 32**

The Conference thanks the Faith and Order Committee for the work undertaken on the theology of online life as outlined in Agenda Item 32 Section 7. It recognises the stated need for reflection on the church's current and expanding experience of worshipping as an online community and looks forward to the fuller report on the theology of online life at the 2021 Conference.

Nevertheless the Conference believes that the exceptional current circumstances which have left the Methodist people deprived of partaking in Holy Communion for three months demands an immediate and contextual response. Whilst a return to physical space may mean that some congregation members are able to share in Holy Communion in a matter of weeks, for many more vulnerable people it may not be safe to do so for an indeterminate time. This is concerning not least in how it will sit alongside our commitment towards the vision of "The Inclusive Methodist Church" (Agenda Item 22, section K).

The Methodist people share a common endeavour in seeking to discern faithfully how to live as a eucharistic community under the current restrictions. The Conference recognises the impossibility of theologically reflecting or conferring upon questions raised by these experiences in ways which would sufficiently justify any alteration to the Methodist Church's stated understanding of Holy Communion by this Conference. However the Conference also recognises the desirability of ministers and congregations being able to respond pastorally, faithfully and appropriately to local need. In the light of this tension, the following additional resolutions are proposed.

The Conference adopted the Motion and the following two resolutions:

5/4/4 The Conference adopted as Resolution 32/3:

The Conference encourages Local Churches to reflect on their response to deprivation in the light of the Covid-19 pandemic. To assist Local Churches in this, it directs the Faith and Order Committee, as a matter of urgency, to produce guidance on acts of Holy Communion in our current context, including reflection on ways in which appropriate online participation in services of Holy Communion might be encouraged.

5/4/5 The Conference adopted as Resolution 32/4:

The Conference directs the Faith and Order Committee to undertake further reflection on Holy Communion, and to bring a report and recommendations regarding 'online communion' to the 2021 Conference.

5/5 **ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEM 63. FAITH AND ORDER COMMITTEE REPORT (2)**

5/5/1 **Revision of Guidelines on Exorcism**

1.1 The Faith and Order Committee has continued to explore various aspects of deliverance ministry of which exorcism forms a part. Although relatively few

members of the Methodist Church participate in deliverance ministry it continues to be part of the Church's ministry of healing and the Committee is working towards producing some new guidance.

- 1.2 The Faith and Order Committee has shared in conversation with a variety of Methodists who have experience of deliverance ministry and notes the increasing complexity of concerns about safe practice, particularly with regards to exorcism and working with vulnerable people. Particular caution needs to be exercised when ministering to someone in a disturbed state who is understood by some or claims to be afflicted by a power of evil or evil spirit. The Committee is aware of the need for further consultation with other safeguarding, medical and social care bodies, and that this consultation should form a part of our ongoing practice.
- 1.3 It is clear that alongside guidelines for deliverance ministry in the Methodist Church, there needs to be appropriate and robust systems of support and accountability, including adequate training, supervision, clarity about where responsibility lies, and a process for discerning whether someone has the appropriate charisms for this ministry. The Committee therefore recommends that the Methodist Council explores how these can be put in place and that it considers what resources are required to support this ministry. Some joint working with ecumenical partners may be possible and there will be further conversations about this.
- 1.4 Until such structures and resources are put in place there is the question of how the Methodist Church ensures safe practice. Exorcism of a person is only one aspect of deliverance ministry and there are a range of pastorally appropriate responses to such a request. It is therefore recommended that the Methodist Church temporarily withdraws its authorisation for the practice of exorcism of a person or persons until the guidance and systems of accountability are in place.
- 1.5 The Faith and Order Committee intends to bring the revised guidance to the 2021 Conference. Until such time, if a situation arises to which the existing guidelines apply (<https://www.methodist.org.uk/our-faith/reflecting-on-faith/faith-and-order/guidelines-for-deliverance-ministry/>), then the Chair of District should be consulted to explore referral to another Church.

5/5/2 The Conference adopted as Resolution 63/1:

The Conference receives the Report.

5/5/3 The Conference adopted as Resolution 63/2:

The Conference directs the Methodist Council to oversee the process of producing guidelines for the authorisation, training and supervision of those seeking to engage in deliverance ministry and report to the 2021 Conference.

5/5/4 The Conference adopted as Resolution 63/3:

The Conference directs that, for the interim until further guidance is prepared, no member of the Methodist Church:

(i) has the authorisation of the Methodist Church for participating in, or encouraging others to participate in, any act that might reasonably be interpreted as constituting the exorcism of a person or persons; or

(ii) shall otherwise participate in, or encourage others to participate in, such an act in circumstances where no relevant system of support, consultation and accountability acceptable to the Methodist Church, is in place.

5/6 **35. THE MINISTERIAL COVENANT**

The Conference adopted Resolutions 35/1 and 35/2.

5/7 **34. CHANGING PATTERNS OF MINISTRY (continued)**

5/7/1 The Conference adopted Resolutions 34/1, 34/3 and 34/4.

5/7/2 The Conference adopted Resolution 34/11 in the form:

The Conference directs the Stationing Committee to review the aspects of the stationing matching process described in paragraph 5.2.5 and report to the 2021 Conference.

5/7/3 The Conference adopted Resolution 34/12 in the form:

The Conference directs the Stationing and Ministries Committees to review the candidating, training and stationing processes in order to:

(a) explore how it can be ensured that there is a clear process for enabling some presbyters to serve in local, pioneer and specific cultural/language appointments;

(b) explore how this possibility could be clearly communicated to those involved in the candidating, training and stationing matching processes; and

(c) prepare provisional guidance for those considering such appointments;

and report to the 2021 Conference.

5/8 The Conference adjourned at 11.14.

5/9 The Conference reconvened at 11.30.

5/10 The Conference was led in Bible Study by the Warden of the Methodist Diaconal Order, Deacon Karen McBride.

5/11 **DAILY RECORD**

The Daily Record for Monday, 29 June was presented, taken as read, and adopted,

at 4/5/1, lines 3-4, for '(Agenda item 221)' reading '(Agenda item 24, p 221)'

5/12 **27. CLIMATE CHANGE AND FOSSIL FUELS: RESPONSE TO MEMORIAL 32 (2017) AND CONFERENCE REPLY**

The Conference adopted Resolution 27/1.

5/13 **ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEM 27A. CLIMATE CHANGE AND FOSSIL FUELS – UPDATE REPORT**

5/13/1 The Joint Advisory Committee on the Ethics of Investment (JACEI) work assessing oil and gas companies has continued in the past quarter. A regular JACEI meeting was held in June,

- JACEI members noted that the Central Finance Board had followed the Committee’s advice and added several oil and gas companies to its ethical exclusion list. This had required the CFB to sell its holdings in BP, Total, and ARC Resources.
- JACEI reviewed a refreshed assessment of the oil and gas sector, focusing on four companies held in CFB funds, and including for reference BP and Total. New data from the Transition Pathway Initiative (TPI) was used for one of the metrics in the assessment. Rather than focus on one or two factors, companies are assessed across up to 25 metrics under five categories, as reported to Conference 2018: current asset mix; capital expenditure; strategy and governance; positive transition steps; decreasing emissions.
- JACEI noted that there had been no change in the green ‘traffic light’ rating derived for the four companies held in CFB funds.
- These companies have all made commitments that lead the Committee to believe they are aligned, or are close to being aligned, with the Paris Agreement. JACEI advised the CFB that it should engage further with these companies to press for more detail on their commitments and for further action.
- The CFB has committed to continuing its intensive engagement with fossil fuel companies, including on the points JACEI recommended, outlined in its Report to Conference, though the pandemic lockdown had prevented physical meetings from taking place. As a responsible shareholder, the CFB is committed to pushing for further and faster change.
 - **Repsol**
Repsol had seen a small change due to the carbon performance metric now using TPI data, but the rating and its relative position was not affected.
 - **ENI**
The ENI rating and relative position were unchanged.
 - **Royal Dutch Shell**
After the assessment was completed in April, Shell made new announcements. It has a net zero target for Scope 1 and 2 emissions. It has a new ambition, to ensure its net carbon footprint is consistent with a +1.5°C outcome, rather than 2°C. It is the best company on the TPI data now being used for the carbon performance metric. We note that the current TPI analysis does not show that Shell is aligned with 1.5°C, but TPI states that “Its 1.5°C alignment claim could reflect the impact of its additional sectoral decarbonisation initiatives and plans to pivot over time towards serving the businesses and sectors that, by 2050, are net zero emissions themselves. However, these initiatives cannot currently be captured by TPI’s Carbon Performance methodology.”

Shell has pledged to work “more closely with other organisations that are aiming for net zero by 2050, and potentially not serving those which do not share the same ambition”. This links to an area we have advised the CFB to engage with the company about. The company had not yet appeared to have considered in detail how it would ‘pivot’ away from companies without a +1.5 °C strategy. This is an area about which we have advised the CFB to engage.

Overall, on the revised assessment, there was no change in the Shell rating and a slight improvement in its assessment. Its relative position remained unchanged.

- **Equinor**
Equinor has seen marginal improvement since the March/April assessment due to its improving production and emissions trend. On the revised assessment, Equinor’s rating remained unchanged, its assessment improved slightly, and its relative position remained unchanged.
- The Committee has not examined BP and Total in detail since issuing its advice in April, but it did note that Total had made new commitments regarding responding to global warming. Its advice has not changed.

