

1/1 The Conference in its Ministerial Session assembled in the Plymouth Pavilions, Plymouth, at 14.00, The Revd Lionel E Osborn, the President of the Conference, in the Chair.

1/2 **HOLY COMMUNION AND PASTORAL ADDRESS**

The Conference shared in a service of Holy Communion, during which the President presented his Pastoral Address, with contributions by the Vice-President, Mrs Ruth E Pickles.

1/3 The Conference adjourned at 15.18.

1/4 The Conference reassembled at 16.00.

1/5 **MEMBERSHIP OF THE CONFERENCE**

The Conference adopted the membership of this Session of the Conference, being those ministers who are listed in the Agenda (pp 819-826) 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 ministers listed in the Agenda (p 827) 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:

The Chair of each Home District

The Revd Thomas D Read *vice* The Revd Dr Elizabeth A Smith
for 'vacancy' reading 'The Revd Michaela A Youngson'

Channel Islands

The Revd Elizabeth J Hunter *vice* The Revd Luiz F Cardoso

Additional Members of the Ministerial Session

adding: The Revd Geoff R Cornell
The Revd R Martin Evans-Jones
The Revd Dr Kathleen M Richardson
The Revd Shaun L Sanders
The Revd Dr Malcolm W White

deleting The Revd David F Clarke
The Revd Tom Davies
The Revd Dr John J Vincent

for The Revd Richard D C Jones *reading* The Revd Dr Richard G Jones

1/6 The Conference adopted as Resolution M1/1:

The Conference appoints The Revd Colin A Smith as Assistant Record Secretary and Secretary of the Memorials Committee for the Ministerial Session of 2012.

1/7 The Conference adopted as Resolution M2/1:

The Ministerial Session invites the Vice-President, Mrs Ruth E Pickles, to attend the Ministerial Session, apart from any closed sessions, with the right to speak but without a vote,

1/8 LETTERS

1/8/1 The Conference directed that letters of greeting be sent to ministers with more than 70 years of service:

The Revd Albert J Ball (1941)
The Revd S John Dain (1941)
The Revd G Thackray Eddy (1936)
The Revd John Garfoot (1942)
The Revd Edward H Griffiths (1942)
The Revd Eric Jones (1942)
The Revd Arthur P Middlehurst (1942)
The Revd William J Palmer (1938)
The Revd R Keith Parsons (1938)
The Revd George W Sails (1941)
The Revd Robert W Salmon (1941)
The Revd Arthur S Valle (1940)
The Revd Dr William Strawson (1942)

1/8/2 Letters of greeting were sent in the name of the Conference to The Revd Drs David G Deeks and Kenneth G Greet, and a letter of sympathy to Mr Michael Valentine. *[as corrected by 5/24/1]*

1/9 HOURS OF SESSION

The Conference agreed that these should be 14.00-15.45 and 16.00-18.00 on Thursday, 28 June; 09.15-11.00, 11.30-12.45, 14.00-14.30, 15.00-16.30 and 17.00-18.30 on Friday, 29 June.

1/10 APPOINTMENT OF SCRUTINEERS

The Conference appointed the Committee of Scrutineers as follows:

The Revd Derek Balsdon	The Revd Christine Gillespie
The Revd Sylvester O Deigh	The Revd Rosamund V Hollingsworth

1/11 APPOINTMENT OF ATTESTORS

The Revds G Susan Pegg and Stephen J Radford were appointed to attest the 'written portion' of the Daily Record of the Ministerial Session.

1/12 The Conference received a report of the Ministerial Session Conference Business Committee.

1/13 38. CONFERENCE ARRANGEMENTS

The Conference adopted Resolutions 38/3, 38/4 and 38/5.

1/14 The Revds Anthony J Clowes and Angela J Long led the Conference in a discussion of the President's Pastoral Address.

1/15 The Revd Jeremy C Dare led the Conference in worship.

1/16 The Conference adjourned at 18.00.

- 2/1 The Conference assembled at 09.15.
- 2/2 The Conference was led in worship by The Revd Lily Twist.
- 2/3 The Bishop of Oxford, The Rt Revd John Pritchard, addressed the Conference.
- 2/4 The Conference adjourned at 10.59.
- 2/5 The Conference reassembled at 11.30.
- 2/6 The Conference was led on the theme ***What do we mean by collaborative ministry?*** by The Revd Helen Cameron, the Vice-President Mrs Ruth E Pickles and The Revd Roger L Walton.
- 2/7 **OBITUARIES**
- 2/7/1 The Conference adopted the Obituaries as printed and circulated to the Conference,

in the Obituary for Derek Gordon Cooper, line 2, for 'Longeaton' reading 'Long Eaton',

and the Obituaries below,

noting that some details in the Obituaries for Percy Owen Allen, Glenn Kilgour Ford and Roy David Newell require checking in the Conference Library and *directing* that, if necessary, the Secretary of the Conference be authorised to amend them before the Obituary is published in the Minutes of the Conference.
- 2/7/2 **Glenn Kilgour Ford:** Born in Southampton on 27 July 1946. He grew up with his sister in a Christian home their father being a Local Preacher. He attended Woolston School in Southampton. It was when his father was ill that Glenn began to re-examine his own beliefs and felt called to train as a Local Preacher and eventually to candidate for presbyteral ministry. Glenn completed his training through the Salisbury based STETS programme and was ordained in 2003. He served in the following circuits: West Wight and South Petherton and Crewkerne. Glenn and Sharon were married before he commenced his ministry on the Isle of Wight. He felt that during his probation he had not been able to give 100% attention to the pastoral needs of people. This led him to willingly accept an extension to his appointment remaining for 9 years. His ministry was marked by warm friendship and a caring nature. He and Sharon were a good partnership offering attentive pastoral care and a listening ear as they drew alongside people. A capable and sensitive leader of worship, Glenn enjoyed working ecumenically building positive relationships, and was respected for this willingness. He enjoyed working in the Community, especially in local schools, taking assemblies and, when on the Island, was a School Governor. Glenn was a very supportive and active member of Circuit Leadership teams, showing thoughtful consideration to the needs of, and giving support to churches experiencing change. Having experienced the value of the Acorn Trust course on Growing a Healing Church, Glenn introduced it as the Lent Course in the South Petherton Circuit. Always gracious, Glenn was a gentleman with

a ready sense of humour and a keen interest in sport. He and Sharon shared a love of pottering in the garden. Glenn, had a love of shoes, possessing more than most men! He had a keen desire to serve God, and the Church, and, although he had come later in life to ministry, he felt he had much to give and will be greatly missed. After a short illness, Glenn died peacefully in hospital, with his wife by his beside, on 18 June 2012 in the sixty-sixth year of his age and the eleventh year of his ministry.

2/7/3

William Donald Horton: Born in Tottenham on 12 November 1928. Bill grew up with his brother, Keith, in Southgate where the family was much involved in Bowes Park Methodist Church. There Bill found faith and met his future wife, Audrey. He studied history at King's College, University of London, and on graduation began ministerial training at Wesley House, Cambridge. After being stationed as a probationer in the Bury St Edmunds Circuit, he was ordained in 1956. He served in the following circuits: London Mission (Central), Guernsey and Alderney, Bury St Edmunds & Sudbury, Sevenoaks and Bristol (Clifton and Redland). Whilst at Sevenoaks he was Connexional Candidates' Secretary and many women and men had good reason to be grateful to Bill for helping them deal with the exacting scrutiny of the Candidates' Committee. At this time he was invited to contribute sermons to the Expository Times and also wrote articles on pastoral practice which were well received and subsequently re-published in "The Pastor's Problems" and "The Pastor's Opportunities". His final appointment was in 1987 as tutor of Practical Theology and Methodism at Wesley College, Bristol. Staff valued Bill as a wise, humorous and supportive colleague and students found him a gracious encourager who possessed a gravitas that ensured he was no pushover. His honesty of speaking could be a force to be reckoned with. In retirement Bill and Audrey returned to Bury St Edmunds where his circuit ministry began. He continued to take great delight in the achievements of his children Jacqui, Ruth, Monica, Jeremy and their children. He shared fully in circuit life and Trinity church in particular benefited from his gifts as a preacher, pastor, historian and archivist. He served as ecumenical chaplain at St Edmundsbury Cathedral and characteristically described his appointment as Chair of the Flower Committee as "the pinnacle of his career". Bill wrote the words of some fine hymns including one sung at his funeral which expressed his total reliance on God's grace for his salvation. He died on 20 May 2012 in the eighty-fourth year of his age and the sixtieth year of his ministry.

2/7/4

John Henry Mason: Born in Wednesfield near Wolverhampton on 3 May 1937. He was educated at Kings Hill School and Woodland Grange, after which he attended Wolverhampton College of Art. John followed a call to preach, which he had first sensed aged 14, having read the Bible in worship for his father, a Methodist Local Preacher. John soon recognised God's call to ordained ministry, and was accepted for training at Handsworth College. John entered the ministry in 1964 and served in the following circuits: Rawtenstall, Camborne, Bude, South Petherton and Crewkerne, Darlington, and Spennymoor and Ferryhill. In all these places, his ministry was characterised by Christian care and concern for other people. During his early ministry, he shared his home with his parents and cared for them before they died. He was held in high regard both inside and outside the church, and while in Spennymoor received a certificate from the Town Council for his work in the community. In later years, John was an active member of Rotary. John's move to Darlington had been a surprising change of plan from the Stationing Committee. However, he spoke of it as the 'best move' the Methodist Church had ever made: while in Darlington, John met Tina, and they were married in 1989. John now delighted in the family he thought he would never have: step-daughters Julie and Karen, and, in time, grandchildren. After a heart attack in 2002, John retired to Hurworth, Darlington, where until recently he led an active supernumerary life. His Biblical knowledge was appreciated in sermons and studies across Methodist and Anglican communities, and he took every opportunity to encourage local preachers

and ministers. John remained committed to his calling to the end of his life, ministering to many during his illness. Reflecting on a lifetime of ministry, he wrote, 'What a joy it has been to be called to the job of ministry and caring for people — the delight in serving them and serving God.' John died on 15 May 2012 in the seventy-sixth year of his age and the forty-eighth year of his ministry.

2/7/5

Roy David Newell: Born in Farnworth, Bolton on 17 March 1935, the younger of two boys. The family was immersed in the life of the local Methodist church where Roy was involved with JMA, YML and YMA. He followed his brother, Arthur, to Bolton School and in 1954 went on to Manchester University where his calling to ministry took hold. After gaining his BA he taught for a year; completed Local Preachers' studies and candidated for ministry. In 1958 he started at Hartley Victoria College, near enough to home for his friendship with Jo to develop. They married in 1960, a year before Roy graduated with a BD. Their marriage was blessed with 4 children; David, Pamela, Sushila and Peter, the younger two being adopted Indian children. During this time Roy felt called to offer to minister in India. He was sent, in 1961 to the Wombwell and Hoyland Circuit in order to gain experience in circuit ministry. Between 1963 and 1972 he served the Church of South India in the Diocese of Madras where he was ordained. Returning home he served in the following circuits: London Mission (East Ham), London Mission (East), London Mission (South East), Industrial Mission South Yorkshire. Instead of sitting down in 2001 Roy and Jo went to Samoa at the invitation of the Methodist Church there. In Piula Theological College Roy lectured about the changing role of the Church in the modern world. Returning home in 2003 Roy and Jo lived in Burnham-on-Crouch, which had been their "retreat" from the East End, over the years. Roy preached regularly in the Chelmsford, Colchester and Southend and Leigh circuits alongside his involvement in the local church. Roy was a caring and sensitive pastor with a heart for people, a deep thinker and avid reader, a gifted preacher, and a talented singer. Singing was an integral part of Roy's life and the family were touched when the Burnham Music Group, of which he had been a member, dedicated their concert on 12 May 2012 to him. He was cherished and is deeply missed by his wife, Jo, children, in-laws, twelve grandchildren, extended family and many friends. He had lived with leukaemia since 2010 and died peacefully at home on 10 May 2012 in the seventy-eighth year of his age and the fifty-third year of his ministry.

2/7/6

Norman Price: Born in Belfast on 8 April 1947. As a child, Norman was brought up by his grandmother in a Christian home and he attended Sunday school. He rebelled yet he recognised that God was still present. When he was fifteen, Norman's grandmother died bringing further rebellion, but he also met Catherine, who was later to become his wife, and he left school and worked as an electrician, a class 1 HGV driver, and did driving for BP. During the years of the Troubles in Northern Ireland Norman was a loyalist, and his life continued on a downward spiral, but he also said that God continued to watch over him. He married Catherine on August 30 1967, and they were later blessed with two children, Karl and Leann. He was precise on the detail of his conversion saying that it was on 21 October 1973 at 8.20 p.m. whilst on the back row of a small Salvation Army Corps he was asked by God, "What have you done for me?" and he was converted. In spite of little education he passed the entrance exam into the Salvation Army Training College in 1981. They served in Tredegar and Belfast, working with children on the peace line and taking the children from the two communities on holiday to Canada. They worked amongst the Aids sufferers and homeless in Dundee, and it was not uncommon for him to go home without shoes because he had given them away. Whilst in Kilbirnia, Norman realised his increased need in his spiritual life for communion and was accepted by transfer to the Methodist Church. He trained in St. John's College, Ripon, and was ordained in York. He served in the following circuits: Settle, Oswestry, Ellesmere and Chirk, and West-Wiltshire (Methodist/United

Reformed) Area later becoming Wiltshire United Area. He and Catherine continued to work as a team. In Settle, they were involved in sharing with farmers during the foot and mouth outbreak. In the Garrison at Warminster, they were able to extend the work Norman had done as a minister to the army in Kuwait and opened the church to a regiment of Fijian soldiers and their families. Norman was a good pastor and preacher, exercising a great faith and strong belief, which also sustained him in during his illness. He enjoyed country and western music and played in a band, also setting up a worship band which was well received. He loved sport and played football and golf. Norman was a loving husband, father and grandfather and his family were important to him. They were with him when he died on 11 May 2012 in the sixty-sixth year of his age and the seventeenth year of his ministry.

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Bryan Frank Spinney: Born in Swaythling Southampton on 20 November 1930. He was an only child and was evacuated to Poole during the war where he lived with his Uncle Len and Aunt Lillie who were Baptists and were a strong Christian influence on him. Bryan had an ecumenical outlook on his faith and always declared he was a Methodist because he lived near the church, but 'being a Christian was what actually mattered'. Leaving school he worked for the Post Office engineers on telephone installation and repairs. His National Service was in the RAF stationed at Norfolk where he trained as a Local Preacher followed by Ministerial training at Richmond College. Bryan served in the following circuits: Brighton and Hove, Stour Valley Mission, Shaftesbury and Gillingham, Winchester, Sevenoaks, Orpington, Aldershot Farnborough and Camberley, Bristol (South) and Andover. He was a true minister of Word and Sacraments, a respected pastor to all, and was appreciated as someone who could chair a Church meeting well and fairly so people had their say. He always promoted and supported ecumenical activities: Good Friday Walk of Witness and United Services. He married Joy in 1958 and they had two children Graham and Yvonne and two grandchildren. In the 1970's Bryan was thrilled to join the Methodist Church Music Society and later became their chairman. He served on the text committee for "Hymns & Psalms" and wrote over a dozen hymns. Bryan retired to Southampton in 1995 where he served for a time as a hospital chaplain. He had many hobbies: listening to classical music, photography, travelling, maritime matters (he wrote recently about the music which the band played on the Titanic just before it sank), gardening, DIY and motoring. Following Joy's stroke in 2009 Bryan had to learn to do many domestic tasks, including cooking and he lovingly cared for her. His last service was at Whitchurch's bicentenary on 29 April. He died in hospital on 27 May 2012 in the eighty-second year of his age and the fifty-fifth year of his ministry.

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The Conference adjourned at 12.37.

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The Conference reassembled at 14.00.