The Climate Emergency is a matter of grave concern to Methodists. JACEI will continue to review the progress these companies make and should that reverse or prove insufficient it will update its advice to the CFB. JACEI will report further on this ongoing work to Conference 2021.

5/13/2 The Conference adopted as Resolution 27A/1:

The Conference receives the additional Report.

5/14 **27. CLIMATE CHANGE AND FOSSIL FUELS: RESPONSE TO MEMORIAL 32 (2017) AND CONFERENCE REPLY (continued)**

The Conference adopted Resolution 27/2 in the form:

- The Conference welcomes the analysis provided by the Central Finance Board and JACEI, and the recent decision to disinvest from BP and Total
- The Conference notes the recognition of the climate emergency by the 2019 Conference and the need for urgent action at all levels
- The Conference notes that the Notice of Motion 2017/109 passed at the 2017 Conference requested disinvestment from any oil and gas company by the 2020 Conference that “has not aligned their business investment plans with the Paris Agreement target of a global temperature rise well below 2 degrees”
- The Conference notes that the JACEI report for the 2020 Conference on Climate change and fossil fuels, which draws the conclusion that Repsol, ENI, Royal Dutch Shell, and Equinor "are aligned, or are close to being aligned, with the Paris Agreement", has not fully implemented Notice of Motion 2017/109
- Taking account of the findings of the Transition Pathway Initiative (TPI), a project supported by the Central Finance Board, the Conference refers to the

Methodist Council a request that JACEI recommend that the Central Finance Board fully implements Notice of Motion 2017/209, and disinvests before the 2021 Conference from all oil and gas companies which are not currently aligned with the Paris Agreement target of a global temperature rise well below 2 degrees.

5/15 **6. SPECIAL RESOLUTION**

The Conference adopted, with the required majority, Resolution 6/1.

5/16 **31. STATISTICS FOR MISSION (continued)**

The Conference adopted Resolution 31/1,

p 286, Figure 3, *replacing* the graph shown with:

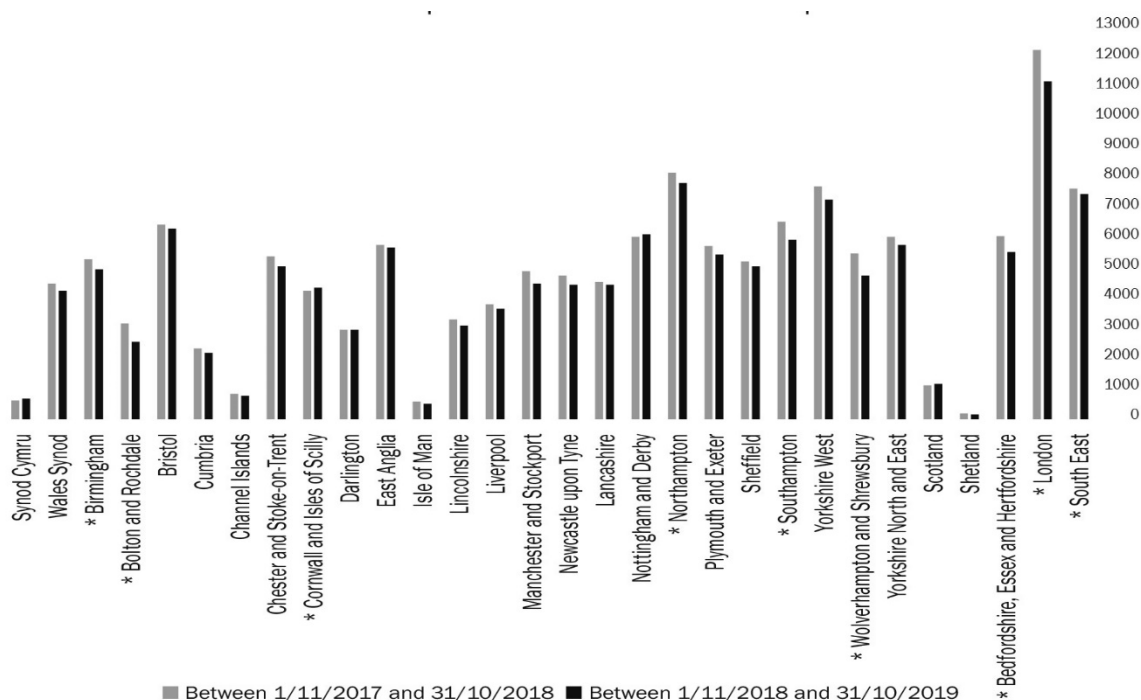


Figure 3: Comparison of estimated weekly attendance figures between the latest and previous statistical years

Estimated average attendance was up in 4 and down in 26 Districts. London, Northampton and the South East reported the highest number of attendees.

5/17 **4. GOD FOR ALL: THE CONNEXIONAL STRATEGY FOR EVANGELISM AND GROWTH**

The Conference adopted Resolution 4/1.

5/18 **53. METHODIST COUNCIL, PART 3, Section S**

5/18/1 The Conference adopted Resolutions 53/7 and 53/8.

5/18/2 The Conference adopted Resolution 53/9 in the form:

The Conference notes that the Council will bring a new budget proposal for 2021/22 to the 2021 Conference and directs that the Church in the Margins element of budget includes a commitment to fund social justice projects that

reach the most marginalised in society using the current criteria for Methodist Action on Poverty and Justice, as in SO 1004.

5/19 **4. GOD FOR ALL: THE CONNEXIONAL STRATEGY FOR EVANGELISM AND GROWTH (continued)**

5/19/1 The Conference agreed to the withdrawal of Resolution 4/2.

5/19/2 The Conference adopted Resolution 4/3.

5/20 **12. 3GENERATE 2019 – METHODIST CHILDREN AND YOUTH ASSEMBLY**

5/20/1 The Conference adopted Resolutions 12/1, 12/2 and 12/3.

5/20/2 The Conference adopted Resolution 12/4 in the form:

The Conference directs the Ministries Committee, in conversation with the Queen's Foundation, to explore how mental health awareness is included in presbyteral and diaconal training and to report to the 2021 Conference via the Methodist Council.

5/20/3 The Conference adopted Resolution 12/5 in the form:

The Conference commends the Mental Health First Aid work being done by the Connexional Team and asks for a report to the 2022 Conference via the Methodist Council.

5/21 The Conference adjourned at 13.39.

5/22 **LETTERS**

5/22/1 A letter of thanks was written in the name of the Conference to Deacon Karen McBride.

5/22/2 A letter of congratulation was written in the name of the Conference to Professor Anthony G Reddie on receiving a Lambeth Award for his exceptional and sustained contribution to Black Theology.

- 6/1 The Conference assembled at 9.30.
- 6/2 The Conference shared in worship, in which the following, who have died in the last year, were remembered:
- (a) the presbyters remembered in the Presbyteral Session and listed at 2/8.
- (b) the deacons who have died since the last Conference:
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| Gloria Baillie | Rita Margaret Jakeman |
| Ruth Margaret Baudains | Joyce Rawkins |
| Anne Ellenor | Patricia Sanders |
| June Harrison | Eileen Wright |
- (c) the following lay people especially remembered as servants of the Church:
- James D G Dunn
Ian Edwards
Christopher Wood
- (d) those who have served as Mission Partners:
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| The Revd John William Ansley | Eastern Nigeria |
| The Revd John H Atkinson | Jamaica |
| Mrs Kathleen Brown | India |
| The Revd A Wesley Cooke | India |
| The Revd Brian Dann | Zimbabwe |
| The Revd David Dunn-Wilson | Panama, Kenya |
| Margaret Gardner | Western Nigeria |
| Marjorie Hopp | Zambia |
| The Revd David J Hudson | Ghana |
| Dr Elizabeth Eirene Johnson | Sierra Leone and Kenya |
| Anne Marjorie Judson | South India |
| The Revd James S 'Paddy' Kyle | Malaysia |
| The Revd John H Roberts | Zimbabwe |
| The Revd John P Le Sueur | India |
| The Revd D John E Salmon | Zimbabwe |
| The Revd Roger H Smith | Sierra Leone and MCCA |
| The Revd Dr Paul Snell | Côte d'Ivoire |
| The Revd David Stringer | Bolivia |
| The Revd Dr John B Taylor | Côte d'Ivoire |
| The Revd Geoffrey Wainwright | Dahomey, Togo |
| The Revd Albert Ward | Jamaica |
| The Revd Colin R Wilson | Jamaica |
- (e) 304 accredited Local Preachers whose names are recorded in a Book of Thanksgiving held at Methodist Church House;
- (f) many others whose service is known to others and to God.

6/3 **DESIGNATION OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE CONFERENCE**

The Revd Sonia M Hicks was designated for appointment as President of the Conference of 2021.

6/4 **DESIGNATION OF THE VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE CONFERENCE**

Mrs Barbara Easton was designated for appointment as Vice-President of the Conference of 2021.

6/5 **CONFERENCE-ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES**

The Conference elected the following to serve as Conference-elected Representatives at the Conferences of 2021-2023:

The Revd Dr P Kofi Amisshah
Mr Matthew C Collins
The Revd Ian S Rutherford

6/6 **CONFERENCE BUSINESS COMMITTEE ELECTION**

The Conference elected the following to serve on the Representative Session Business Committee at the Conferences of 2021-2023:

The Revd Dr Keith R Albans
Mr Dudley J Coates
Mrs Katrin Hackett
The Revd Stephen J Lindridge
The Revd Stephanie Njeru

6/7 **25. REAFFIRMING OUR CALLING: OVERSIGHT AND TRUSTEESHIP**

6/7/1 The Conference adopted as Resolution 25/0:

The Conference receives the Report and invites comments on it from around the Connexion.