2/10

MEMORIAL SERVICE

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

1. In Great Britain

Percy Owen Allen	Donald Dunstan Barrett
Bernice Ambrose	Samuel John Batson
William John Andrews	Alfred Stanley Baxter
Howard William Frederick Ashby	Clifford Bell
Enid Christine Balson	Duncan Michael Brereton**
John Raymond Barnsby	Alan Broadbent
Charles Kingsley Barrett	Kenneth Broadhurst

Kenneth Roy Brown
 Albert Brown-Lawson*
 Laurence Jamieson Campbell
 Howard Francis Wade Castle
 Derek Gordon Cooper
 Charles Eric Coulam
 Geoffrey Howard Cowling
 Frederick Rodham Dowson
 Thomas Benjamin Dutton
 Edward Martin Eggleton
 Norman Bramley Fishburn
 Harold Fisher
 Glenn Kilgour Ford
 Peter Anthony Fry
 Malcolm John Grills
 George Fred Hesling
 Derek Leslie Hollingdale
 William Donald Horton
 John James Birchall Hudson
 William Thomas Joynson
 George Michael Kenny
 David Kynaston
 Kenneth Derek Lane
 Alexander Leckey
 Brenda Leigh
 Barbara Marshall
 Derrick Ronald Marsland*
 John Henry Mason

Robert Thomas McKinley**
 Roy David Newell
 Thomas Stephen Nicholas
 John Trevor Noble
 David Norman Smith Patchett*
 Stanley Eric Parsons
 Nicholas Barlow Paterson
 Jeffrey Norman Pickering
 Robert Wilfrid Pile
 Norman Price
 Colin Edwin Riches
 Gillian Riley*
 Charles Edward Roos**
 Graham Curtis Sellars**
 Angela Joan Shier-Jones
 Harold Slater*
 Arthur Leslie Smith
 Frank Smith
 Howard Owen Smith
 Edwin John Softley
 Paul Spencer
 Bryan Frank Spinney
 Alan Benjamin Stears
 Merfyn Morley Temple
 Reginald Graham Tidmarsh
 Otto Tüscher
 Thomas White

2. In Ireland

Samuel Allen
 Thomas Walker Magowan

Cecil Andrew Newell
 William Watson Scott

3. Overseas

None

* Ministers who had died before the previous Conference but whose Obituaries were presented to this Conference.

** Ministers whose Obituaries will be presented to the next Conference.

2/11 The Conference adjourned at 14.30.

2/12 The Conference reassembled at 15.00 in closed session.

2/13 **43. MINISTERIAL CANDIDATES AND PROBATIONERS OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE**

Candidates for Presbyteral Ministry

2/13/1 The Conference concurred with the recommendations of the Candidates Appeals Committee.

2/13/2 The Conference recommended, with the required majority, acceptance by the Representative Session of the following candidates, to proceed immediately into pre-ordination training:

Felicity Al-hassan
 Iain Marl Ballard
 Gareth Peter Baron
 Paul Martyn Benney
 Denise Binks
 Iris Bray
 Joanna Marie Brown
 Steven Carpenter
 James Ian Challinor
 Rosemary Elizabeth Coles
 Steven Robert McKay Cooper
 Lesley Dinham
 Rita Endacott
 Lewis Greaves
 Melanie Greenall
 Philip John Griffin
 Stephen Michael Hawkes
 Judith Holliman
 John Gareth Hughes
 Carmelina Ieraci
 Stephen Phillip Jakeman
 Lingyu Ji
 Donna Alice Leigh
 Sarah Louise Lowe
 Ruth Katherine Midcalf

John David Mills
 Patricia Mukorombindo
 Andrew John Mumford
 Papa Kwaku Bona Owusu
 Julia Pittaway
 Joanna Ruth Rand
 John Charles Schofield
 Sang Woo Seo
 Gillian Sharp
 Tanya Short
 Martin Slocombe
 Patrick David Stonehewer
 Paul Tabraham
 Wendy Ann Thornton
 Janet Titterton
 Wendy Tucker
 Catherine Margaret Wagstaff
 Hilda Margaret Warwick
 Rachel Wheeler
 Morwenna Wills
 Daniel Woodhouse
 Timothy Woolley
 John David Yarrien
 Simon Young

2/13/3 The Conference, by a Standing Vote, adopted Resolution 43/2.

2/14 **Special Reports**

2/14/1 The Conference gave permission for Alexandra Claire Dunstan to further delay entry into training.

2/14/2 The Conference agreed the following changes in expected date of Reception into Full Connexion:

To an earlier date:

Josette Anne Crane	2014 (from 2015)
Stella Freda Mills	2013 (from 2015)
Phillip John Warrey	2014 (from 2015)

To a later date:

Gillian Rosemary Baalham	2015 (from 2014)
Andrew Philip Burrows	2012 (from 2011)
Gillian Margaret Daniel	2013 (from 2012)
Rebecca Jane Ingrouille	2014 (from 2013)
Ruth Hazel Jeffries	2013 (from 2012)
Greg Obong-Oshotse	2015 (from 2013)
Michael Richard Simpson	2015 (from 2013)

2/14/3 The Conference received reports in relation to a probationer, Leslie Dinning, and an accepted candidate who has not yet commenced training, Estwar Sanichar.

2/14/4 The Conference concurred with a recommendation that Catherine Dixon (previously known as Catherine Lumbers) be reinstated as a student minister.

- 2/14/5 The Conference concurred with recommendations that Jojo Nyarko Monney's and Cliff Shanganya's probation be discontinued. The Conference noted recommendations from an Appeal Committee regarding the effect of a discontinuance recommendation, and regarding the assessment and training of presbyters received by transfer. The Assistant Secretary of the Conference gave assurances that these matters were already under review. *[as corrected by 5/24/1]*
- 2/14/6 The Conference adopted Resolution 43/1,
p 575, in 1.5, against Stella Freda Mills, for '2014 (from 2015)' reading '2013 (from 2015)'.
- 2/15 **Preachers Recommended For Continuance On Trial**
The Conference adopted Resolution 43/4.
- 2/16 **45. RECEPTION INTO FULL CONNEXION**
Preachers On Trial Presented To The Conference For Reception Into Full Connexion
[as corrected by 5/24/1]
- 2/16/1 The Conference accepted the recommendation of the Ministerial Candidates and Probationers Committee that the following are fit to be admitted into full connexion with the Conference as ministers:
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| Rohama Asif | Andrew Robert Pottage |
| Karen Julia Bell | Daniel John Pratt Morris- |
| Katharine Joyce Bland | Chapman |
| Andrew Philip Burrows | Susan Elaine Preston |
| Ian Stanley Coates | Joseph Samuel Ribeiro |
| Jane Louise Cook | Alison Richards |
| Neil Draper | Alison Richardson |
| Christopher Joseph Evans | Helen Louise Roberts |
| Charity Kathleen McKenzie Hamilton | Mark Colin Stennett |
| Karen Amanda Hilsden | Adam James Stevenson |
| Patrice J Jackson | Peter David Taylor |
| Deborah Mary Kirk | Sally Ann Thornton |
| Andrew Martin Longe | Jeremy Nicholas Tresise |
| Sharon Lovelock | Jason Christopher Vinyard |
| Patricia Anne Malham | Hugh-John Wilson |
| Nicola Joanne Morrison | Sarah Jane Wood |
| Simon Matthew Oliver | Anne Elisabeth Wooff Ellis |
| Janet Elizabeth Park | Lynda Denise Yeadon |
| Gareth Peter Phillips | |
- 2/16/2 The Conference, by a Standing Vote, adopted Resolution 45/1,
p 585, correcting the names listed to read as above.
- 2/16/3 The Conference agreed to the withdrawal of Resolution 43/5.
- 2/17 **49. RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE MINISTERIAL CANDIDATES SELECTION COMMITTEE ACTING AS TRANSFER COMMITTEE (under S.O.730)**
- 2/17/1 The Conference accepted, with the required majority, the recommendation of the Ministerial Candidates Selection Committee that the following be received into full connexion by transfer in 2012:

The Revd Professor Teddy Kalongo, an ordained presbyter of the United Church of Zambia

The Revd William H Tardy, an ordained presbyter of the United Methodist Church.

2/17/2 The Conference accepted the recommendation of the Ministerial Candidates Selection Committee that the following be recognised and regarded as a minister in full connexion with the Conference under Standing Order 732(2) and (3): *[as corrected by 5/24/1]*

The Revd T J Wesley of the North Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church

2/17/3 The Conference adopted Resolution 49/1,

p 595, *adding* the names listed in 2/17/1 in place of 'To be reported on the Order Paper'

2/17/4 The Conference, by a Standing Vote, adopted Resolution 49/2.

2/18 **48. MINISTERS RECOMMENDED FOR TRANSFER OUT OF FULL CONNEXION OR TO BE PERMITTED TO SERVE ANOTHER CONFERENCE OR CHURCH OR TO SERVE ABROAD OR RESIDE ABROAD**

The Conference adopted Resolution 48/1,

p 593, in **4. Permission to serve abroad**
adding Conrad J Hicks
deleting Michael P Dye (New Zealand) and Jill Wiley (United States)

in **5. Permission to reside abroad**
adding Michael P Dye (New Zealand) and Jill Wiley (United States)

in **6. Permission to serve another church**
adding Henry F Le Ruez (Church of England) and Jennifer C Rayner (Church of England)

2/19 **44. STATIONING ADVISORY COMMITTEE: PERMISSIONS GRANTED DURING THE YEAR**

The Conference adopted as Resolution 44/1,

The Conference receives the report.

2/20 **RESIGNATIONS**

2/20/1 The Conference accepted a report that the President had received the resignation of the following ministers in full connexion, according them the status indicated:

Stephen J Plant
To pursue ordination in another denomination *No status*
Geoffrey D Howell
To pursue ministry in another denomination *No status*

2/20/2 The Conference concurred with a recommendation that Earl Beckles be presumed to have removed himself from full connexion.

- 2/21 The Conference adjourned at 15.52.
- 2/22 The Conference reassembled in open session at 16.20.
- 2/23 **57. THE FRUITFUL FIELD**
The Conference was led in a presentation and discussion about this Report by The Revds Anne E Brown and Vernon Marsh.
- 2/24 **46. MINISTERS BECOMING SUPERNUMERARY OR RETURNING TO THE ACTIVE WORK**
- 2/24/1 The Conference adopted Resolution 46/1,

In **3. Ministers requesting permission to become supernumerary**
p 587, *deleting* Robert T McKinley (14)
p 588, *adding* J Colin Smith (40) and Jill Wiley (21) and *deleting* the second entry for John C Peak (15)
- 2/24/2 The Conference adopted Resolution 46/2, noting the above amendments.
- 2/25 **ANNUAL INQUIRY**
The Chairs of the Districts gave to the Conference the assurances as to the character and discipline of the ministers and ministerial probationers required by Standing Order 154.
- 2/26 **THANKS TO THE PRESIDENT**
The Revd Ruth M Gee expressed the thanks of the Conference to the President of the Conference.
- 2/27 The Conference was led in worship by the President, the Vice-President and the Secretary of the Conference.
- 2/28 The Conference resolved by a Standing Vote to adjourn to 14.00 on Saturday 30 June for the Representative Session.
- 2/29 The Conference adjourned at 18.05.

3/1 The Conference in its Representative Session assembled in the Plymouth Pavilions, Plymouth, at 14.00, The Revd Lionel E Osborn, the President of the Conference, in the Chair.

3/2 **WELCOME TO THE CONFERENCE**

The Secretary welcomed the Conference.

3/3 **MEMBERSHIP OF THE CONFERENCE**

The Conference adopted the membership of this session of the Conference as set out in the Agenda (pp 819-826), as amended by Daily Record 1/5 and the following substitutions and corrections:

Representatives of Connexional and Other Bodies

The Revd Wolfgang Rieker *vice* Bishop Rosemarie Wenner

Birmingham District

Deacon Karen McBride *vice* Deacon Kerry R Smith

Chester and Stoke-on-Trent District

Mr Alan Harrison *vice* Mr Michael Valentine

Newcastle-upon-Tyne

Ms Isabel J King *vice* Mrs Sylvia Fuller

Lancashire District

Mr Graham Kay *vice* Dr Lois Loudon

Plymouth and Exeter District

Mr Keith Angilley *vice* Mrs Kathryn Trotman

Southampton District

Deacon Ian Murray *vice* Deacon Margaret L Cox

Associate Members

The Revd Fr Kevin Kavanagh, The Roman Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales *vice* Fr Robert Byrne, The Roman Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales

3/4 **APPOINTMENT OF RECORD SECRETARY**

The Conference adopted as Resolution 62/1:

The Conference appoints The Revd Colin A Smith as Record Secretary for the Representative Session of 2012.

3/5 **APPOINTMENT OF SCRUTINEERS**

The Conference appointed the Scrutineers as follows:

Ms Nancy Acquaaah
The Revd Derek J Balsdon
Mr Matthew Collins
Mr John Cooper
The Revd Sylvester O Deigh
Mr Gordon Dixon
The Revd Christine Gillespie
Mrs Sylvia Harrison
Mr John Heard

The Revd Rosamund v Hollingsworth
Ms Jenny Jackson
Dr Stephen Leah
Mrs Diana Ogden
Miss Christina Shaw
Mr R W John Tonkin
Mr Frank Watson
Mrs Laura Wilson

3/6 **THE LOYAL ADDRESS**

The Conference directed that a letter of greeting be sent to Her Majesty the Queen.

3/7 **GREETINGS**

The Conference was pleased to receive greetings from the Chaplain of the Fleet, The Revd Scott Brown.

3/8 **PRESIDENT AND VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE CONFERENCE**

3/8/1 The Revd Dr Mark Henry Wakelin, having been nominated according to rule at the preceding Conference, was duly elected by a Standing Vote as President of the Conference of 2012 (Resolution 1/1).

3/8/2 Mr Michael Philip King, having been nominated according to rule at the preceding Conference, was duly elected by a Standing Vote as Vice-President of the Conference of 2012 (Resolution 1/2).

3/8/3 The Induction of the President and the Vice-President took place.

3/9 **ECUMENICAL AND WORLD CHURCH REPRESENTATIVES AND GUESTS**

3/9/1 The Conference welcomed the ecumenical representatives and ecumenical guests from the region.

3/9/2 The Conference welcomed representatives from the Irish Conference, the General Conference of the United Methodist Church (UMC), the Methodist Church of Aotearoa New Zealand, die Evangelisch-methodiste Kirche (Germany), and two Mission Partners as voting members of the Conference.

3/9/3 The Conference welcomed representatives from the Protestant Methodist Church in Benin, the Methodist Church in Kenya, the Methodist Church in Sierra Leone, the Methodist Church The Gambia, the Argentine Evangelical Methodist Church, the Methodist Church Brazil, the Methodist Church of the Caribbean and the Americas, the Evangelical Methodist Church in El Salvador, the Methodist Church of Peru, the China Christian Council, the Church of South India, the Methodist Church of Southern Africa, the United Mission to Nepal, the Free Wesleyan Church of Tonga, Opera Chiesa Metodista Italia, UMC Central Conference Northern Europe, the Portuguese Evangelical Methodist Church, and the UMC Central Conference of Central and Southern Europe.

3/9/4 Bishop Sharon Rader of the United Methodist Church responded on behalf of the representatives and guests.

3/10 **PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS**

The President of the Conference delivered his inaugural address.

- 3/11 The Conference adjourned at 16.12.
- 3/12 The Conference reassembled at 16.55.
- 3/13 **12. REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE BUSINESS COMMITTEE**
- 3/13/1 The Conference, by the required majority, adopted Resolution 12/1, renumbering it as 12/1(a),
 p 118, last line, *for* 'presbyteral' *reading* 'presbyteral or diaconal'.
- 3/13/2 The Conference adopted as Resolution 12/1(b):
 The Conference amends Standing Order 132(2) as follows:-
 (2) Only on matters of urgency, so judged by the President, shall notices of motion in the Representative Session be accepted after ~~lunch-time~~ **4.30 pm** on the ~~fourth~~ **third** day of the session, except that a notice of motion proposing to amend a resolution circulated or materially altered on or after the first day of the session shall be accepted if lodged before the close of business on the day before the resolution is to be dealt with.
- 3/14 **42. CONFERENCE DIACONAL COMMITTEE**
- 3/14/1 The Conference adopted Resolution 42/1,
 p 563, Candidates
 For Karen McEwan *reading* Karen McEwen
 p 564, Training and Probation
 For Yasha Mashoko *reading* Rukudzo Mashoko
 p 564, Those continuing on probation
 Adding Samantha M Taylor
 p 564, Ordinands
 For Fillippus den Uil *reading* Filippus den Uil
 For Sarah McDowell *reading* Sarah McDowall
- 3/14/2 The Conference adopted Resolution 42/2, noting the corrections above.
- 3/15 **27. GENERAL SECRETARY'S REPORT**
 The Conference adopted Resolution 27/1.
- 3/16 **25. FUTURE MISSION TOGETHER**
 The Conference adopted Resolutions 25/1, 25/2, 25/3, 25/4, 25/5, and 25/7.
- 3/17 The Conference adjourned at 18.24 for the Annual General Meeting of the Methodist Missionary Society.

- 4/1 The Conference assembled at 11.00.
- 4/2 The Conference shared in worship, during which the Vice-President preached, and the following business was transacted.

4/3 **RECEPTION INTO FULL CONNEXION AS PRESBYTERS**

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

4/3/1 The preachers on trial:

Rohama Asif	Gareth Peter Phillips
Karen Julia Bell	Andrew Robert Pottage
Katharine Joyce Bland	Daniel John Pratt Morris-
Andrew Philip Burrows	Chapman
Ian Stanley Coates	Susan Elaine Preston
Jane Louise Cook	Joseph Samuel Ribeiro
Neil Draper	Alison Richards
Christopher Joseph Evans	Alison Richardson
Charity Kathleen McKenzie	Helen Louise Roberts
Hamilton	Mark Colin Stennett
Karen Amanda Hilsden	Adam James Stevenson
Patrice J Jackson	Peter David Taylor
Deborah Mary Kirk	Sally Ann Thornton
Andrew Martin Longe	Jeremy Nicholas Tresise
Sharon Lovelock	Jason Christopher Vinyard
Patricia Anne Malham	Hugh-John Wilson
Nicola Joanne Morrison	Sarah Jane Wood
Simon Matthew Oliver	Anne Elisabeth Wooff Ellis
Janet Elizabeth Park	Lynda Denise Yeadon

4/3/2 One person to be received by transfer:

The Revd Prof Teddy Kalongo, an ordained presbyter of the United Church of Zambia

4/3/3 The Conference, by a Standing Vote, received into Full Connexion with the Conference as ministers the above named sisters and brothers and resolved that those not already ordained elsewhere be ordained by prayer and the laying on of hands on the afternoon of this day, the first of July, at:

The Avenue Church, Newton Abbot
Camborne Wesley Methodist Church
Central Church, Torquay
Liskeard Wesley Methodist Church
Plymouth Methodist Central Hall
Sidwell Street Methodist Church, Exeter
Truro Methodist Church

(Resolution 45/2 on Agenda p 585)

4/4 **RECEPTION INTO FULL CONNEXION AS DEACONS**

4/4/1 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:

Filippus den Uil
Jennifer Jones
Belinda Shirley Letby

Jonathan Miller
Suzanne Peat
Rachel Margaret Thomas-Prasad

4/4/2 One person to be received by transfer: *[as corrected by 5/24/3]*

Sarah Elizabeth Mary McDowall

4/4/3 The Conference, by a Standing Vote, received into Full Connexion with the Conference as deacons and into full membership of the Methodist Diaconal Order the above named sisters and brothers and resolved that those not already ordained elsewhere, be ordained by prayer and the laying on of hands on the afternoon of this day, the first of July at Gwennap Pit.

(Resolution 45/3 on Agenda p 586)

4/5 The Conference adjourned at 12.39.

5/1 The Conference assembled at 9.00, and was led in worship by Deacon Stephen F Roe.

5/2 **HOURS OF SESSION**

The Conference agreed that these should be 09.00-10.45; 11.15-12.45; 14.00-16.30; and 17.00-19.00 on Monday, 2 July to Wednesday, 4 July and 09.00-10.45 and 11.15-12.45 on Thursday, 5 July.

5/3 **APPOINTMENT OF ATTESTORS**

5/3/1 Dr Jill Barber and Mr Matthew Collins were appointed to attest the Daily Record and related documents.

5/3/2 Mr Stephen Cooper and The Revd Gillian M Newton were appointed to attest the Journal and related documents.

5/4 **LETTERS**

5/4/1 The Conference directed that letters of thanks be sent to those responsible for the Conference and Ordination Services and those who took part in them.

5/4/2 Letters of greeting were sent in the name of the Conference to the following ministers on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of their ordinations: *[list corrected by 7/27/2]*

The Revd Derek Bedford
The Revd Norman W Bray
The Revd Brian D Brown
The Revd Derek R Chapman
The Revd Alexander Conn
The Revd Kenneth R Cracknell
The Revd John Dale
The Revd Neville Davis
The Revd R John Dimmock
The Revd David G Driver
The Revd Ian S Duncan
The Revd Brian Fitzpatrick
The Revd Geoffrey Fletcher
The Revd John M Flintham
The Revd John Furniss
The Revd Brian J Gameson
The Revd Colin J Groom
The Revd Gilbert S Hall
The Revd Jack Hanson
The Revd K Graham Hawley
The Revd Derek G Holtom
The Revd Peter H Hutchings

The Revd Brian S Jones
The Revd Harold Jones
The Revd Dr Ivor H Jones
The Revd F Leonard Karn
The Revd Derek C Kellington
The Revd Donald G Knighton
The Revd David J S Lee
The Revd Ivor F Mann
The Revd Dr I Howard Marshall
The Revd John C Newton
The Revd Dr David A Pailin
The Revd Anthony W Pudner
The Revd J Roger Roberts
The Revd John Rowland
The Revd Frank Sanderson
The Revd John G Snaith
The Revd Trevor Staniforth
The Revd Robert Teasdale
The Revd Graham A Vickers
The Revd Dr Frank Whaling
The Revd Robert White
The Revd Keith K Winn

5/4/3 Letters of greeting were sent in the name of the Conference to the following ministers on the occasion of the 60th anniversary of their ordinations: *[list corrected by 8/44/2]*

The Revd Albert J Ball
The Revd Howard Booth
The Revd Allan J Bowers
The Revd Ronald S Charlton
The Revd Samuel Connolly

The Revd Nigel L Gilson
The Revd Derek H Jefferson
The Revd John E Stanfield
The Revd Reginald E Tansey
The Revd Alan J Triffitt

5/5

59. MEMORIALS

The Convener of the Memorials Committee presented the replies to Memorials.

5/6

37. METHODIST COUNCIL REPORT

5/6/1

The Conference adopted Resolutions 37/1, 37/2 and 37/3.

5/6/2

The Conference adopted Resolution 37/4,

for '2012' reading '2013' in the wording of the Resolution.

5/6/3

The Conference adopted Resolution 37/5.

5/6/4

The Conference adopted Resolution 37/6,

adding 'up to' before 'three consecutive years' in the wording of the Resolution.

5/6/5

The Conference adopted Resolutions 37/8 and 37/9.

5/7

26. CONNEXIONAL TEAM REPORT

The Conference adopted Resolution 26/1.

5/8

22. UNIFIED STATEMENT OF CONNEXIONAL FINANCES

The Conference adopted Resolution 22/1.

5/9

The Conference adjourned at 10.46.

5/10

The Conference reassembled at 11.15.

5/11

10. CONNEXIONAL CENTRAL SERVICES BUDGET 2012/13

5/11/1

Memorials M13 – M15

The Conference adopted as its replies to Memorials M13, M14 and M15 those recommended by the Memorials Committee (Agenda pp 777-781).

5/11/2

Memorials M19 – M23

The Conference adopted the following as its reply to Memorials M19, M20, M21, M22 and M23:

The Conference notes its own decision to set up and fund on a 70:30 basis 20 Venture FX projects for an initial five years. This was done knowing the cost implications. Districts and Circuits made applications and allocated funding to sponsor projects thereby entering into a partnership with the Connexion. While it is reluctantly acknowledged that the full 20 projects and the second phase may need to be modified in light of changing circumstances, the Conference directs the Methodist Council to honour this initial commitment to those projects that have started. To not do so is not only unjust but runs contrary to

the direction of travel indicated in the General Secretary's report to the 2011 Conference.

The additional funding for Fresh Expressions, to come from Connexional funds as a sign of the Conference's commitment to mission and evangelism.

5/11/3 The Conference adopted Resolution 10/2,
p 96, in line 1 of the amendment to SO 955, *for* '6(a)Subject to sub-clause) (b)' *reading* '6(a) Subject to sub-clause (b)'.

5/11/4 The Conference adopted Resolution 10/3,
p 97, *for* '(b)' *reading* '(ii)' in the amendments to both SO 212(2) and SO 213(4).

5/11/5 The Conference adopted Resolutions 10/4 and 10/5.

5/12 **4. METHODIST MINISTERS' HOUSING SOCIETY**

The Conference adopted Resolution 4/1.

5/13 The Conference adjourned at 12.49.

5/14 The Conference reassembled at 14.00.

5/15 The Conference was led in Bible Study by The Rt Revd Arnold Temple, the Presiding Bishop of the Methodist Church Sierra Leone. *[as corrected by 6/13/1]*

5/16 **31. METHODIST MINISTERS PENSION SCHEME**

5/16/1 The Conference adopted Resolution 31/1,
p 454, para 62, *for* 'Where a minister of another church is recognised and regarded as if they were in Full Connexion with the Conference is paid a standard stipend...' *reading* 'Where a minister of another church is recognised and regarded as if he/she were in Full Connexion with the Conference he/she is paid a standard stipend...'.
5/16/2 The Conference adopted Resolutions 31/2, 31/3, 31/4, 31/5, 31/6, 31/7, 31/8, 31/9, 31/10, 31/11, 31/12, 31/13, 31/14, 31/15, 31/16 and 31/17.

5/17 **19. SAFEGUARDING**

5/17/1 The Conference adopted Resolution 19/1.

5/17/2 The Conference adopted Resolution 19/2,
for 'should' *reading* 'shall' in the wording of the Resolution,
p 181, adding a new para 3.5A after para 3.5 as follows:

'3.5A Following 2015, in line with arrangements for the Foundation Module, all those newly appointed to a role in the 'Core List' shall attend the Leadership Module training within 6 months of taking up the appointment.'

p 188, Appendix 2, in **Leadership Module, Core List – Required Attendance**,

adding after ‘All presbyters or deacons with an active preaching or pastoral ministry’ the following: ‘including those supernumerary ministers who have pastoral care of a church’

deleting ‘Safeguarding representative – church’

in **Leadership Module, Warmly invited but not mandatory**

adding as a list below the title:

‘Safeguarding representative – church’

‘Supernumerary ministers apart from those who have pastoral care of a church’

in **Foundation Module, Core List – Required Attendance**,

for ‘Church and safeguarding representatives’ *reading* ‘Church and circuit safeguarding representatives’

adding, p 189, at the end of the list:

‘Covenant of Care’ group members’

5/17/3 The Conference adopted Resolutions 19/3, 19/4, 19/5 and 19/6.

5/18 **20. PRESIDENT’S INQUIRY (SAFEGUARDING) 2011 – IMPLEMENTATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS**

5/18/1 The Conference adopted Resolution 20/1,

p 201, in **e)** line 4, *for* ‘has’ *reading* ‘should have’

in footnote 3, *for* ‘SO 232(v)’ *reading* ‘SO 232(2)(v)’.

5/18/2 The Conference adopted Resolution 20/2.

5/18/3 The Conference, with the required majority, adopted Resolution 20/3. [*for direction as to consultation, see 8/40/2*]

5/19 **32. PAST SAFEGUARDING CASES REVIEW**

The Conference adopted Resolutions 32/1 and 32/2.

5/20 **24. EDUCATION COMMISSION**

The Conference adopted Resolutions 24/1, 24/2, 24/3, 24/4, 24/5, 24/6, 24/7 and 24/8. [*as corrected by 8/44/2*]

5/21 **35. THE FAITH AND ORDER COMMITTEE**

5/21/1 The Conference adopted Resolution 35/1.

5/22 The Conference adjourned at 16.30.

5/23 The Conference reassembled at 17.00.

5/24 **DAILY RECORD**

5/24/1 The Daily Record of the Ministerial Session was presented, taken as read, and adopted as printed,

at 1/8/2, for 'The Revds David G Deeks and Dr Kenneth G Greet' reading 'The Revd Drs David G Deeks and Kenneth G Greet'

at 2/14/5, line, 3, *deleting* 'that certain matters'

deleting the number 2/17 before the heading **Preachers On Trial Presented To The Conference For Reception Into Full Connexion**, and renumbering accordingly

at 2/17/2 as renumbered, for 'ministers' reading 'a minister'.

5/24/2 The Written Portion of the Daily Record of the Ministerial Session was presented in headings only and adopted.

5/24/3 The Daily Record for Saturday, 30 June and Sunday, 1 July was presented, taken as read, and adopted as printed,

at 4/4/1, *inserting* before 'Sarah Elizabeth Mary McDowall' a blank line and the words 'One person received by transfer:'.

5/25 **35. THE FAITH AND ORDER COMMITTEE (continued)**

5/25/1 The Conference adopted Resolution 35/3, renumbering it as 35/2,

p 524, *adding* at the end of para 4.2: 'to hear the challenge of the tradition' [this addition was made during the Conference but initially omitted from the Record and added after the Conference].

5/25/2 The Conference adopted Resolutions 35/4, 35/5, 35/6 and 35/7, renumbering them as 35/3, 35/4, 35/5 and 35/6.

5/26 The Conference received a presentation on **Statistics for Mission** by Dr Christopher Stephens. [as corrected by 6/13/1]

5/27 **21. LAW AND POLITY COMMITTEE (PART 1)**

5/27/1 The Conference adopted Resolutions 21/1 and 21/2.

5/27/2 The Conference adopted Resolution 21/3,

p 231, *deleting* '(i)' in line 2 of the Resolution, and *adding* after that line:

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(1) **Subject to Standing Order 211(1)(c)** The council may...Standing Order 211(1)(a)...

5/27/3 The Conference adopted Resolution 21/4,

p 233, *deleting* '**managing**' from line 2 of the new sub-clause (n).

5/27/4 The Conference adopted Resolutions 21/5, 21/6, 21/7, 21/8 and 21/9.

- 5/27/5 The Conference, with the required majority, adopted Resolution 21/10,
p 240, inserting '**and**' in Appendix A, at the end of the new sub-clause **(c)(ii)**.
[for direction as to consultation, see 8/40/2]
- 5/27/6 The Conference adopted Resolutions 21/11, 21/12, 21/13, 21/14, 21/15, 21/16
and 21/17.
- 5/27/7 **Memorial M40**
The Conference adopted as its reply to Memorial M40 that recommended by the
Memorials Committee (Agenda pp 800-801).
- 5/28 The Conference went into closed session at 18.15.
- 5/28/1 The Conference received a report concerning the Church's appeal to the Supreme
Court in the matter of *The President of the Methodist Conference v Preston*.
- 5/28/2 **Memorial M46**
The Conference agreed that the above report will form the basis of its reply to
Memorial M46.
- 5/28/3 The Conference received a report on behalf of the Safeguarding Advisory Panel.
- 5/28/4 The Conference received the report of the Convenor of Connexional Discipline,
Appeal and Pastoral Committees.
- 5/28/5 The Conference was informed that since the meeting of the Conference Diaconal
Committee the President had accepted the resignation of a deacon, Edward A T
Smith.
- 5/29 The Conference reconvened in open session at 18.42.
- 5/30 **LETTERS**
Letters of greeting and concern were sent in the name of the Conference to Mrs
Rosemary Cox, Dr and Mrs Ian and Elizabeth Edwards, Miss Sylvia Fuller, Mr Robert
Lolley, Dr Lois Loudon, Mrs Beverley Richardson, The Revd Dr Elizabeth A Smith.
- 5/31 The Conference was led in worship by The Revds Rachel E Parkinson and D Paul
Wood.
- 5/32 The Conference adjourned at 18.57.