6/7/2 The Conference adopted Resolution 25/1 in the form:

The Conference welcomes and affirms the ethos and direction of the Report's section on local church trusteeship, and supports the suggestion that raising the minimum size for a Local Church will assist Circuits to coordinate their mission. The Conference, therefore, directs the Methodist Council, in consultation with the Law and Polity Committee, to ensure that a review of Standing Order 605 (1) and (2) takes place and that a proposal is brought to the 2021 Conference to raise the minimum size for a Local Church, together with examples of creative ways in which one Church on multiple sites and/or federations of classes under a united Church Council can enable local missional communities to flourish. In the light of this, and to maximise the potential fruitfulness of all Circuits' use of their resources, the Conference further directs all Circuit Meetings to review the number of Church Councils in the Circuit and encourages Church Councils to work together to determine the best way of working to achieve the minimum number of trustee bodies necessary to fulfil its calling.

6/7/3 The Conference adopted Resolutions 25/2, 25/3, 25/4, 25/5, 25/6, 25/7 and 25/8.

- 6/7/4 The Conference adopted Resolution 25/9 in the form:
- The Conference directs the Secretary of the Conference to convene a small group to have oversight of the work on structures of oversight and trusteeship to ensure that there is collaborative working, further consultation as necessary and that concerns already identified and comments received after the Conference are addressed, and in order to ensure that the proposals brought to the 2021 Conference are cohesive and comprehensive.
- 6/7/5 The Conference received as a further report:
- It is proposed that the small group comprises the Secretary of the Conference, the Connexional Secretary, the chair of the Strategy and Resources Committee, a representative of the Faith and Order Committee, a representative of the concerns of equality diversity and inclusion, a representative of the Law and Polity Committee, a District Chair, a Superintendent, a lay Synod Secretary and a circuit steward.
- 6/7/6 The Conference adopted as Resolution 25/1a:
- The Conference directs Circuit Meetings and Church Councils to undertake Unconscious Bias related training in order to ensure equality and diversity within the appointments process of the new trustee bodies.
- 6/7/7 The Conference adopted as Resolution 25/6a:
- The Conference directs that within the process of reviewing mission plans, committee structures and ways of working at District Level, equality and diversity will be taken into consideration, and that any persons responsible for appointing new members to those committees will undertake Unconscious Bias related training.
- 6/8 **22. METHODIST COUNCIL, PART 2, Section M**
The Conference adopted Resolutions 22/11, 22/12, 22/13, 22/14 and 22/15.
- 6/9 The Conference adjourned at 11.12.
- 6/10 The Conference reconvened at 11.30.
- 6/11 The Conference was led in Bible Study by The Revd Bruce D Thompson.
- 6/12 **56. MEMORIALS TO THE CONFERENCE**
- 6/12/1 **Memorial M3**
The Conference received Memorial M3 and adopted as its reply that recommended by the Memorials Committee, the Memorial and the reply appearing on Agenda pp 552-553.
- 6/12/2 **Memorials M1-M2, M4-M10**
The Conference received Memorials M1, M2, M4, M5, M6, M7, M8, M9 and M10 and adopted as its replies those recommended by the Memorials Committee, the Memorials and the replies appearing on Agenda pp 549-551 and 553-560,

p 557, in the reply to Memorial M7 paragraph 2, *for 'statue' reading 'status'*

and paragraph 3, line 4, for 'others' reading 'other groups'

6/13 **22. METHODIST COUNCIL, PART 2, Sections N and O**

6/13/1 The Conference adopted Resolution 22/16.

6/13/2 The Conference adopted Resolution 22/17,

replacing the proposed changes to Standing Orders 010, 690, 690A and 1125 on pp 197-199 *with*:

010 Qualification for appointment. (1) [unchanged]

(2) [As Agenda p 197-198, but with initial capital letters for "Disclosure and Barring Service"]

(3) [unchanged]

(4) Clause (2) above shall have effect in relation to persons in any jurisdiction within the home Districts other than England and Wales as if, in any such jurisdiction in which any of the legislative provisions there mentioned does not have effect, there were substituted a reference to the legislation, if any, of similar substance in force in that jurisdiction from time to time: ***and as if the reference to the Disclosure and Barring Service were a reference to the body in that jurisdiction, if any, with a comparable power of barring persons from work with children, young people or vulnerable adults.***

690 Arrangements for involvement. (1) When a person:

(i) who has been convicted of or has received a simple or conditional caution in respect of an offence referred to in Standing Order 010(2)(ii); or

(ii) in respect of whom the Safeguarding Committee has made a recommendation that clause (2) below should apply

worships in a Local Church or seeks to become involved in its life, he or she may only do so in accordance with the provisions of that clause (2) below.

(2)(a) ~~The Local Church in question, acting by~~ ***safeguarding officer for the relevant District in consultation with*** the presbyter in pastoral charge ***or circuit superintendent,*** must establish a monitoring and support group, ***including at least one member of the Local Church,*** in accordance with the applicable policies and ~~practice guidance~~ ***procedures*** adopted by the Methodist Council from time to time, for the purposes set out there and in this Standing Order.

(b) The ***safeguarding officer, working with the*** group so established, must consider the recommendations made in any risk assessment undertaken pursuant to Standing Order 237 and if no such risk assessment has been undertaken, ***must carry out such an assessment at the earliest opportunity*** ~~will immediately refer the matter to a safeguarding officer as defined in Standing Order 236.~~

(bA) The ***safeguarding officer, working with the*** group ~~will seek~~ ***and seeking*** to minimise the risk to others presented by the person concerned, ~~and for that purpose~~ ***will determine on what terms he or she may attend for worship and become involved in the life of the Local Church.***

(c) [unchanged]

[(3) and (4) deleted; (5) and (6) unchanged.]

690A Review of a Contract. (1) [unchanged]

(2) The group shall consider at least once every three years, ***but no earlier than two years and six months after the contract takes effect or after the***

latest previous consideration of the subject, whether a new risk assessment is required to be undertaken to reassess the risk posed by the person concerned. *This timescale may be varied, but only by the appropriate connexional safeguarding officer.*

[(3) to (5) unchanged]

1125 Possible Criminal Offences. (1) [unchanged]

(2) If in the view of the relevant connexional Team member, the criminal offence to which the matters alleged amount or may amount is an offence mentioned in the First Schedule to the Children and Young Persons Act 1933 as currently in force *or is one which is included in the Sexual Offences Act 2003 or Schedule 15 of the Criminal Justice Act 2003* ~~section 1 of the Sexual Offences Act 1956~~ and (in either *any such* case) the offence if committed *is* against a person under 18 *or a vulnerable adult*, the relevant connexional Team member must report the matter to the police. *If the matters alleged relate to a minister or office holder (paid or voluntary) working with children or young people a report of the matter must be made by the relevant connexional Team member to the Local Authority Designated Officer or, if no such officer or equivalent office or body is appointed, to the local children's services in addition to being reported to the police.*

(2A) Clause (2) above shall have effect in relation to persons in any jurisdiction within the home Districts other than England and Wales as if, in any such jurisdiction in which any of the legislative provisions there mentioned does not have effect, there were substituted a reference to the legislation, if any, of similar substance in force in that jurisdiction from time to time.

[(3) to (7) unchanged]

6/13/3 The Conference adopted Resolutions 22/18, 22/19 and 22/20.

6/14 **53. METHODIST COUNCIL, PART 3, Section T: 3Generate 2020**

6/14/1 The Conference adopted Resolutions 53/10 and 53/11.

6/14/2 The Conference adopted as Resolution 53/13:

The Conference hereby suspends Standing Order 250 to the close of the Conference of 2021 and makes the following directions:

(i) the Youth President designated at the last Assembly shall take office from the 1st September 2020 and shall fulfil the role set out in clause (8) of that Standing Order;

(ii) the Youth President's Advisory Group shall continue to be constituted in accordance with and fulfil the responsibilities laid down in clause (9);

(iii) the elections of the Youth President-designate and the representatives to the Conference of 2021 and the nomination of the representatives to the Methodist Council for the connexional year from 1 September 2021 which would have been conducted under clauses (10) to (12) shall be conducted electronically in accordance with the following procedure:

(a) the persons entitled to vote shall be those who would have been eligible to be members of the Assembly under clauses (3) and (4) and who have fulfilled

any requirements agreed under (b) below for registering in advance their intention to vote, and those persons shall constitute the Assembly for the connexional year 2020-2021 for the purposes of clause 14(2)(xA) of the Deed of Union;

(b) the procedures under which the elections are to be held shall be those agreed and overseen by a group consisting of: the Youth President's Advisory Group, together with those who were elected by the last Assembly as ecumenical representatives, British Youth Council representatives, and representatives for the World Methodist Council/Global Relationships and for Social Justice.

(iv) the persons eligible for election or nomination, as the case may be, under (iii) above shall be those who fulfil the requirements for eligibility under clauses (10) (other than (i)), (11) and (12) respectively;

(v) the Youth President may exercise the powers to appoint substitutes for representatives or nominees as provided for in clauses (11) and (12).