- 6/1 The Conference assembled at 9.00.
- 6/2 The Conference was led in worship by Mr Sam Taylor, Mr Oswald Addo and Ms Charlotte Burke.
- 6/3 **2. 3GENERATE CHILDREN'S AND YOUTH ASSEMBLY REPORT 2011**
- 6/3/1 The Conference adopted Resolutions 2/1, 2/2, 2/3, 2/4 and 2/5.
- 6/4 **NEW ITEM: 64. YOUTH PARTICIPATION STRATEGY (YPS)**
- 6/4/1 Basic Information

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Status of Paper	Final
Resolution	64/1. The Conference receives the Report.

Summary of Content

Subject and Aims	Report from the YPS Reference Group, responding to the National Youth Agency evaluation of the YPS scheme.
Background Context and Relevant Documents (with function)	Youth Participation Strategy Report Conference 2009 (46) – first year update Youth Participation Strategy Report Conference 2008 (21) – initial proposals for the Strategy www.childrenandyouth.org.uk www.methodistyouthassembly.org.uk National Youth Agency (NYA) evaluation report on the YPS

INTRODUCTION

1.1 The YPS Reference Group was delighted that the review of the YPS conducted by the NYA concluded that, “over the last five years, participation at the Methodist Church has developed significantly and impressively, especially for such a large organisation. [...] it is important to note the success the Church has had in this area.” and awarded the Hear by Right Bronze Award to the Church, the largest organisation yet to achieve one.

1.2 The innovative and high standard of youth work achieved by the staff employed by the YPS was noted and commended by the report and by the YPS Reference Group. The One Programme has been a beacon of exciting and unique opportunities, which have been both life-changing and life-giving to young people, churches, Circuits and Districts and have made an impact across the Connexion.

1.3 The YPS Reference Group wished to highlight the excellent value for money this investment has been for the Methodist Church. A total of 42 young people have now been through the scheme. Two have gone on to become Youth Presidents, two have gone on to become district representatives to the Conference, one has gone on to be elected as Chair of the Youth and Young Adult Committee of the World

Methodist Council and, arguably more importantly, *all* of the One Programme Participants (OPPs) have in some way experienced a significant moving forward in their discipleship journey, some of those starting at a place of little or no faith. All this is evidence of the scheme's success in terms of both evangelism and discipleship. The OPPs' stories are currently being compiled into a booklet: "*Hear by Right - the story so far of the One Programme in the Methodist Church.*" The work of Youth Forums where established was also commended by the group for their ability to inform creatively the work of the Church and bring to fruit the work of participation by children and young people. Currently, for example, this is happening in a variety of ways in Wales, Wolverhampton & Shrewsbury, Darlington, Cornwall, Lancashire and London.

RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 As a result of the review the YPS Reference Group would like to make the following recommendations:

(i) Pathways

That participation becomes embedded in the discipleship journey of the whole people of God through the following ways:

- a) District Youth Forums be established in every District, running alongside District Synods to inform the work of districts.
- b) Encouraging the Ministries Committee to affirm participation training as formational to every ministry in the Methodist Church.
- c) Participation training should be an element of the Equality and Diversity training undertaken by the Connexional Team.
- d) The Well network is further developed as a resource of good practice and communication for Children's and Youth Workers across the Connexion.
- e) Work which has begun on imagining the outworking of participation in *Our Calling* be sent to every church for each church to add to the story. It is anticipated it will be complete and on the website by the Conference.

(ii) People

- a) That the role of the people whose focus is participation – the Youth President, the YPS Reference Group and the regional YPS staff – is affirmed.
- b) That the value of regional staff in embedding connexional thinking in practice be affirmed as a pattern for further development of work.
- c) That training in participation is offered to local church and circuit stewards.
- d) That young people be encouraged and given support to sit on key committees, such as the Connexional Grants Committee and the Conference Business Committee.
- e) That further work is done to resolve the trustee issue for those under 18.

- f) That appropriate staff in the Connexional Team work with Lay Employment Secretaries to enable young people to be more involved in recruitment processes within the Church.

(iii) Places

- a) That the Children's and Youth Assembly be developed further to engage with a larger and wider group of young people and that, between meetings of the Assembly, mechanisms are developed to maintain relationships and movement through the Connexion – so that the event becomes more than the sum of its parts and widens its sphere of influence, thereby increasing the discipleship of young people.
- b) That the Conference becomes a place where the voices of children and young people cannot only be heard but allowed to be transformational.
- c) That any “hub” development as a result of the outworking of the Fruitful Field project takes due regard of the needs of children and young people.

CONCLUSION

3.1 The YPS Reference Group is extremely pleased with the positive evaluation of the Church's work by the National Youth Agency. They believe this gives the strongest message to the Church that this work is of value, has and will continue to make a positive difference in enabling the Church to be a discipleship movement shaped for mission and as such they believe should continue to be a core part of the work of the Connexion.

3.2 Participation is about everyone, not just young people. The Methodist Church's bigger vision is to see the whole Church participating more; becoming a discipleship movement shaped for mission, making and moulding the shape and substance of the Church together.

3.3 Participation and involvement is more than volunteering; it is changing the way we run our meetings, plan our worship, and make our decisions. Participation and involvement mean changing the way we are the Church together.

3.4 Participation must be embedded in every aspect of the Church.

6/4/2 The Conference adopted as Resolution 64/1:

The Conference receives the Report.

6/5 The Conference adjourned at 10.48.

6/6 The Conference reassembled at 11.15.

6/7 **57. THE FRUITFUL FIELD PROJECT**

The Conference adopted Resolution 57/1,

p 714, para 174 line 3, for 'regional teams' reading 'centres'.

6/8 The Conference adjourned at 12.48.

6/9 The Conference reassembled at 14.03.

6/10 **57. THE FRUITFUL FIELD PROJECT (continued)**

6/10/1 **Notice of Motion 106: additional information about resources in Cambridge**

The Conference *notes that*:

(i) since the Fruitful Field report was not published until 8 June 2012, the Board of Trustees of Wesley House has not had an opportunity to meet formally in order to respond to the final report, and in particular to its statements regarding Wesley House and the Wesley House Trust;

(ii) after appropriate consultation, the Strategy Committee of the Board of Trustees wishes to draw the attention of the Conference to matters not detailed in the Fruitful Field Report which are material to informed debate concerning: the nature of the links between Wesley House and the University of Cambridge; the nature of the ecumenical learning community in Cambridge; the up to date situation regarding buildings and finances;

and therefore resolves to receive the statement below:

1. Wesley House's links with the University of Cambridge (Report 57 para 235). The report suggests that Wesley House's links with the University of Cambridge are 'weak'. However:

- Wesley House is an Approved House of Residence of the University of Cambridge.
- The current chair of the Wesley House trustees is the nominee of the University of Cambridge.
- **All Wesley House students have direct access to University of Cambridge library facilities** (more than 52,000 theological volumes in addition to the specialist collections of the Cambridge Theological Federation in Reformed, Orthodox, Methodist, Catholic, Anglican, ecumenical, world mission and interfaith studies), as well as to a range of its lectures, seminars, and other special events.
- **1/3 of current students are studying on Cambridge awards. More could study on Cambridge awards (including the Tripos)** if there were an allocations and funding policy to prioritize this. Wesley House would welcome this, although it also values the currently very mixed community and believes this is a healthy model of formation.
- The **Cambridge Faculty of Divinity** is robust and entrepreneurial (receiving 99.9% in the recent survey in the Times). It is committed to maintaining its relationship with the Cambridge Theological Federation and to developing the awards available as well as research opportunities.
- All Wesley House core staff are affiliated lecturers of the **University of Cambridge and of Anglia Ruskin University** (as are our ecumenical partners in the Cambridge Theological Federation) and benefit from access to senior seminars, research facilities and face to face relationships with leading figures in theological research.

- All Wesley House core staff teach at undergraduate, masters and doctoral level.
- All Wesley House core staff are **research active and are engaged in research-led teaching institutes.**
- Wesley House has **active exchange partnerships with three overseas**, all of whom want a Methodist partner with access to a world class university (recently U.S. News and World Report ranked Cambridge as the best university in the world, and the Times Higher Education ranked it as third (after Harvard and M.I.T.) in world reputation).

2. The Depth and Breadth of Wesley House's ecumenical partnerships (Report 57 para 235): Report 57 suggests that Wesley House has 'links' with 10 other ecumenical bodies. This does not do justice to the quality and nature of the ecumenical commitment in Cambridge which is unparalleled in the world in its genuinely federal approach (allowing each member institution its own worshipping and formational community alongside common integrated teaching and learning) and its integration with a world class university:

Founded 40 years ago **the Cambridge Theological Federation is a mature and robust partnership** of which Wesley House was a founding, and remains a key, member.

- Together we are **largest theological faculty in the UK** with 30+ staff and a resident student body of 270, with a similar number of distance learners across the world.
- Together we offer the most diverse ecumenical learning community in Europe, **including Jewish and Muslim teachers and learners.**
- Together we already welcome members of the **world church** for further study and sabbaticals. Our strategic development plan prioritizes extending this hospitality further.
- Together we deliver two awards in association with the University of Cambridge which are **tailored to the vocational needs of graduates** preparing for a range of ministries in addition to the departmentally taught awards and higher degrees to which we have access.
- Together we have **60 doctoral students.**
- Together we deliver two MA programmes, a Foundation Degree and a BA validated through Anglia Ruskin University which offer **flexibility and accessibility for distance learning and transferable credit.**
- From 2014 The Cambridge Theological Federation will continue to offer Cambridge awards, and also offer undergraduate and masters level programmes through the newly validated common awards. Our doctoral programmes will continue through Cambridge and Anglia, as will our commitment to Cambridge undergraduate and taught graduate awards which are considered important in other denominations for the formation of future theological educators and thought leaders.

3. Buildings and Finances: phrases like 'moderate' and 'significant' (Report 57 para 235) have the effect of suggesting that The Queen's Foundation would need

much less initial investment than Wesley House to be accessible and safe for a large enough number of learners.

4. To clarify the picture given in Report 57/1:

- The Wesley House Trustees are not wedded to the current buildings if a more cost effective and strategic option within Cambridge proves viable. Indeed they would have moved to achieve this themselves before now had they not been asked to wait during the Fruitful Field process.
- Regarding the current site, which has the advantages of being central, attractive and freehold, with **moderate immediate investment** (£1m) this site (on which renovations have already begun spending £.65m over the last 3 years) could be completely accessible and safe for up to 50 Methodist resident learners/ visiting learners. Other accommodation is readily available in the Cambridge Theological Federation to accommodate more learners if needed before any further reconfiguration were complete.
- In the longer term, if a state of the art facility were required with suites for visiting learners some further investment would be needed – the precise amount would depend on the quality of accommodation desired, and whether it were designed to also bring financial returns when not otherwise required. Not all of this need be connexional money and could be phased investment.
- Crucially, The Cambridge Theological Federation is currently bidding for a **multi-million pound grant** to improve its teaching and learning facilities. Wesley House would be able to achieve a good deal of its building development goals through this funding. It would be very unfortunate if the Methodist Conference withdrew its designation of Wesley House as a connexional learning institution/centre before the outcome of this bid (the consultancy phase of which has already been financed by the potential donor) were known.
- Finally it should also be underlined that the Wesley House Trust was a gift to the Methodist people specifically for the training of candidates for ordained ministry within the confines of the University of Cambridge. **It is unclear whether the Trustees (or any future Trustees) could gain a variation on these objectives from the Charity Commissioners, if they were to make an application so to do, that would allow the endowment to be applied to the learning network outside of Cambridge (Report 57 para 268).**

The Conference adopted the Motion.

6/10/2 The Conference adopted Resolution 57/2.

6/10/3 Resolution 57/3 having been moved, the Conference, with the required majority, suspended Standing Order 131(10), so that Resolutions 57/3 and 57/4 could be debated concurrently, the suspension to last for the duration of that debate.

6/10/4 The Conference adopted Resolution 57/3,

p 714, para 174 line 3, for 'regional teams' reading 'centres'.

6/10/5 The Conference adopted Resolution 57/4.

- 6/10/6 The Conference adopted Resolution 57/5, adding the following sentence to the Resolution:
- The Conference directs the Methodist Council to oversee such processes as may be required to maintain, develop and promote relationships with university theological departments and the opportunities already available to further Methodist scholarship for the benefit of the whole Church.
- 6/10/7 The Conference adopted Resolutions 57/6 and 57/7.
- 6/10/8 The Conference, by a Standing Vote, adopted Resolution 57/8.
- 6/11 The Conference adjourned at 16.40.
- 6/12 The Conference reassembled at 17.10.
- 6/13 **DAILY RECORD**
- 6/13/1 The Daily Record for Monday, 2 July was presented, taken as read, and adopted as printed,
- at 5/15, *for* 'Methodist Church in Sierra Leone' *reading* 'Methodist Church Sierra Leone',
- at 5/26, *for* 'Dr Christopher Stevens' *reading* 'Dr Christopher Stephens'.
- 6/13/2 The Written Portion of the Daily Record for Monday, 2 July was presented in headings only and adopted.
- 6/14 **12. FIRST REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE BUSINESS COMMITTEE (continued)**
- Resolution 12/2 was moved in a revised form. The Conference declined the Resolution.
- 6/15 **18. METHODIST DIACONAL ORDER GENERAL REPORT**
- 6/15/1 The Conference adopted Resolution 18/1,
- p 175, para 6. line 13, *for* '55%' *reading* '35%'.
- 6/15/2 The Conference adopted Resolution 18/2, in the following form:
- The Conference resolves that the Convocation of the Methodist Diaconal Order shall meet at the Hayes Conference Centre from Tuesday 7 May until Thursday 9 May 2013.
- 6/16 **36. DISTRICT RESOLUTION**
- The Conference adopted Resolution 36/1.
- 6/17 **38. CONFERENCE ARRANGEMENTS**
- 6/17/1 The Conference adopted Resolution 38/1,
- p 547, *deleting* in the chart '2014 Blackpool (3-10 July)'. [*as corrected by 7/27/1*]
- 6/17/2 The Conference adopted Resolutions 38/2 and 38/6.

6/18 **29. REPORT OF THE JOINT ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON THE ETHICS OF INVESTMENT (JACEI)**

The Conference adopted Resolution 29/1.

6/19 **13. CONNEXIONAL ALLOWANCES COMMITTEE**

6/19/1 The Conference adopted Resolutions 13/1, 13/2, 13/3, 13/4, 13/5 and 13/6.

6/19/2 The Conference adopted Resolution 13/8, renumbering it as 13/7.

6/19/3 **Memorials M6 – M12**

The Conference adopted as its replies to Memorials M6, M7, M8, M9, M10, M11 and M12 those recommended by the Memorials Committee (Agenda pp 773-777).

6/20 **41. THE PROVISION OF MANSES**

6/20/1 The Conference adopted Resolution 41/1.

6/20/2 The Conference adopted Resolution 41/2,

p 559, replacing the last sentence of the amended SO 803(10) with the following:

The application must give the reasons upon which the request is made. The Committee shall issue, and may from time to time amend, guidelines for dealing with such applications, shall consider each application in accordance with those guidelines, and shall have power to grant or withhold permission, to impose conditions and to give any associated directions.

6/21 **11. LEADING AND PRESIDING: DEVELOPING THE PRESIDENCY OF THE CONFERENCE**

The Conference adopted Resolution 11/1,

p 106, para (vi), *replacing* that paragraph with the following:

113 Re-number clause (2) as (2)(a), amend it as follows, and add a new (2)(b) as follows:

*(2)(a) ...and the costs of having the duties of the President's station performed ... shall be treated as expenses of the Presidency **that office** ...'*

(b) The provisions of sub-clause (a) above shall also apply if a deacon is designated to become Vice-President, but so that (i) an application under that sub-clause, as so applied, may also be made by the Warden of the Methodist Diaconal Order, and (ii) the Warden shall, before the Council comes to a decision, be consulted about any such application made by others.'

para (vii), adding the following at the beginning of that paragraph:

*116(2) A certificate signed by the President **or the Vice-President** of the Conference ...*

p 108, para (xvi), in the amendment to SO 300(2), for '**districts and circuits**' reading '**Districts and Circuits**'

p 109, para (xxii), line 1, for 'inwriting' reading 'in writing'

para (xxxiv), top line on p 112, for '**sub-clause**' reading '**sub-clauses**'.