6/14/3 The Conference adopted as Resolution 53/14:

The Conference hereby suspends Standing Order 102(5) to the close of the Conference of 2021 and directs that the Youth President and the persons elected for that purpose in accordance with the procedures laid down by resolution 1 shall be the representatives to that Conference.

6/15 **24. ECUMENICAL REPORT**

6/15/1 The Conference adopted Resolution 24/1.

6/15/2 **Notice of Motion 2020/113: Report 24 – Ecumenical Report**

The Conference celebrates the valuable work of Churches Together in England (CTE) and rejoices in its emphasis on mission and flexible approach to new partnerships. (Para 6.1).

The Conference notes that members of CTE work together across deep disagreement on core doctrinal issues, such as around the nature of the Church, the Sacraments and Orders of Ministry, and gives thanks for the grace shown in this way of working.

The Conference further notes that since 2014, being in same-sex marriage is not a bar to any office within the Methodist Church.

The Conference, therefore, expresses its dismay that the CTE Enabling Group asked the Fourth Group to refrain from the duly elected president - Hannah Brock Womack - taking her seat, prompted by her same-sex marriage.

Furthermore, the Conference laments the pain that the Enabling Group's decision inflicts on Ms. Brock Womack, the Religious Society of Friends and LGBTQ+ Christians and their allies.

The Conference adopted the Motion and the following two resolutions:

6/15/3 The Conference adopted as Resolution 24/2:

The Conference encourages CTE to allow Hannah Brock Womack to take up the position for which she was duly nominated, rejoicing that we journey together as ecumenical partners despite our various differences.

- 6/15/4 The Conference adopted as Resolution 24/3:
- The Conference directs the Secretary of the Conference to communicate the text of this Notice of Motion to the Revd Dr Paul Goodliff, General Secretary of CTE and the six Presidents, including Hannah Brock Womack.
- 6/16 **23. CONNEXIONAL CENTRAL SERVICES BUDGET 2020/2021 (continued)**
The Conference adopted Resolutions 23/1, 23/2 and 23/3.
- 6/17 **53. METHODIST COUNCIL, PART 3, Section R**
The Conference adopted Resolutions 53/2, 53/3, 53/4, 53/5 and 53/6.
- 6/18 **2. METHODIST COUNCIL, PART 1, Sections C and D**
- 6/18/1 The Conference adopted Resolutions 2/3 and 2/4,
- p 32, SO 213A(2):
*for 'five **three** persons' reading 'five **no fewer than three** persons'*
- p 33, SO 213A(5) *adding:*
(ivA) to ensure that appropriate assurances and processes for risk management are in operation;
- 6/18/2 The Conference adopted Resolutions 2/5, 2/6 and 2/7.
- 6/19 **7. CONNEXIONAL ALLOWANCES COMMITTEE**
The Conference adopted Resolutions 7/1 and 7/2.
- 6/20 **8. THE TRUSTEES FOR THE BAILIWICK OF GUERNSEY METHODIST CHURCH PURPOSES**
The Conference adopted Resolution 8/1.
- 6/21 **9. TRUSTEES FOR JERSEY METHODIST CHURCH PURPOSES**
The Conference adopted Resolution 9/1.
- 6/22 **10. METHODIST FORCES BOARD**
The Conference adopted Resolutions 10/1 and 10/2.
- 6/23 **14. METHODIST SCHOOLS**
- 6/23/1 The Conference adopted Resolutions 14/1, 14/2, 14/3, 14/4, 14/5, 14/6, 14/7, 14/8, 14/9, 14/10, 14/11, 14/12, 14/13, 14/14, 14/15, 14/16 and 14/17.
- 6/23/2 The Conference adopted as Resolution 14/18:
- In exercise of the power of delegation given by clause 21(viii) of the Deed of Union, the Conference delegates to the Methodist Council its power to appoint the chair of the Methodist Independent Schools Trust (MIST) and directs that

the Council, acting on behalf of the Conference, shall appoint a new chair of MIST as soon as reasonably practicable.

- 6/24 **15. COMMITTEE ON METHODIST LAW AND POLITY (1)**
The Conference adopted Resolutions 15/1, 15/2, 15/3, 15/4 and 15/5.
- 6/25 **16. SAFEGUARDING COMMITTEE**
The Conference adopted Resolution 16/1,
p 141, table, final row, *for* 'Resigned from role' *reading* 'Total'
- 6/26 **17. MANAGING TRUSTEES OF JOHN WESLEY'S CHAPEL, THE NEW ROOM, BRISTOL, AND 4-5 CHARLES STREET, BRISTOL**
The Conference adopted Resolutions 17/1 and 17/2.
- 6/27 **18. FERNLEY HARTLEY TRUST**
The Conference adopted Resolutions 18/1 and 18/2.
- 6/28 **19. METHODIST INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS TRUST (MIST) – REVISION TO ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION**
The Conference adopted Resolution 19/1.
- 6/29 **22. METHODIST COUNCIL, PART 2, Sections E, F, G, H, I, J and L**
The Conference adopted Resolutions 22/1, 22/2, 22/3, 22/4, 22/5, 22/6, 22/7 and 22/10.
- 6/30 **26. ACTION FOR CHILDREN**
The Conference adopted Resolutions 26/1 and 26/2.
- 6/31 **28. JOINT ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON THE ETHICS OF INVESTMENT**
The Conference adopted Resolution 28/1.
- 6/32 **29. JOINT COVENANT ADVOCACY AND MONITORING GROUP**
6/32/1 The Conference adopted Resolutions 29/1, 29/2 and 29/3.
6/32/2 The Conference adopted Resolution 29/4 in the form:

The Conference directs the Faith and Order Committee to work with the Faith and Order Commission and others to explore our understanding of organic unity and full visible unity.
- 6/32/3 The Conference adopted as Resolution 29/5:

The Conference appoints The Revd Richard J Teal as Co-Chair of the Joint Covenant Advocacy and Monitoring Group.

Richard Teal is President of the Conference for the year 2020/2021, and has wide experience of working ecumenically, particularly in pioneering a county-wide ecumenical project while Chair of the Cumbria District.

- 6/33 **30. NOMINATIONS FOR THE WORLD METHODIST COUNCIL**
- 6/33/1 **Update report**
The World Methodist Conference meeting will now take place in 2022.
- 6/33/2 The Conference adopted Resolution 30/1.
- 6/33/3 The Conference adopted Resolution 30/2 in the form:

The Conference appoints those officers named in paragraph 12 as representatives to the World Methodist Council for the 2022-2027 quinquennium.
- 6/33/4 The Conference renumbered the second Resolution 30/2 on Agenda p 282 as 30/3 and adopted Resolution 30/3 in the form:

The Conference agrees that funding be made available for one person from each District to attend the World Methodist Conference in 2022.
- 6/34 **36. METHODIST MINISTERS' PENSION SCHEME (MMPS)**
- 6/34/1 The Conference adopted Resolution 36/1,

p 405, paragraphs 10 and 11, *for* 'Mr Ronald Calver, Mr Graham Danbury and Mr John Wyatt' *reading* 'Mr Graham Danbury and Mr John Wyatt'
- 6/34/2 The Conference adopted Resolutions 36/2, 36/3, 36/4, 36/5 and 36/6.
- 6/34/3 The Conference adopted Resolution 36/7 in the form:

The Conference reappoints Mr Graham Danbury and Mr John Wyatt as Employer-Nominated Directors of the Methodist Ministers' Pension Trust Ltd from 1 September 2020.
- 6/35 **37. STATIONING COMMITTEE**
The Conference adopted Resolution 37/1.
- 6/36 **38. TRUSTEES FOR METHODIST CHURCH PURPOSES (TMCP)**
The Conference adopted Resolutions 38/1, 38/2, 38/3 and 38/4.
- 6/37 **39. MANAGING TRUSTEES OF THE METHODIST CENTRAL HALL, WESTMINSTER**
The Conference adopted Resolutions 39/1 and 39/2.
- 6/38 **40. CENTRAL FINANCE BOARD OF THE METHODIST CHURCH**
The Conference adopted Resolutions 40/1 and 40/2.
- 6/39 **41. COMMITTEE ON METHODIST LAW AND POLITY (2)**
- 6/39/1 The Conference adopted Resolutions 41/1 and 41/2,

p 440, Standing Order 015(2), *replacing* the text shown *with*:

(2) The responsibility for supervising and arranging the deposit of church records *under this Standing Order* shall rest with the responsible supervisor- *who shall be:*

- (i) in relation to local church and circuit records, the church or circuit archivist, if appointed, failing whom the Superintendent;*
- (ii) in relation to district records, the Chair; and*
- (iii) in relation to connexional records, the relevant secretary or convener.*

and deleting Standing Order 015(2A).

6/39/2 The Conference adopted Resolutions 41/3 and 41/4.

6/40 **43. REFERRED MEMORIALS AND NOTICES OF MOTION**

The Conference adopted Resolution 43/1.

6/41 **48. COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS**

6/41/1 The Conference adopted Resolutions 48/1, 48/2, 48/3 and 48/4.

6/41/2 The Conference adopted Resolution 48/5,

p 473, *deleting* '[the Revd] Prof Teddy Kalongo' and 'Mr Rob Cooper'

6/41/3 The Conference adopted Resolution 48/6.