- 6/22 The Conference received a presentation about rural ministry by The Revds William H Anderson and Dr Gordon J Gatward.
- 6/23 **LETTERS**
- 6/23/1 A letter of greeting was sent in the name of the Conference to The Revd Canon Professor John S Richardson of the Scottish Episcopal Church.
- 6/23/2 Letters of sympathy were sent in the name of the Conference to Mrs Nancy Lang, widow of former Vice-President of the Conference, Mr Paul Bartlett Lang, and to The Revd Nestor Miguez, of Iglesia Evangelica Metodista Argentina.
- 6/24 The Conference was led in worship by The Revds Rachel E Parkinson and D Paul Wood.
- 6/25 The Conference adjourned at 19.00.

7/1 The Conference assembled at 9.00.

7/2 The Conference shared in a celebration of Holy Communion, during which The Revd Michaela A Youngson preached, and in which prayers of thanksgiving were offered for the lives of the following who have died in the last year:

- (a) the presbyters remembered in the Ministerial Session and listed at 2/10, and also:

Edward Hobbs**
Clifford William Warren**

- (b) the deacons remembered in the Conference Diaconal Committee:

Winifred May Clark
Agnes Notman**
Kathleen Mabel Phoenix

(** those who have died recently and whose obituaries will be presented to the next Conference.)

- (c) the following lay people especially remembered in the Conference as servants of the Church:

Rt Hon Lord Archer of Sandwell	President of MHA, patron of Methodist Ministers' Housing Society
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Mr Dennis Haines	Former Divisional Accountant at Westminster Central Hall, and Secretary of the Methodist Ministers' Housing Society
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Mr Paul G Bartlett Lang	Vice-President of the Conference 1983-84
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Miss Audrey Parker	Served on the Methodist Council Executive, MHA Board and Magnet Editorial Committee
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- (d) those who have served overseas as Mission Partners:

The Revd Howard Ashby	Nigeria
The Revd Alfred Stanley Baxter	Trinidad
Mrs Jane Beresford	The Gold Coast
Mrs Erica Brakenbury	Sierra Leone and Fiji
Mrs Cislyn Chambers	Jamaica
Mrs Margaret (Peggy) Clement	Jamaica
The Revd Geoffrey Cowling	Rhodesia
Mr Norman Easton	Rhodesia
Mrs Pat Ibbotson	Zimbabwe

Ms Thomasina Jean (née Elers)	Chile
Mr David Kynaston	Rhodesia
Mrs Freda MacDonald (née Jackson)	Nigeria
Sister Dr Alice Musgrave	Church of South India, Madras
The Revd Roy Newell	Madras, India 1963-1972
	Samoa 2001-2003
Mrs Betty Pepper	Burma
Dr Graham Philips	Tana River, Kenya
Dr Joan Pillow	China
Mrs Bertha Maude Pitts	Church of South India, Mysore
	Diocese
Mrs Margaret Prescott	Dahomey
Mrs Audrey Rogers	Rhodesia
The Revd Harold Slater	Bahamas
The Revd Merfyn Temple	Zambia
Mr Colin Tuckwell	Kenya
Mrs Allister Wainwright	Ibadan, Nigeria
Heather Ward	Rhodesia
Miss Marjorie Weeks	Nigeria

(e) 315 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.

7/3 The Conference adjourned at 10.19.

7/4 The Conference reconvened at 11.00.

7/5 **DESIGNATION OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE CONFERENCE**

The Revd Ruth M Gee was designated for appointment as President of the Conference of 2013.

7/6 **DESIGNATION OF THE VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE CONFERENCE**

Dr Daleep Mukarji was designated for appointment as Vice-President of the Conference of 2013.

7/7 **6. FRESH WAYS WORKING GROUP 2012**

The Conference adopted Resolution 6/1,
p56, para 5, *adding* Mrs Rachel McCallum,

p 65, para 46, *replacing* the last sentence with:

The team has good and growing links with providers of secular media and is keen at the right time to say that church is changing so why not take a fresh look?

7/8 **52. FRESH WAYS WORKING GROUP: THE FUTURE**

Resolution 52/1 in the following form:

The Conference receives the report and adopts the recommendations set out in paragraphs 5.0 – 5.3.

- 7/9 The Conference was pleased to receive a letter of thanks from the Chief Clerk to the Queen in response to the Loyal Address recorded at 3/6.
- 7/10 **39. FAITH AND ORDER COMMITTEE OF THE METHODIST CHURCH AND THE FAITH AND ORDER COMMISSION OF THE GENERAL SYNOD OF THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND**
The Conference adopted Resolutions 39/1, 39/2, 39/3 and 39/4.
- 7/11 **30. SIGNALLING VOCATION, CLARIFYING IDENTITY**
- 7/11/1 The Conference adopted Resolution 30/1.
- 7/11/2 The Conference, with the required majority, adopted Resolution 30/2,
p 413, line 1 of Clause 15(a)(iA), *deleting* the second occurrence of '**of**'.
- 7/11/3 The Conference, with the required majority, adopted Resolutions 30/3 and 30/4.
- 7/11/4 The Conference adopted Resolution 30/5,
p 438, line 1 of SO 732(3)(d) *for* 'ministers' *reading* '**ministers presbyters**',
p 441, in the title of SO 734, *for* 'Ministerial' *reading* '**Ministerial Presbyteral**',
noting the amendments to this business on p 634 in Agenda item 55. Law and Polity Report (Part 3).
- 7/11/5 The Conference adopted Resolution 30/6.
- 7/12 **56. SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS**
- 7/12/1 The Conference, with the required majority, adopted Resolution 56/1.
- 7/12/2 The Conference, with the required majority, adopted Resolution 56/2,
p 638, line 12 of Deed of Union clause 28(c), *for* 'such' *reading* '**such**'.
- 7/12/3 The Conference, with the required majority, adopted Resolutions 56/3 and 56/4,
for '**D**' *reading* '**C**' in the wording of each Resolution.
- 7/13 **59. MEMORIALS**
- 7/13/1 **Memorials M24 and M25 - Inter Faith Relations**
The Conference adopted the following as its reply to both Memorials M24 and M25:

The Conference reaffirms its commitment to seeking positive inter faith relations and welcomes the dedicated, patient and prophetic work done towards this end by a succession of Inter Faith Officers and others in many places around the Connexion.

The Conference understands that financial and organisational considerations will mean that a new means of providing a framework for inter faith work at a national and a local level will be required.

The Conference recognises that the proposals outlined in the Connexional Central Services Budget 2012/2013 Section VI. (v) 42 do not provide an acceptable means

of supporting inter faith work. Accordingly the Conference mandates that an expert group be established to consider the best means, within current constraints, of providing a framework for inter faith work at national and local levels.

The group will provide a report to the Methodist Council by January 2013 providing a detailed and costed proposed solution. It will make recommendations on the reallocation of the inter faith responsibilities and duties of the Inter Faith Officer and the Secretary for External Relationships and on properly defining the volunteer and external structure required to support this.

The Conference recommends to the Methodist Council that the current provision for an Inter Faith Officer continues (on the existing 60% basis), until the Council confirms the way forward in response to the group's report. This will allow for input from the office holder and ensure continuation and handover of existing relationships.

7/13/2 Memorials M26 and M27 – Fruitful Field

The Conference adopted as its reply to Memorial M26 that recommended by the Memorials Committee,

for ‘, and so that report constitutes the reply of the Conference to this memorial.’ reading ‘. The reply to the memorial is therefore contained in the resolutions of the Conference on that report.’

and adopted the same reply as its reply to Memorial M27.

7/14 The Conference adjourned at 12.48.

7/15 The Conference reassembled at 14.00.

7/16 The Conference was led in devotions by The Revd Dr Siotame Havea from Tonga.

7/17 8. HUNGRY FOR CHANGE: METHODIST RELIEF AND DEVELOPMENT FUND (MRDF) SUMMARY ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS 2010/11

The Conference adopted Resolution 8/1.

7/18 NEW ITEM 66. METHODIST COUNCIL REPORT: REVIEW OF THE SENIOR LEADERSHIP OF THE CONNEXIONAL TEAM

7/18/1 A. BACKGROUND

In 2007-8, following the Team Focus process, the current senior leadership team was established comprising:

1. The General Secretary/Secretary of the Conference.
2. Three Connexional Secretaries: Team Operations, Internal and External Relationships.
3. Five Cluster Heads: Now termed Discipleship and Ministries (D&M), Governance Support (GS), Mission and Advocacy (M&A), Projects Research and Development (PRD) and Support Services (SS).

The Conference determined that these changes should be kept under review.

B. THE REVIEW PROCESS

1. The Strategy and Resources Committee (SRC) is responsible to the Methodist Council for the supervision of the Connexional Team.
2. The SRC determined in autumn 2011 that a review of the senior leadership of the Team should be carried out, in response to the earlier direction of the Conference.
3. An external consultant performed a review and reported to the SRC in March 2012.
4. After feedback and discussion of the report the SRC made recommendations for changes to the senior leadership at its meeting on April 24th 2012.
5. The Methodist Council in March 2012 appointed a Reference Group to consider, amend where appropriate and implement any proposed recommendations. *[as corrected by 8/44/1]*
6. Representatives of the Council-appointed Reference Group have met with all the members of the senior leadership team affected by the review which has provided opportunities to discuss the recommendations and their implications with each of them.
7. The Reference Group has met three times and at their meeting on 25 May 2012 made various recommendations which are now in the process of implementation.

C. RECOMMENDATIONS

The Reference Group has made a number of important initial comments:

1. The Reference Group values very highly the immense and valuable work that has been carried out by the Connexional Secretaries for Internal and External Relationships, particularly during the critical time of the early formation of the present Connexional Team.
2. The Reference Group also values very highly the work of the Connexional Secretary for Team Operations and particularly his work in building teams and clusters as well as his management of the Connexional Team.
3. The Reference Group considers that clusters and sub clusters are now much stronger in their knowledge and expertise, and that Heads of Clusters need less direct management and oversight than before.
4. The Reference Group recognises that the learning from operational issues needs to inform strategic decision making and that this has not always been happening. Greater opportunity for this needs to be offered in a new structure.
5. The respective tasks undertaken by the current Connexional Secretaries have been of significant importance in this stage of embedding the Team Focus process but the review has suggested the need now for a modified structure.
6. The review has not been driven by financial considerations. The Reference Group recognises that its proposals may require additional support to be

provided elsewhere within the Connexional Team, although it is also mindful of the need for proper financial stewardship.

The Reference Group has therefore recommended:

1. There should be a senior leadership group of six rather than nine.

2. This involves the following three posts being made redundant:

The Connexional Secretary for Team Operations
The Connexional Secretary for Internal Relationships
The Connexional Secretary for External Relationships

3. One new Connexional Secretary post will be created.

It is envisaged that this new post will have the role of strategic planning for the Team, coordination with the Connexion and more widely, and management of the Team; all under the direction of the General Secretary and in partnership with the other members of the senior leadership group.

4. The Reference Group values the work being done by the PRD Cluster. However, the Group believes that project management and research, while they are essential in informing and then in implementing the strategic direction, are not in themselves part of the strategic leadership function.

For this reason the Reference Group has concluded that the Head of Projects, Research and Development should not be part of the new senior leadership group of the Connexional Team.

The Reference Group takes the view that the type of work currently undertaken by the PRD Cluster should still be undertaken in the Connexional Team but any organisational changes involving that cluster are a matter for the new senior leadership group.

5. It is suggested that there should be no major change to the roles of the three Cluster Heads of D&M, M&A and SS but there should be some minor changes to make them more outward facing as appropriate. It is recognised that they may need more support if their roles expand in this way. Importantly they are to form an integral part of the new senior leadership group of six.

6. No change is suggested to the role of the Assistant Secretary of the Conference but it will be made clear that this post is directly responsible to the Secretary of the Conference.

7. It is suggested that the Governance Support Cluster may not need to be a separate cluster although a group with distinct governance responsibilities will be required.

8. The effect of these changes is that the Connexional Team will be led and managed by a senior leadership group comprising the General Secretary/Secretary of the Conference, the Connexional Secretary, the Assistant Secretary of the Conference and three Cluster Heads. It is envisaged that this group of six will together be responsible for the planning and delivery of the work of the Team, in collaboration with other Connexional leaders, and under the overall leadership of the General Secretary/Secretary

of the Conference. It is also expected that the senior leadership group will require and enable a new way of working at this level in the Team.

9. The new senior leadership group will need to consider which of the responsibilities found in their current job descriptions of the Secretaries for Internal and External Relationships and the Secretary for Team Operations need to be covered by the team and how that might be accomplished. The senior leadership group also needs to consider which functions could be covered elsewhere in the Connexion, particularly by the Presidency, and which may need to cease.
10. It is recognised that these changes are especially concerning for those directly affected by the proposals and whose jobs may be made redundant or changed. We ask the Conference to keep all these members of the Team in their prayers in this time of transition.

Reference Group members:

Mr David Walton (Chair)
Mr David Booth
The Revd Ruth Gee
Professor Peter Howdle
Ms Alison Jackson
Mrs Ruth Pickles
Mr Kenvyn Wales

7/18/2 The Conference adopted as Resolution 66/1:

The Conference receives the Report.

7/19 **33. LAW AND POLITY COMMITTEE (PART 2)**

7/19/1 The Conference, with the required majority, adopted Resolution 33/1. *[for direction as to consultation, see 8/40/2]*

7/19/2 The Conference adopted Resolutions 33/3, 33/4 and 33/6.

7/19/3 The Conference adopted Resolution 33/7,

p 496, SO 040(1) for '~~written complaint~~ **statement requesting action to be taken**' reading '~~written complaint~~ **reasoned request in writing**'

SO 040(3) line 1, for '**concern**' reading '**such request**'.

line 2, for '**raising**' reading '**making**'

line 4, for '**concern**' reading '**request**'

p 497, SO 040(5) for '**raising the concern**' reading '**making the request**'

SO 040(6) for '~~making~~ **raising** the ~~complaint~~ **concern**' reading '~~making the complaint~~ **request**'

SO 040(6B) for '~~making~~ **raising** a ~~complaint~~ **concern**' reading '~~making a~~ **the** ~~complaint~~ **request**'.

7/19/4 The Conference adopted Resolution 33/8,
p 497, SO 743(1)(a)(i) in line 1 *deleting 'ordained'*
p 498, SO 743(1)(b) in each of lines 4 and 6 for *'their'* reading *'his or her'*
SO 743(2) last line for *'Committee.....'* reading *'Committee'*

7/20 **55. LAW AND POLITY REPORT (PART 3)**

7/20/1 The Conference adopted Resolution 55/1,
p 631, penultimate line, for '2011' reading '2012'.

7/20/2 The Conference adopted Resolution 55/2,
p 631-632, in SO 342(1), for '(i)' and '(ii)' reading '(a)' and '(b)'.

7/20/3 The Conference adopted Resolution 55/3.

7/21 **Notice of Motion 201 – The Methodist Church in Fiji and Rotuma**

The Conference rejoices that the Methodist Church in Fiji and Rotuma (MCF) has permission from the Government of Fiji to hold its Conference this year, which will be its first conference in four years. Recalling that, last year, MCF's Conference was cancelled on the evening before it was due to begin, the Conference prays that this year MCF's Conference will take place without hindrance and sends its warmest greeting to its brother and sisters in Christ in MCF on the occasion of its meeting. The Conference prays for the people of Fiji and Rotuma as they move towards democratic elections, scheduled for 2014.

The Conference adopted the Motion.

7/22 **Notice of Motion 202 – Christian Aid Parliamentary Briefing**

In view of the continued building of illegal Israeli settlements on Occupied land, as well as the repeated condemnation this has received from the UK Government, the Conference:

- notes that these settlements are illegal under Article 49 of the Fourth Geneva Convention, as confirmed by the advisory opinion of the International court of Justice;
- joins with the Quakers in Britain in welcoming the June 2012 Parliamentary Briefing of Christian Aid which calls on the Government to introduce legislation to end the trade in products from illegal Israeli settlements;
- continues to work and pray for peace and justice for all the peoples of the Holy Land.

The Conference adopted the Motion.