6/41/4 The Conference adopted Resolution 48/7,

p 474, *adding* the Revd Dr Catrin L Harland-Davies, the Revd Dr Graham M Edwards, the Revd Dr Caroline Wickens

Catrin Harland-Davies Co-Director of the Centre for Continuing Ministerial Development at the Queen's Foundation, Birmingham. She has a PhD in biblical studies, exploring the ecclesiology of the New Testament church.

Graham Edwards Superintendent of the Macclesfield Circuit, with academic interest in practical theology. His doctoral research involved an exploration of the nature of lived Methodism and he has a continuing interest in how the Methodist Church does theology out of lived experience.

Caroline Wickens Superintendent of the Manchester Circuit, with expertise in biblical studies and experience of theological education, including overseas and within the Learning Network.

6/41/5 The Conference adopted Resolutions 48/8, 48/9 and 48/10.

6/41/6 The Conference adopted Resolution 48/11,

p 475-476, *(iv) Thirty District representatives:*
for 'the Revd David W Hookins' reading 'the Revd Ruth G S Fry'
for 'a vacancy (Cymru)' reading 'Ms Bet Holmes'
for 'a vacancy (Cumbria)' reading 'Mr Peter Gregson'
for 'a vacancy (Lancashire)' reading 'Mr Carl Fairclough'

*(ix) Two representatives of concerns of equality, diversity and inclusion:
for 'a vacancy' reading 'Mr Bala Gnanapragasam'*

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| Carl Fairclough | Nominated to the Council by the Lancashire District. |
| Ruth Fry | Nominated to the Council by the Southampton District. |
| Bala Gnanapragasam | Nominated to the Council by the EDI Committee. |
| Peter Gregson | Nominated to the Council by the Cumbria District. |
| Bet Holmes | Nominated to the Council by Synod Cymru. |

6/41/7 The Conference adopted Resolutions 48/12 and 48/13.

6/41/8 The Conference adopted Resolutions 48/14,

p 477,

for 'Recording Officers: *to be confirmed*', reading 'Recording Officer: Deacon Tracey J Hume'

for 'Reporting Officer: *to be confirmed*', reading 'Reporting Officer: Deacon Marilyn O S Slowe'

6/41/9 The Conference adopted Resolutions 48/15, 48/16 and 48/17.

6/42 **50. METHODIST DIACONAL ORDER GENERAL REPORT**

The Conference adopted Resolutions 50/1 and 50/2.

6/43 **53. METHODIST COUNCIL, PART 3, Sections Q and U**

The Conference adopted Resolutions 53/1 and 53/12.

6/44 **54. WESLEY HOUSE, CAMBRIDGE**

The Conference adopted Resolutions 54/1, 54/2 and 54/3.

6/45 **58. METHODIST CHURCH HOUSE (METHODIST CENTENARY HALL TRUST) - AMENDMENT OF 1998 SCHEME**

The Conference adopted Resolutions 58/1 and 58/2.

6/46 **59. RELIEF AND EXTENSION FUND FOR METHODISM IN SCOTLAND**

The Conference adopted Resolutions 59/1 and 59/2.

6/47 **5. CONFERENCE ARRANGEMENTS (continued)**

6/47/1 The Conference adopted Resolution 5/1 in the form:

The Conference adopts the Report, and directs the Conference Office to work, in conjunction with the Conference Business Committee and others as necessary, to seek to extend, by at least the equivalent of one business day, the time available for the conduct of the business of the 2021 Conference. (This might include, for example, undertaking business on the Saturday morning and Thursday afternoon of the Conference, or an additional electronic meeting to deal with non-contentious business.)

6/47/2 The Conference adopted Resolutions 5/2 and 5/7.

6/48 **42. AUTHORISATIONS COMMITTEE**

6/48/1 The Conference adopted Resolution 42/1.

6/48/2 The Conference adopted Resolution 42/2,

p 448-450, List A

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| <i>adding</i> | 36/8 | West Sussex (Coast and Downs) | Ian R Couchman | (P) |
| <i>adding</i> | 36/17 | Hastings, Bexhill and Rye | Alan Hurrell | (L) |
| <i>adding</i> | 36/17 | Hastings, Bexhill and Rye | Jill Sayers | (L) |
| <i>adding</i> | 36/25 | South Kent | Roy Hollands | (L) |
| <i>for</i> | 25/- | Derbyshire North East | Mark Carrick | (P) |
| <i>reading</i> | 25/2 | Derbyshire North East | Mark Carrick | (P) |

p 450-452, List B

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| <i>for</i> | 5/24 | Herefordshire (South and West) | Joyce Wayman | (L) |
| <i>reading</i> | 5/24 | Herefordshire (South and East) | Joyce Wayman | (L) |

p 453-454, List C

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| <i>adding</i> | 35/36 | Harrow and Hillingdon | Kenneth P Kingston | (P) |
| <i>for</i> | 25/11 | Bolsover and Staveley | Kevin Laming | (L) |
| <i>reading</i> | 25/2 | Derbyshire North East | Kevin Laming | (L) |

6/48/3 The Conference adopted as Resolution 42/3:

The Conference authorises the following presbyteral ordinands in Full Connexion to preside at the Lord's Supper until such time that they are ordained, in accordance with the provisions of SO 011:

| Circuit no | Circuit name | Application |
|------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 2/9 | Cardiff | Alexis Mahoney |
| 9/7 | Kirkby Stephen, Appleby and Tebay | Andrew J Sterling |
| 9/16 | South West Cumbria United Area | Zena Smith |
| 11/22 | North Staffordshire | Joy R Ventom |
| 12/5 | Newquay, Perranporth and St Agnes | Clare J Anderson |
| 19/11 | Oldham and Saddleworth | Natalie Hackett |
| 22/6 | Derby | Calvin Cheung * |
| 22/14 | Mid Derbyshire | John P Malnutt |
| 23/1 | Oxford | Paul G Carter |
| 23/7 | Leicester (Trinity) | Daniel J Yovan |
| 23/9 | Leicester (West) | Judith C Lincoln |
| 23/10 | Loughborough | Calvin Cheung * |
| 25/15 | Barnsley | Ben Scrivens |
| 26/10 | Christchurch and Wimbourne | Philip Dixon |
| 27/2 | Leeds (North and East) | Rebekah J Stennett |
| 27/21 | Settle | Timothy Broughton |
| 28/1 | Wolverhampton | Samantha Hagerman |
| 28/5 | Vale of Stour | Ah Moi (Josephine) Soon |
| 34/1 | North Bedfordshire | Dalwyn R Attwell |
| 35/12 | London Mission (North West) | Esther Akam |
| 35/22 | New River | Matthew Lunn |
| 36/8 | West Sussex (Coast and Downs) | Daniel Balsdon |

* Missional criterion

6/49 The Conference adjourned and reconvened in its Presbyteral Session at 12.36.

- 6/50 **51. PRESBYTERS AND DEACONS BECOMING SUPERNUMERARY OR RETURNING TO THE ACTIVE WORK (continued)**
 The Conference adopted as Resolution P/1:
 The Conference receives an additional report and recommends that The Revd Andrew Mumford returns to the active work.
- 6/51 The Conference adjourned and reconvened in its Representative Session at 12.39.
- 6/52 **51. PRESBYTERS AND DEACONS BECOMING SUPERNUMERARY OR RETURNING TO THE ACTIVE WORK (continued)**
- 6/52/1 The Conference adopted Resolution 51/3,
noting the additions in 2/11/1
- 6/52/2 The Conference adopted Resolution 51/4.
- 6/52/3 The Conference adopted as Resolution 51/5:
 The Conference permits The Revd Andrew Mumford to return to the active work,
 p 486 paragraph 1 *for 'No case' reading 'Andrew Mumford'*
- 6/53 **45. MINISTERIAL CANDIDATES' AND PROBATIONERS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE (continued)**
 The Conference by a Standing Vote adopted Resolution 45/3.
- 6/54 **60. REPORT TO THE REPRESENTATIVE SESSION OF BUSINESS CONDUCTED BY THE CONFERENCE DIACONAL COMMITTEE (continued)**
 The Conference adopted as Resolution 60/2:
 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.
- 6/55 **52. PRESBYTERS AND DEACONS FROM OTHER CHURCHES**
- 6/55/1 The Conference by a Standing Vote adopted Resolution 52/1,
p 488-489, (2) Presbyters of other autonomous Methodist Conferences
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| <i>adding</i> | Quophie Anochie Ababio | 34/14 | Methodist Church Ghana |
| <i>for</i> | Paulo B Da Silva | <i>reading</i> | Paulo Bessa Da Silva |
| <i>deleting</i> | Richard M Kyaira | 14/1 | Methodist Church Kenya |
| <i>adding</i> | Matthew A Laferty | ASA | United Methodist Church East Ohio Conference |
| <i>adding</i> | Adrian T Roux | 26/2 | Methodist Church of Southern Africa |
| <i>deleting</i> | Cleopas Sibanda | 5/1 | Methodist Church Zimbabwe |
- 6/55/2 The Conference by a Standing Vote adopted Resolution 52/2,

p 489, (3) Presbyters of other communions applying to be recognised and regarded

deleting Mark R Mander 40/1
deleting John C Peet 27/31

6/55/3 The Conference adopted Resolutions 52/3, 52/4 and 52/5.

6/56 **47. DESIGNATIONS FOR APPOINTMENT OF DISTRICT CHAIRS**

6/56/1 The Conference adopted Resolutions 47/1 and 47/2.

6/56/2 The Conference, with the required majority, adopted Resolutions 47/3 and 47/4.

6/57 **49. APPRECIATIONS OF THE CONFERENCE 2020**

6/57/1 The Secretary of the Conference expressed the appreciation of the Conference for the work of Mrs Louise Wilkins, the former Conference Officer for Legal and Constitutional Practice.

6/57/2 The Conference adopted Resolutions 49/1 and 49/2.

6/58 **55. APPRECIATIONS**

The Conference adopted Resolution 55/1.

6/59 **REPORT FROM THE LAW AND POLITY CONFERENCE SUB-COMMITTEE**

6/59/1 The Conference adopted as Resolution SC/1:

The Conference by way of consequential provision resolves that all those received into Full Connexion on 27 June 2020 but not yet ordained shall be treated as ministers for the purpose of determining in accordance with Standing Order 417(1) their eligibility for election as district representatives to the Conference of 2021. Their status for the constitutional purposes of the Conference of 2021 shall be determined at the opening of the Conference.

6/59/2 The Conference adopted as Resolution SC/2:

The Conference records its intention that ordinands received into Full Connexion should remain eligible for membership of the Methodist Ministers' Pension Scheme and by way of consequential provision directs the Conference Officer for Legal and Constitutional Practice to approach the Trustee of the Scheme for the purpose of ensuring that all necessary steps are taken to achieve that intention.

6/60 **THE STATIONS**

6/60/1 The Stations were presented to the Conference in the form of the Draft previously circulated with the following amendments:

SYNOD CYMRU

1/1 Cymru
adding Jennifer A Hurd
deleting Tudur Rowlands (AP)

THE WALES SYNOD

2/9 Cardiff
adding Lesley Lawrence (AP)

2/12 **Conwy and Prestatyn**
deleting Linda P Pearce
Supernumeraries:
adding Philip J Berry

2/20 **South West Wales**
adding John Hayton (AP)

2/26 **Wrexham**
for Sian Williams (WA)
reading † Sian Williams (WA)

THE BIRMINGHAM DISTRICT

5/1 **Birmingham**
Supernumeraries:
deleting G Harry Walkley

5/4 **Birmingham (Sutton Park)**
deleting Kathryn R Darby (Hospital Chaplain, QE and Hartlands NHS Trust)

5/9 **Tamworth and Lichfield**
adding Joy Sykes (D)
Supernumeraries:
adding Susan M Smith

5/10 **Coventry and Nuneaton**
adding Neil A Bishop (Permission to serve in appointment outside the control of the Church)
adding Kathryn R Darby (Hospital Chaplain, University Hospitals Birmingham)
Supernumeraries:
adding Christine E Kennell

5/12 **South Warwickshire**
for Samuel E McBratney (WA) (Southlands Methodist Trust)
reading Samuel E McBratney (Southlands Methodist Trust)

for Mark Rowland (WA) (Permission to Study)
reading Mark Rowland (Permission to Study)

THE BRISTOL DISTRICT

7/2 **Bristol and South Gloucestershire**
deleting Pearl A Luxon
Supernumeraries:
adding Pearl A Luxon
adding F John Carne

7/20 **Wiltshire United Area**
for Pamela F Stranks (WA)
reading Pamela F Stranks

7/22 **North Wiltshire**
deleting Moyra G Davies (AP)

Supernumeraries:
adding Susan D M Howe

THE CUMBRIA DISTRICT

for Stephen J Radford, Secretary of the Synod
reading There is a Lay Secretary of the District Synod

9/5 **Solway**
deleting Alistair G Smeaton (AP)

9/9 **Penrith**
for Timothy M Cooke
reading Timothy M Cooke (S)

9/13 **Kendal**
for David Stretton (S)
reading David Stretton

THE CHESTER AND STOKE-ON-TRENT DISTRICT

11/1 **North Cheshire**
adding Eleanor Griffin (D) (WA)
Supernumeraries:
adding David J Gallimore (D)
adding Lynda J Gallimore (D)

11/8 **Cheshire South**
deleting Gary Windon (AP)

11/18 **Stoke-on-Trent Mission**
for Anthony J Clowes (The Potter's Church)
reading Anthony J Clowes

11/20 **Stoke-on-Trent (South)**
for Pamela A Roberts
reading † Pamela A Roberts

THE CORNWALL AND ISLES OF SCILLY DISTRICT

12/3 **Falmouth and Gwennap**
adding Andrew J Mumford
Supernumeraries:
deleting R Brian Mavers
deleting Andrew J Mumford

12/4 **Truro**
Supernumeraries:
adding R Brian Mavers

12/7 **St. Austell**
deleting David C Miller (S)

12/17 **Launceston Area**
deleting Malcolm C Jones (S)
adding David C Miller (S)

THE DARLINGTON DISTRICT

13/4 **Castle Eden**
for Annabel L Graham (D)
reading Annabel L Terry (D)

13/7 **Cleveland and Danby**
adding † Kevin Highfield
Supernumeraries:
deleting C Helena Harbottle

13/11 **Durham and Deerness Valley**
deleting Joanne Thorns (AP)
for Peter M Phillips (Director of CODEC Research Centre, Durham
University)
reading Peter M Phillips (Durham University)

THE EAST ANGLIA DISTRICT

14/1 **Norwich**
deleting Richard M Kyaira (RR)
Supernumeraries:
deleting G Allan Stanton

14/2 **Ipswich**
Supernumeraries:
adding Helen D Gardner

14/3 **Bury St. Edmunds**
Supernumeraries:
deleting Derek W W Jaggard
adding Julie Minns

14/9 **Waveney Valley Ecumenical Partnership**
deleting Julian M Pursehouse (S)
adding David S Ely (S)

14/7 **Lowestoft and East Suffolk**
Supernumeraries:
deleting Helen D Gardner

14/13 **North Norfolk**
Supernumeraries:
adding Lionel E Osborn
adding Elizabeth D Trinder

14/15 **Central Norfolk**
deleting Elizabeth D Trinder

14/18 **Thetford, Diss and Mildenhall**
Supernumeraries:
adding Stephen Oliver

14/26 **Cambridge**
for William Mullally (RR)
reading William Mullally (RR) (Director of Pastoral Supervision, Wesley
House)

deleting Bruce Waldron (AP)

for reading Rachel D Deigh (overseas service training)
Rachel D Deigh (overseas service training, Wesley House)

for reading Sylvester O Deigh (overseas service training)
Sylvester O Deigh (overseas service training, Wesley House)

for reading Wendy Kilworth-Mason (overseas service training)
Wendy Kilworth-Mason (overseas service training, Wesley House)

deleting Simon M Oliver (Hospital Chaplain Addenbrooks)

Supernumeraries:

adding Clifford J Meharry

The Leys School

for reading Simon W Coleman (Chaplain)
Simon W Coleman (Chaplain) who shall act in respect of ministerial duties under the direction of the Chair of District

THE ISLE OF MAN DISTRICT

15/1 Isle of Man

for reading David Shirtliff
David Shirtliff (Permission to serve in appointment outside the control of the Church)

THE LINCOLNSHIRE DISTRICT

17/2 Lincoln

Supernumeraries:

deleting Michael J Mason

17/5 Grimsby and Cleethorpes

Supernumeraries:

deleting T Peter Arnold

17/11 Barton and Brigg

adding Peter Thomas (AP)

17/15 South Holland

Supernumeraries:

deleting David H Howarth

THE LIVERPOOL DISTRICT

18/5 Liverpool (South)

for reading Caroline R Ainger (Chaplain for Manchester University NHS Foundation Trust)
Caroline R Ainger (Chaplain for Brick Charity)

for reading Andrew J Cheatle (University Lecturer)
Andrew J Cheatle (Lecturer and Senior Pastor at Hope University)

18/9 **Wirral**
Supernumeraries:
deleting Gordon W Wood

18/13 **Sankey Valley**
Supernumeraries:
adding Gordon W Wood
deleting Susan M Smith

18/19 **Lancashire West**
deleting H Barrie Morris (WA)

THE MANCHESTER AND STOCKPORT DISTRICT

19/1 **Manchester**
deleting Caroline F Ryder (University Chaplain)
deleting Susan Rowe (WA)
Supernumeraries:
adding Susan Rowe

19/2 **United Stockport**
Supernumeraries:
adding Jennifer M Heath (D)
adding Stephen R Heath

19/5 **Glossop and Tameside**
Supernumeraries:
deleting Jennifer M Heath (D)
deleting Stephen R Heath

19/11 **Oldham and Saddleworth**
for Ian M Heath (S)
reading Ian M Heath
adding Adrian Burdon (S)
deleting Gary S Ridley

19/15 **Bramhall and Wythenshawe**
deleting Philip J Berry

19/19 **Alderley Edge and Knutsford**
deleting Robert C Cotton
adding Neal Stanton (AP)
for Alan R Bradley
reading Alan R Bradley (S)

THE NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE DISTRICT

20/1 **Newcastle upon Tyne (Central and East)**
Supernumeraries:
deleting Brian Dann

20/5 **North Shields and Whitley Bay**
Supernumeraries:
adding Gary S Ridley

20/12 Lindisfarne
Supernumeraries:
adding Barrie J Cash

20/13 Bede
Supernumeraries:
deleting Robert L Hawkins

THE LANCASHIRE DISTRICT

21/10 Chorley and Leyland
Supernumeraries:
deleting David J Gallimore (D)
deleting Lynda J Gallimore (D)