7/23 **66. METHODIST COUNCIL REPORT: REVIEW OF THE SENIOR LEADERSHIP OF THE CONNEXIONAL TEAM (continued)**

The Conference adopted as Resolution 66/2:

The Conference endorses the recommendation of the review group:

i) that there shall be one Connexional Secretary; the Conference directs that this Connexional Secretary shall be a member of the Methodist Church;

ii) as to the constitution of the senior leadership group of the Connexional Team as set out in paragraph 8 of the report.

7/24 The Conference adjourned at 16.35.

7/25 The Conference reassembled at 17.00.

7/26 **66. METHODIST COUNCIL REPORT: REVIEW OF THE SENIOR LEADERSHIP OF THE CONNEXIONAL TEAM (continued)**

7/26/1 The Conference adopted as Resolution 66/3:

The Conference directs that:-

i) the members of the new senior leadership group shall be members of the Connexional Leaders Forum

ii) the members of the Connexional Team responsible for Discipleship and Ministries, Mission and Advocacy and Support Services be entitled to attend the Conference and the Methodist Council and to speak at both.

The Conference further directs that the question of whether the senior leaders responsible for the areas of Discipleship and Ministry, Mission and Advocacy and Support Services should be voting members of the Conference be referred to any Working Party established to review the number of members of the Conference.

7/26/2 The Conference adopted as Resolution 66/4:

The Conference directs that the necessary consequential amendments be made to Standing Orders to effect these resolutions.

7/27 **DAILY RECORD**

7/27/1 The Daily Record for Tuesday, 3 July was presented, taken as read, and adopted as printed,

at 6/17/1, for 'Resolutions' reading 'Resolution'.

7/27/2 The Daily Record for Monday, 2 July was, with the required majority, corrected as follows:

at 5/4/2, *deleting* the name of The Revd Duncan M Brereton, a minister who has died, and whose life and ministry was remembered in this Conference's services of worship.

7/28 **Notice of Motion 208 – The Housing Crisis**

Britain is in the midst of a housing crisis. Millions of families still search for a safe, affordable home, whilst numbers of homeless people accessing services, such as those provided by Methodism's Whitechapel Mission to the Homeless, continue to rise.

In the context of a significant public debate, it is important that the Methodist Church has a clear prophetic voice, based on our understanding of the Gospel and our own experience of serving the most needy and vulnerable members of our society.

At the same time, the Methodist Church is a landlord with considerable assets, owning a wide portfolio of land and property, both for use as worship and community space and as hostels and residences. Whilst the use and ownership of property is regulated by law under the Charity Commission, we need to ensure that the use of our resources accords with our values and mission.

Both connexionally and as individuals, Methodism needs to explore how we can work towards a society built on fairness where all have access to housing that meets their needs.

The Conference therefore directs the Methodist Council to:

1. Ensure that the Joint Public Issues Team prioritises housing and related matters in its contributions to public debate, working alongside ecumenical partners.
2. Establish a group to identify the resources needed to:
 - i) scope out the ground for an official connexional policy on affordable housing;
 - ii) assist Circuits and Districts in the local management of their housing resources;
 - iii) advance the Methodist Church's mission to people who are homeless or in housing need.

The Conference adopted the Motion.

7/29

Notice of Motion 206 – World Church Relationships

In response to particular concerns expressed during our World Church Relations Pre-Conference Consultation:

1. The Conference, eager to promote true unity between Methodists in every part of the world, directs the Secretary of the Conference/General Secretary to pursue a dialogue with the Council of Bishops of the United Methodist Church to further develop the Concordat agreement of 1968, and present a progress report to a future Conference, no later than 2015.
2. The Conference directs the World Methodist Committee, in consultation with our Partner Churches, to deepen and broaden the conversation within the World Methodist Council on protocols for mission within countries where more than one Member Church operates – sometimes with an unhelpful ethos of competition.
3. The Conference, affirming its commitment to being interdependent with our world partners in mission, directs the Methodist Council to explore with our World Church partners the most appropriate means of deepening and broadening:

- a. our dialogue with our World Church partners regarding the ongoing development and implementation of our mission strategies beyond Britain; and
- b. the input of our World Church partners into the ongoing development and implementation of our mission strategies for Britain;

and report progress to future Conferences and review the process in 2015.

The Conference adopted the Motion.

7/30 Notice of Motion 203 – Methodist Heritage

The Conference,

- notes that 2012 marks the 250th anniversary of the birth of the Revd. Alexander Kilham, one of the founders of the Methodist New Connexion;
- celebrates and gives thanks for the contribution made by the Methodist New Connexion to the heritage and formation of our present day Methodist Church, especially its promotion of the equality between ministers and lay people in the life and governance of the Methodist Church;
- encourages all Methodists to explore their Methodist roots and heritage, recognising both the challenge and inspiration this can bring to our present day ministry and mission.

The Conference adopted the Motion.

7/31 Notice of Motion 204 – Releasing Church Funds for mission

In light of:

1. The General Secretary's reports to the Conferences of 2011 and 2012, with their call to reshaping for mission, renewed focus on being in connexion and the responsible use of resources;
2. Information that churches across the connexion have a significant number of millions (estimated to be in excess of £62M) held in unrestricted and Model Trust funds.

The Conference agrees to the principle of releasing unallocated money from unrestricted local Church funds to be used for purposes of mission by the Circuit. This would be as an expression of a common commitment to sharing in God's mission, connexional identity and good stewardship.

The Conference therefore directs the Methodist Council to bring specific proposals, with the necessary Standing Order changes, to the Conference of 2013 as to the means by which this could be implemented in September 2014.

The Conference resolved that the Motion be not put.

7/32 LETTERS

7/32/1 A letter of thanks was sent in the name of the Conference to The Revd Ian T White, for many years chair of the Candidates Appeal Committee.

- 7/32/2 A letter of congratulation was sent in the name of the Conference to The Revd R McLaren Widdows on the 60th anniversary of his ordination in the Church of South India.
- 7/32/3 Letters of greeting and concern were sent in the name of the Conference to The Revd Trevor T and Mrs Frances Rowe, and to The Revd R Gerald M Tedcastle.
- 7/32/4 Letters of concern were written in the name of the Conference to members of the Conference who had had to leave early because of their own or others' illness: Mr Alwyn Rees, and The Revds Mark Lewis of the United Methodist Church and Dr Calvin T Samuel.
- 7/33 The Conference was led in worship by The Revds Rachel E Parkinson and D Paul Wood.
- 7/34 The Conference adjourned at 19.08.

- 8/1 The Conference assembled at 9.00.
- 8/2 The Conference was led in prayer by The Revd Paul Singh of the Church of South India.
- 8/3 The Conference was saddened to hear of the death of Mr Alwyn Rees, a Conference member representing Synod Cymru, who had returned home early because of illness.

8/4 **CONFERENCE-ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES**

- 8/4/1 The Conference elected the following to serve as Conference-elected Representatives at the Conferences of 2013-2015:

Deacon Lorraine Brown
Mr Sam Taylor
Mr David S Walton

8/5 **CONFERENCE BUSINESS COMMITTEE**

The Conference elected The Revd Ashley R Cooper and Mr Peter Holt to serve on the Representative Session Business Committee for the Conferences of 2013-2015.

8/6 **16. DRONES: ETHICAL DILEMMAS IN THE APPLICATION OF MILITARY FORCE**

The Conference adopted Resolutions 16/1, 16/2, 16/3 and 16/4.

8/7 **7. WORLD METHODIST COUNCIL 'ACHIEVING THE VISION'**

The Conference adopted Resolution 7/1.

8/8 **NEW ITEM 67. REVIEW OF THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE CONFERENCE**

- 8/8/1 Under the provision of SO 100(2) the Conference is required to review, not less than once in every five years the number of members of the Conference as defined in SO 100(1), that is that the Representative Session of the Conference shall number 306 persons, of whom at least 14 shall be deacons, one of those deacons being the Warden of the Methodist Diaconal Order.

It is now five years since a review of these numbers was undertaken and the Conference is therefore asked to appoint a working party to undertake the required review.

The working party shall comprise:
Mrs Ruth E Pickles (Chair)
The Revd Jennifer M Dyer
The Revd Gareth J Powell
The Revd Catrin L Harland
Mr David Ridley

Mrs Ruth E Pickles

Former Vice-President and former
Memorials Secretary

The Revd Jennifer M Dyer
The Revd Gareth J Powell
The Revd Catrin L Harland

Journal Secretary
Assistant Secretary of the Conference
Presbyter in the Sheffield West Circuit
and university chaplain
Synod Secretary, South East District

Mr David Ridley

8/8/2 The Conference adopted as Resolution 67/1:

The Conference adopts the report and directs the working party to bring a report on the review of the number of members of the Conference to the Conference of 2013.

8/9 **NEW ITEM 68. FOURTH REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE FINANCIAL COMMITTEE**

The Conference adopted as Resolution 68/1:

The Conference agrees that £65,000 per annum should be taken from the Connexional Priority Fund in 2012-13 and in 2013-14 to support the Venture FX project in addition to resources proposed in the Methodist Council's recommended budget.

8/10 **10. CONNEXIONAL CENTRAL SERVICES BUDGET**

8/10/1 The Conference adopted Resolution 10/1 in the following form:

The Conference adopts the Connexional Central Services Budget for 2012-13 set out in pages 90-95 of the Agenda, as amended by [the decisions contained in the replies to Memorials M19-M23 and M24-M25 recorded at 5/11/2 and 7/13/1],

p 100, Table 3, Free reserves 31/08/2012, Education and Youth, *for* 0.37 *reading* 0.7,

p 101, Table 4, *completing* the CPF line as follows:

From Major Funds:	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13
CPF	0	0.8	1.1	1.5

8/10/2 **Notice of Motion 109 – re Resolution 10/1**

The Conference is mindful of the work of the Council, the SRC and the relevant officers of the Connexional Team in seeking to carry out the financial directions of the Conference and expresses its gratitude for their work.

It has become apparent during this Conference, that the decisions of successive Conferences sometimes create conflicting or irreconcilable demands that lead to considerable pressure on the budget. This can lead to confused and inconsistent messages to the Districts and Circuits regarding the resources that are needed for the connexional budget from year to year.

The Conference is aware that there may be contributory factors to this, not least:

- the changes in the yearly membership of the Conference;

- the fact that members don't always appreciate that district assessments for the next connexional year will already have been notified to and agreed by Districts;
- that the Conference needs to adopt the budget for the next connexional year making it particularly difficult to find additional funds without disrupting existing programmes;
- the experience this year which suggests that SO 136A may not be sufficient to meet these difficulties.

The Conference recognises this and believes that this situation is unhelpful to its conferring.

The Conference is also aware that some of our ecumenical partners also face a similar situation but have creative ways to assist their representatives on their governance bodies.

The Conference therefore directs the Methodist Council to bring to the Conference of 2013 an interim report offering a process for achieving consistency in making financial decisions and a substantive report for implementation to the 2014 Conference.

The Conference adopted the Motion.

8/11 **25: FUTURE MISSION TOGETHER**

8/11/1 The Conference adopted Resolution 25/6 in the following form:

The Conference:

- a) appoints a Working Party to oversee arrangements for giving effect to the adoption of the Vision Statement and the Purposes for Mission, and the integration, where appropriate, of the work of MMS into the Methodist Church in Britain;
- b) notes that the funds will continue to be subject to restriction ensuring their continued use for world mission and directs the Working Party to examine the restrictions applying to specific bequests; and
- c) directs the Working Party to report to the Conference in 2013 on its progress.

Proposed Members of the Working Party:

Dr Daleep Mukarji	Chair
The Revd Stephen J Poxon	MMS Secretary
Mrs E Jill Baker	Methodist Women in Britain
The Revd James A Booth	former mission partner and Law and Polity Committee
The Revd Donald P Ker	Secretary of the Methodist Conference, Ireland.
Hayley Moss (or an alternate)	Youth President

Consultants to the process:

Faith and Order Committee: The Revd Dr Adrian Burdon
 Connexional Treasurer: Mr Andrew Gibbs
 WCR Team Leader: Mr David Friswell

8/11/2 **Notice of motion 112**

In response to the list of members of the Future Mission Together working party the Conference directs that some representation from World Church partners serving in Britain be included, and that the appointment shall be made by the Methodist Council.

The Conference adopted the Motion

8/12 **3. METHODIST INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS TRUST**

The Conference adopted Resolutions 3/1, 3/2, 3/3, 3/4, 3/5, 3/6, 3/7, and 3/8.

8/13 **5. ACTION FOR CHILDREN**

The Conference adopted Resolutions 5/1 and 5/2.

8/14 **9. METHODIST ACADEMIES AND SCHOOLS TRUST (MAST)**

The Conference adopted Resolution 9/1.

8/15 **14. MANAGING TRUSTEES OF CENTRAL HALL WESTMINSTER**

8/15/1 The Conference adopted Resolution 14/1,

p 142, para 4.1 line 3, *for* 'Going for God' *reading* 'More than Gold'.

8/15/2 The Conference adopted Resolution 14/2

p 145, *for* 'Name to follow' *reading* 'The Revd Michaela A Youngson'

and *adding*

k. Helen Tudor

l. Kojo Amoah Arko

m. Ian Sergeant

n. The Revd Jason C Vinyard

Michaela Youngson is an incoming Chair of the London District
Helen Tudor, recruitment consultant, member of the congregation since 1981, Sunday school teacher
Kojo Amoah Arko, accountant, circuit treasurer, member of the Ghanaian Fellowship which meets at Central Hall
Ian Sergeant, recently retired Conservation Officer of the Methodist Church
Jason Vinyard, minister in the Romford Circuit who has been ordained at this Conference.

8/16 **15. METHODIST HOMES (MHA)**

8/16/1 The Conference adopted Resolution 15/1,

p 147, *deleting* 'for the Aged' from the wording of the Resolution on the 'Basic Information' chart.

8/16/2 The Conference adopted Resolution 15/2.

8/17 **17. WESTMINSTER COLLEGE OXFORD TRUST LTD**

The Conference adopted Resolutions 17/1 and 17/2.

- 8/18 **23. TRUSTEES FOR METHODIST CHURCH PURPOSES**
The Conference adopted Resolutions 23/1 and 23/2.
- 8/19 **28. TRUSTEES FOR NEW ROOM BRISTOL**
The Conference adopted Resolutions 28/1, 28/2 and 28/3.
- 8/20 **34. CENTRAL FINANCE BOARD**
The Conference adopted Resolutions 34/1 and 34/2.
- 8/21 **40. RELIEF AND EXTENSION FUND FOR METHODISM IN SCOTLAND**
The Conference adopted Resolutions 40/1 and 40/2.
- 8/22 **47. EXCHANGE OF PASTORATES**
The Conference adopted Resolution 47/1.
- 8/23 **58. SHARING AGREEMENTS AND ECUMENICAL PARTNERSHIPS**
8/23/1 The Conference adopted Resolution 58/1.
8/23/2 The Conference adopted Resolution 58/2,

p 767, *adding* to the table:

29/6	Selby	URC	SCP	NP	Yes
29/7	Central Goole	URC	SCP	NP	Yes

and *adding* after the table:

In 2011, the Conference amended Standing Order 412(2) to give Synods authority to establish ecumenical partnerships in extended areas that do not require shared governance. The Methodist-Anglican Panel for Unity in Mission has not yet been able to provide guidelines for the use of Synods in establishing such partnerships and it has not yet been agreed how to report such partnerships to the Conference.

At its meeting on 12 May, the Leeds District Synod supported the establishment of an ecumenical partnership in an extended area between the District and the Diocese of Ripon and Leeds. The extent of the area is still to be clarified due to consultation with the parishes and further details will be reported to the Conference in 2013.

- 8/24 **59. MEMORIALS**
8/24/1 The Conference adopted as its replies to Memorials M1, M2, M3 and M4 those recommended by the Memorials Committee (Agenda pp 770-772).
8/24/2 The Conference adopted as its reply to Memorial M5 that recommended by the Memorials Committee (Agenda pp 772-773),

replacing the final sentence with: 'In this regard, as throughout the meeting's handling of invitations business, the appropriate rules of debate must be followed. These can be found in Standing Order 517(2) and, regarding amendments in particular, Standing Order 413(13).'

8/24/3 The Conference adopted the following as its reply to Memorial M16:

It is one of the great advantages of our Model Trust system that 'transfers' between different bodies within the Church are very simple and straightforward. The Conference appreciates, however, that the position may not be as widely understood as might be hoped, and is therefore grateful to the South Petherton and Crewkerne Circuit Meeting for the opportunity to make this clear.

All Model Trust Property is held by the Custodian Trustees for the territory in question (the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes in the case of England, Wales and Scotland), so no transfer of title is involved in such cases. The question, therefore, is simply how one body of managing trustees shall succeed another.

The Model Trusts provide that use as a circuit manse is use for circuit purposes, that Model Trust property used for circuit purposes is circuit property, and that the managing trustees of circuit property are 'the appropriate Circuit Meeting'. Clearly the appropriate Circuit Meeting is that of the Circuit to which the occupant minister is appointed. So if a manse which has been occupied by a minister appointed to Circuit A changes, by agreement, to become one occupied by a minister appointed to Circuit B, then the members of the Circuit Meeting of Circuit A automatically, and without any formality, cease to be the managing trustees and the members of the Circuit Meeting of Circuit B automatically, and without any formality, become the managing trustees in their place.

It is entirely a matter for the two Circuit Meetings what other arrangements, if any, including financial transactions, should accompany such a change, but since the change of managing trusteeship itself is automatic, and not negotiable, it is important that all such arrangements be fully agreed, approved by the full meetings, accurately recorded, and so far as possible implemented, by the time the change of occupation takes place.

It is not for the Conference to dictate what those arrangements should be, and circumstances will vary widely; in some cases payment of the equivalent of a full market 'price' may be appropriate. In others it may not, and since the property is not 'disposed of', but will continue to be held upon the Model Trusts, that will not require the special consent provided for in paragraph 20(1) of the Model Trusts.

This reply addresses only outright 'transfers'. Other arrangements may be possible, for example by the use of the power of delegation conferred by paragraph 16(k) of the Model Trusts, but in general the form of any transaction should reflect as closely as possible its substance, and simple ones should not be made artificially complex in an attempt to avoid their natural and proper consequences.

8/24/4 The Conference adopted as its replies to Memorials M17, M18, M28, M29 and M30 those recommended by the Memorials Committee (Agenda pp 781-782, pp 789-791).

8/24/5 The Conference adopted as its reply to Memorial M31 that recommended by the Memorials Committee (Agenda p 791),

deleting 'for income reasons' from the end of the second sentence.

- 8/24/6 The Conference adopted as its reply to Memorial M32 that recommended by the Memorials Committee (Agenda pp 792-793).
- 8/24/7 The Conference adopted as its reply to Memorial M33 that recommended by the Memorials Committee (Agenda p 793),
para 2, line 2, for 'of' reading 'or'.
- 8/24/8 The Conference adopted as its replies to Memorials M34, M35, M36, M37, M38, M39, M41, M42, M43, M44 and M45 those recommended by the Memorials Committee (Agenda pp 793-804).
- 8/24/9 The Conference adopted the following as its reply to Memorial M46:

The Conference thanks the Sevenoaks Circuit Meeting for their memorial. The Conference appreciates that it is not unreasonable to conclude from some of the reporting of this case that the Court of Appeal has made a clear judgment that Methodist Ministers are employees with the Methodist Church as the employer. On such a basis a number of assumptions have been aired in the press and through social media along the lines that the Methodist Church should now face up to a hearing in the Employment Tribunal in respect of Mrs Preston's original claim, whilst also accepting that it needs to put in place the necessary structures to give effect to an understanding of Ministers as employees.

The reporting of the case, other than in law journals, has not been wholly accurate, nor have the majority of comments made in the public space fully understood the subtleties and ambiguities of the judgement. Whilst the Court has made a ruling on the jurisdiction to the ET in respect of Methodist Ministers it has not ruled on the nature or terms of a contract.

In answering this memorial it might be helpful to set out something of the background to this case.

In September 2009 Haley Moore (formerly stationed in the Redruth Circuit, who had in June 2009 resigned from the Methodist Ministry and has since married and is now known as Haley Preston) started proceedings in an Employment Tribunal (ET) alleging unfair constructive dismissal.

The ET decided that it was bound by the previous decision of the House of Lords in *The President of the Methodist Conference v Parfitt* [1984], in which it had been held that a minister could not bring an action for unfair dismissal because the doctrinal standards of the Methodist Church did not provide for a contractual relationship between the Church and the individual minister. The ET therefore decided that it did not have jurisdiction to hear Ms Moore's claim. This decision was upheld when Ms Moore sought permission for an initial review of the case.

The matter to date has revolved around the employment status of Methodist Ministers and not on the way in which the parties in the proceedings acted in respect of each other during Ms Moore's time in the former Redruth Circuit.

On further application Ms Moore was given permission to appeal the decision and in *Moore v The President of the Methodist Conference* [2010], the Employment Appeal Tribunal (EAT) reversed the ET's decision, concluding that the law had moved on since 1984. The EAT held on the facts that the claimant had a contract of service.

The Methodist Church sought leave to appeal this judgement. Leave was granted when Lord Justice Mummery ruled that the Methodist Church had a real prospect of success because the status of authorities on the key question of whether a minister of religion is or is not an employee is unclear. In *President of the Methodist Conference v Preston* [2011] the Court of Appeal unanimously upheld the EAT's finding. The Court concluded that it was "abundantly clear" that there was no longer a rebuttable presumption that there was no intention to create an employer/employee relationship between a Church and its clergy.

The Appeal Court judgment was handed down on 20th December 2011 and The President was given the standard 28 calendar days in which to seek leave to appeal to the Supreme Court. Leave was sought on 13th January 2012 and on 15th May the Supreme Court gave permission for the appeal to be brought. The Hearing will take place on 13th-14th February 2013.

The case of *The President of the Conference vs Preston*, and in particular the ruling of the Appeal Court, raises a number of fundamental issues relating to the status of Methodist Ministers. Such matters go to the heart of the earlier ruling by the House of Lords in *The President of the Conference vs Parfitt*[1984].

It must be stressed that the Court has not criticised the practices of the church, but neither has it said how our practices might, or must, change in order to reflect the conclusion that there is a contractual relationship. Of equal, if not greater, significance for a connexional church is that the judgment is silent on who the employer is, or might be. The uncertainty of not knowing whether the Court has in mind the Conference or the Circuit Meeting as the employing body for those in Circuit ministry is a matter that creates considerable difficulty for the whole church. It is not as simple as asking the Court to clarify its position, there is no procedure other than by appeal.

It is important to remember that the Methodist Church has cooperated with a previous consultation process on the employment status of ministers of religion when in 2004 the Government held an extensive consultation on the matter. In 2005 the then Department of Trade and Industry concluded that it would not pursue the matter rather leaving it to churches to provide such a framework as was necessary for codifying terms of service.

In January the Methodist Council was advised that not to continue the defence of this action would be a failure to uphold the decisions of the Conference and the long established policies and practices of the Conference in respect of stationing and the expectations of both ministers and the church. In essence not to defend the current position would be to bring about a wholesale review of the nature of the relationship between ministers and the Conference as articulated in a number of Conference resolutions and most particularly in SO 700. That is not to say that some further theological reflection on how a different relationship between ministers and the Conference would be articulated should not take place.

The Conference was assured that the difficult decision to seek leave to appeal at the Supreme Court was taken in full cognisance of the costs, both the cost of an appeal and the costs of dealing with the uncertainties of the judgment of the Court of Appeal as it stands. The latter costs include the likely costs of further sets of legal proceedings as part of the process of resolving those uncertainties.

The memorial is therefore declined.

8/25 **60. REFERRED MEMORIALS**

The Conference adopted Resolutions 60/1, 60/2 and 60/3.

8/26 **61. THE STATIONING COMMITTEE**

The Conference adopted Resolution 61/1.

8/27 **NEW ITEM 63. CIRCUIT-REORGANISATIONS – REPORT FROM THE SHEFFIELD DISTRICT**

8/27/1 The Sheffield District Synod at its meeting on Saturday 28 April 2012 received the following report from the District Policy Committee (DPC).

The DPC had commended to the Church Councils in the eight Sheffield Circuits the proposals in 'A New Circuit for Sheffield' and invited them to vote on the following resolution: "This Church Council recommends to the Circuit Meeting that the proposals contained in 'A New Circuit for Sheffield' should be accepted".

All 8 Circuit Meetings, following the recommendation from the Church Councils, had voted in favour of the proposals in 'A New Circuit for Sheffield'.

Therefore the DPC proposed to the Sheffield Synod that it should vote on the proposal for a single Sheffield Circuit as laid out in 'A New Circuit for Sheffield', with its modified constitution. The proposals were agreed in principle and the vote was carried with 111 for and one vote against. The Sheffield District Synod therefore requests the Methodist Conference of 2012 to approve the creation of a single Sheffield Circuit, with a modified constitution, from the 1 September 2013.

CIRCUIT REORGANISATIONS

The Sheffield District Synod recommends the following change to circuit boundaries to take effect from 1 September 2013:

The Sheffield (West), the Sheffield (Mission), the Sheffield (Brunswick), the Sheffield (Ecclesall), the Sheffield (North), the Sheffield Pilgrim, the Sheffield (South), the Sheffield (East) Circuits should amalgamate to form one Circuit. This change to take effect from 1 September 2013 and will include the close working of the separate circuits in the interim period.

Under the provisions of SO 501(3) the Synod confirms approval of the associated proposals for a modified constitution.

8/27/2 The Conference adopted as Resolution 63/1:

The Conference receives the Report.

8/28 **53. COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS**

8/28/1 The Conference adopted Resolution 53/1,

p 615, the Strategy and Resources Committee of the Council
(v) adding The Revd Anne E Brown
Anne Brown is Deputy Chair of the Ministries Committee

8/28/2 The Conference adopted Resolution 53/2,

p 615, Panel for the Nomination of District Chairs

adding The Revd Dr Elizabeth A Smith
for Deacon Margaret C Woodlock-Smith *reading* The Revd Margaret C
Woodlock-Smith

8/28/3 The Conference adopted Resolutions 53/3,

p 616, lines 4-5, *for* 'Conveners: Discipline and Pastoral:' *reading* 'Conveners:
Discipline, Appeal and Pastoral:' and *adding* the name of 'Sharon Willimott',

and in line 6 *deleting* 'Appeal:',

p 625, Details of New Nominations, *adding*:

The Revd Sharon Willimott, Circuit minister, with previous professional
experience as litigation team leader for solicitors to large insurance company;
preparing/serving papers for court cases, convening meetings, attending
court hearings and having oversight of procedures.

8/28/4 The Conference adopted Resolution 53/4.

8/28/5 The Conference adopted Resolution 53/5,

p 617, Ministerial Candidates Selection Committee
adding The Revd Nigel Cowgill, The Revd Ian D Morris, The Revd Stephen E
Robinson, Mr Sam Taylor

Mr Sam Taylor. Experience of working with children & young people both
inside and outside of 'church', on top of work as an OPP and currently
Methodist Youth President.

The Revd Nigel Cowgill. Superintendent minister, Chair of the London District
Authorised Ministries Commission and with considerable experience of
candidates selection at district level.

The Revd Stephen E Robinson. Superintendent minister, member of the South
East District Candidates Committee, with experience as a placement
supervisor of presbyteral students and teaching in theological education.

8/28/6 The Conference adopted Resolutions 53/6 and 53/7.

8/28/7 The Conference adopted Resolution 53/8,

p 618, *inserting*

The Conference appoints the Faith and Order Committee:

A senior member of the Connexional Team, representing the Secretary of the
Conference: the Revd Gareth J Powell

Dr Jocelyn M Bryan, the Revds Dr Adrian Burdon, Helen D Cameron, Dr David
M Chapman, I Neil Cockling, Sylvester O Deigh, Dr John C A Emmett, Albert
Gayle, Ruth M Gee, Mrs Susan R Howdle, the Revd Dr Jane Leach, Prof Judith
Lieu (Chair), the Revd Dr Michael J A Long, Prof Josef Lössl, the Revds Dr
Stephen E Mosedale, Dr Peter M Phillips (Secretary), Alison F Tomlin, Dr
Martin Wellings

Observers: the Right Revd Jonathan Baker (Church of England), the Revd Anne
Sardeson (URC)

The Revd Albert Gayle is a Methodist Presbyterian in the Blackburn with Darwen Methodist Circuit and chair of the Belonging-Together Ministers' Group (formerly the Black Methodist Ministers' Group (BMMG)).

Professor Judith Lieu is Lady Margaret's Professor of Divinity at Cambridge University, a local preacher in the Cambridge Circuit and Chair of the Trustees of Wesley House, Cambridge. Professor Lieu has previously served on the Faith and Order Committee.

The Revd Dr Jane Leach is Principal of Wesley House Cambridge. Her areas of teaching and her research interests include Pastoral Theology and the Practice of Ministry.

Professor Josef Lössl is Professor of Historical Theology and Intellectual History at Cardiff University and a lay member of the Methodist Church in Cardiff.

8/28/8 The Conference adopted Resolution 53/9,

p 618, Stationing Committee
for Mrs Jenny Jackson *reading* Ms Jenny Jackson

*adding, against 'South-West', the name of The Revd Peter J Pillinger (24).
The Revd Peter Pillinger is nominated by the South West stationing region.*

8/28/9 The Conference adopted Resolution 53/10.

8/28/10 The Conference adopted Resolution 53/11,

(m) Conference of European Churches Assembly (3-8 July 2013):

Ms Emma T Johnson

p 624, *replacing* reasoned statement with: 'Involved at a connexional level for five years, lived and studied in Germany for last year, and attending EMYC this September'

p 625, *adding* Dr William M Reid, Connexional Liaison Officer for Scotland

8/28/11 The Conference gave permission for Resolution 53/12 to be withdrawn.

8/28/12 The Conference adopted Resolutions 53/13 and 53/14.

8/28/13 The Conference adopted Resolution 53/15,

p 621, the Methodist Council

adding

The Chair or Deputy Chair of the Ministries Committee:

The Revd Lionel E Osborn

The Revd Lionel E Osborn is nominated to the Conference as Chair of the Ministries Committee.

8/28/14 The Conference adopted Resolution 53/16.

8/28/15 The Conference adopted Resolution 53/17,

p 622, *inserting:*

The Conference appoints the following to accompany the President and the Vice-President as its representatives to the Irish Conference:

Hayley Moss is the Youth President of the Methodist Church for 2012/13, elected at the Youth Assembly of 2011..

Rachel Coates is the Youth Ministry Co-ordinator (Discipleship) for the Lancashire District.

8/28/16 The Conference adopted Resolution 53/18,

p 622, *inserting*:

The Conference appoints the following officers of the 2013 Conference:

Representative Session

Journal Secretary: The Revd Jennifer M Dyer

Record Secretary: The Revd Colin A Smith

Convener of the Memorials Committee: Mr Martin Harker

Presbyteral Session

Record Secretary: The Revd Jennifer M Dyer

Assistant Record Secretary: The Revd Colin A Smith

8/28/17 The Conference adopted Resolution 53/19,

p 622, *deleting* the Revd Brian Bailey, the Revd Drs Herbert McGonigle, David W Perry and Mr Keith Rothery (Treasurer)

adding The Revds Stuart Gunson (Treasurer), Bruce D Thompson, Miss Germaine Tuck

Stuart Gunson is a supernumerary minister with experience of financial management and budgeting as well as an awareness of the structures of the Methodist Church.

Bruce Thompson is the Chair of the Lincoln and Grimsby District

Germaine Tuck is a member of Wesley Memorial Methodist Church, and a volunteer at the Old Rectory. She is particularly interested in Methodist theology and history.

Replace list of World Methodist Council Trustees with the following:

The Revd Rudolph Aaron, Bishop Ivan Abrahams (ex-officio as General Secretary of the World Methodist Council), the Revds Dr John Barrett, Dr John Beyers, Mrs Thelma Crowder, Miss Christy-Anna Errington, the Revd Dr Daniel Flores, Dr Doug Gestwick, the Revd Dr Jin Doo Kim, Bishop Joao Carlos Lopes, Bishop Ziphozihle Siwa, the Revd George Smith, Dr Ore Spragin, Archbishop Michael Stephen, the Revd Dr Robert Williams

8/28/18 The Conference adopted Resolution 53/20,

p 622, *for* 'Myrtle Poxon' *reading* 'Lorraine Brown' in both places.