21/14 South Fylde
deleting Ann R Wood (AP)

THE NOTTINGHAM AND DERBY DISTRICT

22/1 Nottingham (North East)
adding Jennifer A J Jones (D)
Supernumeraries:
deleting Harry W Gillespie

22/2 Nottingham (South)
deleting Jennifer A J Jones (D)

22/12 National Forest East
Supernumeraries:
adding Robert L Hawkins

22/16 East Staffordshire and South Derbyshire
Supernumeraries:
deleting David G Palmer

THE NORTHAMPTON DISTRICT

23/3 West Oxfordshire
for Roger E J Faulkner (Manager of Church Relationships, Open
Doors)
reading Roger E J Faulkner (WA)

23/5 Banbury
Supernumeraries:
deleting J Barry Lawless (AP)

23/9 Leicester (West)
Supernumeraries:
adding David G Palmer

23/15 Stamford
Supernumeraries:
deleting Lionel E Osborn

23/26 Milton Keynes
deleting Jennifer M Mills (AP)

Supernumeraries:

deleting David P Easton

THE PLYMOUTH AND EXETER DISTRICT

24/10 South Devon
deleting Margaret A Johnson (AP)

24/11 Bude and Holsworthy
for Stephen Hill (WA)
reading Stephen Hill

24/20 Ilfracombe and Barnstaple
Supernumeraries:
adding Stella R Long

Shebbear College

for Donna A Leigh who shall act in respect of ministerial duties under the direction of the Chair of District
reading Donna A Leigh (Chaplain) who shall act in respect of ministerial duties under the direction of the Chair of District

24/28 Teignbridge
adding Malcolm C Jones (WA)
Supernumeraries:
deleting F John Carne

THE SHEFFIELD DISTRICT

25/1 Sheffield
adding Richard J Stott (Permission to serve in appointment outside the control of the Church)
deleting Phillip G Borkett
Supernumeraries:
adding Phillip G Borkett
adding Maurice E Stafford

deleting VentureFX Project
deleting Richard J Stott

25/2 Derbyshire North East
deleting Julie Minns (S)

25/17 Rotherham and Dearne Valley
Supernumeraries:
deleting Barbara P Savage

25/19 Trinity
deleting Geoffrey S Clarke (AP)

THE SOUTHAMPTON DISTRICT

26/3 Kennet and Test Valley
Supernumeraries:
deleting David W Read

26/4 Basingstoke and Reading
adding Jonathan Clarke (AP)

26/7 **East Solent and Downs**
for Elizabeth C C Goddess (RR)
reading Elizabeth C C van Aardt Goddess (RR)

for Penelope J Thorne (WA)
reading † Penelope J Thorne (WA)

26/9 **Poole Bay**
for Brian Purchase (D)
reading Brian Purchase (D) (Hospital Chaplain)
deleting Fraser A Smith (WA)

THE YORKSHIRE WEST DISTRICT

27/1 **Leeds (South and West)**

Supernumeraries:

adding Marlene H Wilkinson

deleting Leeds City Centre Mission
deleting Meredith J Evans (D) who shall act in respect of ministerial duties under the direction of the Chair of District

27/2 **Leeds (North and East)**

Supernumeraries:

deleting Marlene H Wilkinson

deleting A Godfrey Nicholson

27/9 **Denby Dale and Clayton West**
adding Kevin A Greaves (AP)

27/17 **Aire and Calder**
deleting Neil A Bishop (WA)

27/31 **Airedale**
deleting Peter Mayo Smith (AP)

27/32 **Bradford North**
adding Meredith J Evans (D)

27/36 **North Kirklees and Morley**

Supernumeraries:

adding A Godfrey Nicholson

THE WOLVERHAMPTON AND SHREWSBURY DISTRICT

28/1 **Wolverhampton**
deleting William E J Mash (AP)

Supernumeraries:

deleting Suzanne Newton

28/3 **Shropshire and Marches**

Supernumeraries:

deleting Gloria Baillie (D)

deleting David F Lavender

deleting Stella R Long

adding Thomas P Patton

28/5 **Vale of Stour**
Supernumeraries:
adding Suzanne Newton

THE YORKSHIRE NORTH AND EAST DISTRICT

29/16 **Tadcaster**
deleting Leslie M Newton (S)

29/23 **Thirsk and Northallerton**
Supernumeraries:
adding C Helena Harbottle

29/26 **Nidd Valley**
deleting David M Payne (Hospital Chaplain)
Supernumeraries:
deleting Diane Hicks
deleting Ronald M Hicks

29/35 **Drifffield-Hornsea**
Supernumeraries:
adding Diane Hicks
adding Ronald M Hicks

29/36 **Goole and Selby**
Supernumeraries:
adding Harry W Gillespie

THE SCOTLAND DISTRICT

31/2 **Strathclyde**
adding † Robert A Stoner (D)
for S Robinson Paisley (AP)
reading S Robin Paisley (AP)
Supernumeraries:
deleting Thomas G Wilkinson

31/3 **Forth Valley**
adding Marc Kenton (AP)

31/5 **Ayrshire and Renfrewshire**
Supernumeraries:
adding David P Easton

THE BEDFORDSHIRE, ESSEX AND HERTFORDSHIRE DISTRICT

34/6 **Colchester**
adding Donghwan Kim (Permission to Study)

34/10 **Southend and Leigh**
deleting Velma Campbell
Supernumeraries:
adding Velma Campbell

34/14 **West Hertfordshire and Borders**
for Quophie Anochie Ababio (AP)
reading Quophie Anochie Ababio (RR)

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| <i>for reading</i> | Gareth J Powell (WA) Gareth J Powell (other appointment) |
| 34/15 <i>adding</i> | North Hertfordshire † Marcianne Uwimana (D) |
| THE LONDON DISTRICT | |
| 35/2 <i>adding</i> | West London Mission H Barrie Morris (WA) shall act in respect of ministerial duties under the direction of the Secretary of the Conference |
| <i>adding</i> | Linda P Pearce (WA) shall act in respect of ministerial duties under the direction of the Secretary of the Conference |
| 35/4 <i>for reading</i> | Chelsea, Hammersmith and Fulham lesinga Vunipola Lesinga Vunipola |
| 35/6 <i>for reading</i> | Lambeth Eleanor G Jackson (S) Eleanor G Jackson |
| 35/7 <i>adding</i> | Southwark and Deptford George K Quarm who shall act in respect of ministerial duties under the direction of the Chair of District |
| <i>Supernumeraries:</i> <i>adding</i> | Robert Mpanduki |
| 35/13 <i>deleting</i> | Harlesden Reynaldo F Leao-Neto (Connexional Team) |
| 35/24 <i>adding</i> | Ealing Trinity † Theresa E Sam (D) |
| 35/28 <i>for reading</i> | Blackheath and Crystal Palace Denise Yeadon (Hospice Chaplain) Denise Yeadon (WA) |
| 35/31 <i>Supernumeraries:</i> <i>adding</i> | Barking, Dagenham and Ilford Gill College |
| 35/35 <i>deleting</i> | Barnet and Queensbury James E A Mustard (AP) |
| 35/36 <i>adding for reading</i> | Harrow and Hillingdon Reynaldo F Leao-Neto (Connexional Team) †† Kenneth P Kingston † Kenneth P Kingston |
| 35/38 <i>deleting</i> | Kingston upon Thames Donghwan Kim (Permission to Study) |

THE SOUTH EAST DISTRICT

36/8 West Sussex (Coast and Downs)
deleting Bruce S Allinson (AP)
Supernumeraries:
adding Steven W Hill

36/10 Dorking and Horsham
deleting Jan H Hofmeyr
Supernumeraries:
adding Jan H Hofmeyr

36/16 Malta
adding Beata Thane (AP)

36/17 Hastings, Bexhill and Rye
Supernumeraries:
deleting Steven W Hill

36/21 North Kent
for Gillian H Le Boutillier Scott
reading Gillian H Le Boutillier-Scott
Supernumeraries:
adding David W Read

36/25 South Kent
deleting Robin G Blount (AP)

SERVICE IN OTHER CONFERENCES AND CHURCHES
APPOINTED TO SERVE ABROAD

for Angleena J Keizer (Israel)
reading Angleena J Keizer (D) (Israel)
adding Matthew A Laferty (RR) (Rome)

PERMISSION TO SERVE ABROAD

for Marlene A Skuce (Ireland)
reading Marlene A Skuce (D) (Ireland)

PERMISSION TO RESIDE ABROAD

for Harriet P Bacon (Barbados)
reading Harriet P Bacon (D) (Barbados)
adding Debra Chidakwa-Akue (United States)
deleting Susan DM Howe (United States)
adding Simon M Oliver (Ireland)
adding Fraser A Smith (Germany)
adding Gordon H Wallace (D) (Ireland)

THE CONNEXIONAL TEAM

for Reynaldo F Leao-Neto (35/13)
reading Reynaldo F Leao-Neto (35/36)

THE CIRCUITS TO WHICH THE FOLLOWING ARE TO BE APPOINTED OR IN
WHICH THEY ARE TO BE STATIONED ARE YET TO BE IDENTIFIED

deleting Debra Chidakwa-Akue
deleting Eleanor Griffin (D)
deleting Christine E Kennell

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| <i>deleting</i> | Clifford Meharry |
| <i>deleting</i> | Stephen Oliver |
| <i>deleting</i> | George K Quarm |
| <i>deleting</i> | Maurice E Stafford |
| <i>deleting</i> | † Robert A Stoner (D) |
| <i>Supernumeraries:</i> | |
| <i>deleting</i> | Gill College |
| <i>deleting</i> | Robert Mpanduki |
| <i>deleting</i> | Thomas P Patton |

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| <i>adding</i> | Neil M Clarke (23/19) |
| <i>adding</i> | Tim Erridge (7/17) |
| <i>adding</i> | Michael Ellor (2/24) |
| <i>adding</i> | Alistair G Smeaton (9/5) |
| <i>adding</i> | Christopher J Swift (29/33) |
| <i>adding</i> | Joanne Thorns (13/11) |
| <i>adding</i> | Tom Yacomeni (7/17) |

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| <i>deleting</i> | Graham J Kitts (12/14) |
| <i>deleting</i> | Gordon C Randall (36/1) |

6/60/2 The Conference, by a Standing Vote, adopted the Stations.

6/61 DAILY RECORD

6/61/1 The Conference corrected, with the required majority, the Daily Record for Saturday, 27 June at 3/19/1, paragraph 1, as follows:

for 'Ruth Margaret Boudains' reading 'Ruth Margaret Baudains'

6/61/2 The Written Portion of the Daily Record of the Representative Session was presented in headings only and adopted.

6/61/3 The Daily Record for Tuesday, 30 June was presented, taken as read, and adopted,
at 5/1 for '9.15' reading '9.30'

6/61/4 The Conference adopted the Daily Record for Wednesday, 1 July in headings only.

6/62 EXPRESSIONS OF THANKS

6/62/1 The ex-President, The Revd Dr Barbara C Glasson, and the ex-Vice-President, Professor Clive Marsh, expressed the thanks of the Conference to the President and Vice-President of the Conference.

6/62/2 The Conference expressed its thanks to all who had made it possible for the Conference to take place online, including staff of Cliff College, The Revd D Paul Wood and the technical team, the Conference Arrangements Team, the Conference Office staff and in particular Mrs Jane Bates, the Conference Business Committee, and the Conference letter writer.

6/63 THE JOURNAL

The Conference, by a Standing Vote, directed that the Resolutions, Orders, Elections, Consents, Delegations and Appointments, and each of them, and every

Act and all Acts whatsoever made and done by the Conference begun on Thursday, 25 June 2020, be duly entered in the Journal of the Conference, subscribed by the President, the Vice-President and the Secretary, and shall be taken as, and shall be, the Acts of the Conference to all intents and purposes whatsoever.

6/64 **ADJOURNMENT**

The Conference, by a Standing Vote, resolved to adjourn to the Conference of 2021, which would meet in Birmingham on Thursday, 24 June in its Presbyteral Session, and on Saturday, 26 June in its Representative Session.

6/65 The Conference adjourned at 13.28.

6/66 **LETTERS**

6/66/1 Letters of thanks were written in the name of the Conference to The Revd Ashley R Cooper and staff at Cliff College, members of the Conference Arrangements Team, Mr David Burton and members of the technical team, Mr Gareth Moore who provided the hymns for worship throughout the Conference, the chaplains the Revds David R Alderman, Philip Seaton and Jill P Warren, and The Revd Bruce D Thompson.

6/66/2 Letters were written in the name of the Conference to the following presbyters on the occasion of the 25th anniversary of their ordinations:

The Revd Richard J Atkinson
The Revd C Mary Austin
The Revd Derek J Balsdon
The Revd Keith Bamford
The Revd Raymond Bassindale
The Revd Alan J Bolton
The Revd Dr Mike Bossingham
The Revd Anthony Brookes
The Revd J Peter Brown
The Revd Sylvia Burgoyne
The Revd B Anne Cash
The Revd Judith M Chapman
The Revd Linda M Chester
The Revd Nigel J Coke-Woods
The Revd Christopher C Cory
The Revd Louise M Dawson
The Revd Linda M Eccles
The Revd David W Edmondson
The Revd C Robin Ellis
The Revd A Diane Finch
The Revd Darren A Garfield
The Revd Roger E Gisborne
The Revd Dr Barbara C Glasson
The Revd Jacqueline S Goddard
The Revd Phillip R Greetham
The Revd Anthony C Gregory
The Revd Dr Gary P Hall
The Revd H Richard Hall
The Revd Wesley Hampton
The Revd Mary E Hart
The Revd Phillip Hewett

The Revd Stephanie J Hibberd
The Revd Carole J Holden
The Revd Paula Hunt
The Revd Dr Jennifer A Hurd
The Revd Michael D John
The Revd Kevin P Johnson
The Revd Christine E Kennell
The Revd David Key
The Revd Stephen Levett
The Revd Andrew Lowe
The Revd Richard M Lowson
The Revd Sandra K Marshall
The Revd Christopher J Moreton
The Revd J Kenneth Morgan
The Revd Dr Brenda M Mosedale
The Revd A Godfrey Nicholson
The Revd Nigel Ogle
The Revd Michael R Parsons
The Revd Moira A Peters
The Revd Laurence R Potter
The Revd Phillip A Poynor
The Revd Vincent J Price
The Revd Stuart G Radford
The Revd Graham P Ransom
The Revd Kathleen L Rhodes
The Revd Stephen E Robinson
The Revd Mark M Roper
The Revd Alan G Rothwell
The Revd Eileen A Sanderson
The Revd Barbara P Savage
The Revd J Malcolm Sellers

The Revd Dr Christopher J
Shannahan
The Revd Richard V Sharples
The Revd Hugh-Nigel Sheehan
The Revd Andrew J Dart
The Revd Ann Shepherdson
The Revd Pam H Siddall
The Revd Richard M Skinner
The Revd Dr Alan Smithson
The Revd Neal H Street

The Revd Alan Thorpe
The Revd Michael C Tindsley
The Revd Marilyn J Tricker
The Revd F Lawrence Wallace
The Revd Paul J Weary
The Revd Angela L Webb
The Revd Sharon Whittaker
The Revd Gerald E Wilson
The Revd Brenda E Woods

6/66/3 Letters were written in the name of the Conference to the following presbyters on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of their ordinations:

The Revd Michael A Baker
The Revd Philip Barnett
The Revd Dr John C A Barrett
The Revd John A Bates
The Revd Derek W Bowker
The Revd Jeffrey Bramley
The Revd R Graham Carter
The Revd Gordon Chisnall
The Revd Harold S Clarke
The Revd Bryan F Coates
The Revd David J Collinson
The Revd John A Cooke
The Revd M Peter Crew
The Revd John E Davis
The Revd Geoffrey Dougill
The Revd Ian V Field
The Revd Michael R Fielding
The Revd David A Haslam
The Revd John M Hibberts
The Revd Derek Hoe
The Revd Paul Hulme
The Revd Brian R Jenner

The Revd Paul R King
The Revd Alan Kirk
The Revd Robert G McBain
The Revd Stephen J Marr
The Revd M Alan Morton
The Revd Gordon D Newton
The Revd Stanley W Pipet
The Revd David W Read
The Revd John Sadler
The Revd Geoffrey W Scarlett
The Revd J Harry Scott
The Revd David G Sharp
The Revd Derek L F Shaw
The Revd J Michael Taylor
The Revd Dr Michael E W Thompson
The Revd Richard W Thompson
The Revd Frank Topping
The Revd John D Walker
The Revd Peter B Williamson
The Revd David J Winwood
The Revd Dr Roy Yates

6/66/4 Letters were written in the name of the Conference to the following presbyters on the occasion of the 60th anniversary of their ordinations:

The Revd Dr Brian E Beck
The Revd Jeffrey F Bloomfield
The Revd Graham O Coleman
The Revd Barrie G Cooke
The Revd Harry A Dodd
The Revd Roger C Driver
The Revd Roger F Ducker
The Revd J Barrie Hirst
The Revd David B Holland
The Revd Colin Hough
The Revd W Colin W Lake
The Revd Leslie J Marsh

The Revd Eric Mason
The Revd Dr David Monkton
The Revd Dr Henry D Rack
The Revd Peter A Reasbeck
The Revd J Stuart Rhodes
The Revd Arthur Rowe
The Revd J Stuart Rhodes
The Revd Dr T John W Sampson
The Revd Leslie Stoker
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This Appendix lists Motions adopted, or agreed to be not put, other than those which are not specifically recorded because their substance appears in the Resolutions they amended. It also lists those that the Conference referred to other bodies. It does not list Motions lost or withdrawn, which do not appear in the Record. The figures in brackets are the numbers given to the Notices of Motion.

At the Conference of 2020, Notices of Motion were only accepted if they related to business in the Agenda. Some appear in the Record only in the form of the Resolutions they amended, but the full text of some others was included, and these are listed below.

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(a) adopted

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(b) not put

none

(c) referred to the Methodist Council

none

II. Responses to Notices of Motion referred by previous Conferences

For a report about work done and work in progress on Notices of Motion brought to previous Conferences, see item 43 of the Agenda (adopted Daily Record 6/40).

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| M8 | Israel and Palestine | 6/12/2 |
| M9 | Israel Palestine | 6/12/2 |
| M10 | Investment..... | 6/12/2 |

b. Listed alphabetically by title

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For a report about work done and work in progress on Memorials sent to previous Conferences, see item 43 of the Agenda (adopted Daily Record 6/40).