8/28/19 The Conference adopted Resolution 53/21.

8/28/20 The Conference adopted as Resolution 53/22,

The Conference appoints the Directors of the Methodist Independent Schools Trust as follows:

Chair: The Revd Dr David G Deeks

Three persons nominated by the Trust on the recommendation of the Chairs of Governors of the schools: Professor Roy Swanston, Mr David Whitehead, Mr Alan Wintersgill

Up to five persons nominated by the Methodist Council: Miss Margaret Faulkner, The Revd David Gamble, Dr Lois Loudon, The Revd Dr Calvin T Samuel, The Revd Graham Thompson

Up to five persons nominated by the Trust: Mrs Maureen Bollard, Dr John Lander, Mr Keith Norman, Mr John Robinson, Mr Colin Sheppard

John Lander, a member of the Conference and formerly circuit steward
Keith Norman, deputy headteacher and a member of Rayleigh Methodist Church

Colin Sheppard, Diocese of London Property Committee and a member of Harpenden Methodist Church

Alan Wintersgill, a chartered accountant and Chair of Governors at Woodhouse Grove School

8/29

Notice of Motion 207 – Complaints and Discipline Process

The Conference acknowledges the immense amount of work that has been done on the Complaints and Discipline process of the Church. As set out in Standing Orders, the need for this process stems from the imperfect nature of human beings. The principles of the Complaints and Discipline system include the statements that

- (v) the process should be fair;
- (vi) the person or body making the decision at each stage should be competent to do so;
- (vii) there should be a means of correcting any errors that may be made. (SO 1100(3))

Errors can be addressed to some extent through the appeal process. There is also some provision to address concerns about the process (SO 1155), and provision to express concern about individuals involved in the process (SO 1103(6)). The appeal process can also allow for re-hearing of complaints, but if errors are discovered outside of the appeals process there does not seem to be means of correcting these. So there does not appear to be 'a means of correcting any errors that may be made.'

Within or without the appeal system there is no provision in Standing Orders for apologies to be offered by individuals or on behalf of the Church when errors have been made. If this were possible it could reduce the time and stress involved in the process and facilitate reconciliation.

'Through the complaints and discipline process members of the Methodist Church are accountable to the Church in matters of faith and behaviour. The Church seeks to enable healing and reconciliation to take place through that accountability whenever possible. The Church also responds to the call through Christ for justice, openness and honesty, and to the need for each of us to accept responsibility for its own acts.' SO 1100(2)

Seeking a further step in the journey towards a complaints process grounded in God's love, built on trust and understanding, and seeking reconciliation, the Conference therefore directs the Methodist Council, in consultation with the Law and Polity Committee, to ensure that a review is undertaken of the reconciliation opportunities within the Complaints and Discipline process. This should ensure that account is taken of lessons learned in the process so far and seek to ensure that:

- i. any errors are able to be identified and corrected at the earliest possible time in the process and
- ii. a range of opportunities are given for reconciliation and all parties enabled to accept responsibility for their own actions.

The Conference directs that a report and any Standing Order amendments be brought to the Conference no later than 2014.

The Conference adopted the Motion.

8/30 **33. LAW AND POLITY COMMITTEE (PART 2) (continued)**

8/30/1 **Law and Polity and Safeguarding Advisory Panel**

Since the Agenda was published, there have been further discussions between representatives of the Law and Polity Committee and representatives of the Safeguarding Advisory Panel about the terms of SO 010 and the proposed amendments to it. It is therefore proposed, with the permission of the Conference, to move Resolution 33/2 in the amended form set out below.

The proposed amendments are intended to do three things:

1. (As originally proposed) to address a perceived anomaly. At present SO 010(2)(ii) bars any person who has been convicted of, or who has received a simple or conditional caution from the police concerning, sexual offences against children from being appointed to certain offices, posts or responsibilities or engaged under certain contracts unless prior authority has been obtained. This is a part of the Methodist Church's safeguarding policy. There is, however, no comparable bar when the conviction or caution postdates the appointment or engagement. Consistently with the Church's general commitment to an effective safeguarding policy, it is thought that there needs to be some appropriate restriction in such circumstances.

The view of the Law and Polity Committee is that an amended SO 010 should not provide for the immediate termination of the relevant appointment or contract (and in the case of a contract might not lawfully be able to do so), but should provide as a short-term measure that the person convicted or cautioned should cease to exercise the duties of the appointment or the contract. The effect will be similar to suspension, but, unlike suspension, will be automatic in the specified circumstances. In the longer term, the situation may be resolved in one of three ways, at least: (i) by an application by the appropriate body to the Safeguarding Advisory Panel, in the same way as if the conviction or caution predated the appointment or contract, (ii) by an application by the person himself or herself to the Safeguarding Advisory Panel or (iii) by the complaints and discipline process. The local complaints officer will have power to initiate that process under SO 1121(14) if no one else does so and may be expected to take that step if no application to the Safeguarding Advisory Panel is made or if any such application is unsuccessful. In that event the power of suspension under SO 1105 will arise and again may be expected to be exercised, which will bring into play the provisions of SO 1105(4) for securing the interim performance of the person's duties and the provisions of SO 1105(8) relating to appeals against suspension. It is hoped that this will achieve a satisfactory balance between upholding the Church's safeguarding policy and allowing the person concerned an opportunity to be heard.

In order to make these provisions as effective as possible, it is further proposed that a person receiving a conviction or caution after appointment or employment should be under a duty to inform the responsible officer for the purposes of Standing Order 013 or his or her employer of that fact.

2. To provide a right of appeal in respect of the bar on work with children and young people contained in SO 010(2)(i) in a manner similar to the right of appeal given in respect of the bar in SO 010(2)(ii). The Safeguarding Advisory Panel takes

the view that it would be appropriate to introduce such a right of appeal to reflect the fact that the Church recognises that people change, develop and mature in the course of their lives and in both cases under SO 010(2) should be given the opportunity to demonstrate through an appeal that changes have taken place in their own lives and that they should be able to contribute in additional ways to the life of the Church. In particular, the conviction or caution which gives rise to the bar, or the events leading to the conviction or caution, may have taken place many years ago.

3. To treat an associate minister granted that status under SO 733A consistently with a minister who is recognised and regarded as a presbyter or deacon in full connexion or authorised to serve the Methodist Church as a presbyter or deacon. The latter categories of minister are subject to the bar under SO 010(2)(ii) by virtue of SO 010(3)(iv), but when that provision was introduced the status of associate minister had not yet been created. It is thought appropriate that the same provisions should apply to all three categories.

8/30/2 The Conference adopted Resolution 33/2 in the following form:

The Conference receives the report and amends SO 010 as follows:

“(3) Sub-clause (ii) of clause (2) above shall apply to:

...

(ivA) first appointment to undertake specific acts of ministry under permission given by the Conference to a person granted the status of associate presbyter or deacon...

(5)(a) If a church court or other appointing body wishes:

(i) to grant permission to undertake work with children and young people in the life of the Church to a person who is not prevented from undertaking such work by legislation but, in the absence of authority under this clause, is disqualified from undertaking such work by virtue of clause (2)(i) above; or

(ii) to appoint to an office, post or responsibility a person who is not prevented from holding such office, post or responsibility by legislation but, in the absence of authority under this clause, is disqualified from holding it by virtue of clauses (2)(ii) and (3) above,

the secretary or convener of the body concerned may request the Secretary of the Conference to refer the proposed *permission* or appointment to the Safeguarding Advisory Panel appointed under Standing Order 232...

(b) ... If following the reference an authorisation to permit or appoint is given, the body concerned may, but need not, proceed to grant the permission or make the appointment notwithstanding the provisions of sub-clause (2)(i) or (as the case may be) (ii) above.

(c) No such authorisation shall be given unless ...

(ii) the granting of the permission or the making of the appointment will not expose children or young people to the risk of harm.

...

(6)(a) *Subject to paragraph (b) below, a minister or a person holding any other office, post or responsibility or engaged under any contract to which sub-clause (ii) of clause (2) above applies who acquires a conviction or who receives a simple or conditional caution from the police of a kind specified in that sub-clause subsequent to being appointed to the office, post or responsibility or engaged under the relevant contract shall cease to exercise any of the duties of a minister or of a person holding that office, post or responsibility or engaged under that contract unless authorised to do so under clause (7).*

(b) *In relation to a person employed under a contract of employment, paragraph (a) above has effect only so far as is consistent with the terms of that contract and employment legislation.*

(c) *Any person to whom paragraph (a) above applies must inform the responsible officer for the purposes of Standing Order 013 (if a person holding an office, post or responsibility) or his or her employer (if a person employed under a contract of employment) of the fact of the conviction or caution as soon as is reasonably possible after it is acquired or received.*

(7) *If:*

(i) *a church court or other body wishes to obtain authority for a minister or other person falling within clause (6) above to continue to exercise any of his or her duties; or*

(ii) *such a minister or other person wishes to obtain such authority,*

the secretary or convener of the church court or other body or that minister or other person (as the case may be) may request the Secretary of the Conference to refer the matter to the Safeguarding Advisory Panel and the provisions of clause (5) above shall apply with any necessary changes.

(8) *The provisions of clauses (6) and (7) above shall cease to have effect if as a result of a conviction or caution by virtue of which clause (6) applies to a minister or other person a complaint within the meaning of Standing Order 1101 has been made against that minister or other person or the matter has been referred to the connexional Complaints Panel under Standing Order 1121(14) and the responsible person has exercised the power of suspension given by Standing Order 1105”*

8/30/3 The Conference adopted Resolution 33/5,

amending SO 250(1) to read:

(1) There shall be an annual Assembly of young Methodists known as the Methodist **Children and Youth Assembly which shall constitute the Methodist Youth Assembly for the purposes of clause 14(2)(xA) of the Deed of Union.**

8/31 **37. METHODIST COUNCIL**

The Conference adopted Resolution 37/7 in the following form:

The Conference delegates to the Committee appointed by the Council to discharge its responsibilities in respect of any proposed restructuring of the senior leadership of the Connexional Team the responsibility for determining

the date from which the appointment of the single Connexional Secretary should take effect and making any further determination in the power of the Conference in respect of any matters related to that appointment or the role of the person so appointed, in order to ensure that there shall be no unnecessary delay in the implementation of the new structure endorsed by the Conference.

8/32

66. METHODIST COUNCIL REPORT: REVIEW OF THE SENIOR LEADERSHIP OF THE CONNEXIONAL TEAM (continued)

The Conference adopted as Resolution 66/5:

The Conference amends Standing Orders as follows:

102 Representatives of Connexional and Other Bodies. (1) The connexional committees, funds and institutions to be represented in the Conference pursuant to clause 14(2)(x) of the Deed of Union and the representatives of each shall be as follows ...

(i) Methodist Council ...

(d) The *Connexional* Secretaries in the Connexional Team other than the assistant secretary of the Conference

(7) Any member of the senior leadership group as defined in Standing Order 304 who is not appointed as a representative under this Standing Order shall be entitled to attend and speak at the Conference, but shall not be a voting member.

210 The Methodist Council. (1) There shall be a Methodist Council appointed annually by the Conference which in addition to the ex-officio members shall consist of:

...

(iA) the assistant secretary of the Conference appointed under Standing Order 116A;

...

(v) the Connexional Secretaries or their representatives

...

(7) The chair of the connexional Audit Committee ..., the Conference officer for legal and constitutional practice ..., ~~and~~ the secretary of the Faith and Order Committee ***and the members of the senior leadership group as defined in Standing Order 304 not appointed as members of the council under clause (1) above*** shall have the right to attend and speak at meetings of the council, but shall not be voting members.

213 Strategy and Resources Committee. (1) The Conference shall each year appoint a Strategy and Resources Committee of the council consisting of:

...

(vii) the Secretary ***and the assistant Secretary*** of the Conference, ~~and~~ the Connexional Secretaries ***and the other members of the senior leadership group as defined in Standing Order 304*** as non-voting members.

230 The Connexional Leaders' Forum. (2) The Connexional Leaders' Forum shall consist of:

(i) the General Secretary

(iA) the assistant secretary of the Conference

...

(v) the Connexional Secretaries as defined in Standing Order 304;

(vA) the members of the senior leadership group as defined in Standing Order 304 not otherwise forming part of the Connexional Leaders' Forum under this clause

...

304 The Connexional Secretaries and the Senior Leadership Group of the Connexional Team. (1) The Connexional Team shall include Connexional Secretaries, appointed to that office, who shall assist the General Secretary in the execution of his or her overall responsibilities. Under his or her direction they shall have collective responsibility, **together with the other members of the senior leadership group defined in clause (5) below**, for the work of the Team ...

(4) The number of Connexional Secretaries shall be determined from time to time by the Conference, **which may determine that there shall be a single Connexional Secretary.**

(5) The senior leadership group of the Connexional Team shall consist of the General Secretary, the assistant secretary of the Conference, the Connexional Secretaries and the three senior members of the Connexional Team with overall responsibility, under the General Secretary, for the work of the Team in the respective areas of:

(i) discipleship and ministries;

(ii) mission and advocacy; and

(iii) support services.

...

8/33 **51. APPOINTMENTS OF DISTRICT CHAIRS, AND THE WARDEN OF THE METHODIST
DIACONAL ORDER**

8/33/1 The Conference adopted Resolutions 51/1 and 51/2.

8/33/2 The Conference adopted as Resolution 51/6:

The Conference appoints the Revd Michaela A Youngson as a Chair for the London District for a period of six years from 1 September 2012.

Reasoned statement

Michaela Youngson has a breadth of ministerial experience having served both in circuit appointments (including as a Superintendent) and in the Connexional Team. In these she has demonstrated a wide knowledge and understanding of the Church as she has exercised pastoral oversight. She also has previous experience working in the church and other organisations which demonstrate her organisational skills and competencies and gives her knowledge of how large and complex organisations function. Michaela has served on a wide range of committees and trustee bodies and has also provided support to such bodies as a relevant staff member. Recognising the gifts of others she has drawn many people into the life of the church and enabled them to offer their gifts in diverse situations. She has demonstrated the ability to support, challenge and counsel people inside and outside the church.

Michaela is a creative communicator. She has demonstrated her ability to represent the Methodist Church in a range of settings, listening, speaking, leading and working with others. She has experience and training in conflict resolution and has served on complaints panels enabling these skills to be used in the life of the church. Michaela is also a sought-after leader of conferences and retreats and an accomplished writer.

The nomination committee was impressed by Michaela's presentation skills and believes that Michaela will bring to the District an enthusiasm for exploring new and creative ways of proclaiming the gospel in a diverse cultural context.

The Synod recommends Michaela Youngson to the Conference as Chair of the London District for a period of six years from the 1 September 2012.

8/33/3 The Conference, with the required majority, adopted Resolutions 51/3, 51/4 and 51/5.

8/34 **54. APPOINTMENTS AND APPRECIATIONS**

8/34/1 The Conference adopted Resolutions 54/1 and 54/2.

8/34/2 The Conference adopted as Resolution 54/6:

The Conference appoints Louise C Wilkins as Conference Officer for Legal and Constitutional Practice from 1 August 2012.

Reasoned statement

Louise Wilkins has served as a member of the Connexional Team since February 2012. Appointed to the post of Governance Officer (Property and Charity Registration) she quickly and enthusiastically established a clear understanding and appreciation of Methodist processes. In a short time she set about consolidating in one place work that had previously been undertaken in diverse parts of the Team. This she did whilst embedding the requirements and consequences of recent changes in charity legislation. Working closely with the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes, Louise has been diligent in ensuring that Local Churches and Circuits are able to use resources in such a way that they can more effectively respond to missional needs. Her participation in various training events has been clear and energising as she challenges the church to make the most effective use of property and ensure good stewardship of resources.

A Chartered Legal Executive, Louise has previously practised Family Law and as Property Officer for the Baptist Union of Great Britain gained experience in trust, property and charity law. She will bring to the role diverse experience and a clear understanding both of the needs of the church and the requirements of regulatory and statutory authorities.

Louise is a regular worshipper at her Parish Church and has links with Wesley Memorial Methodist Church in the Oxford Circuit. She brings to the role of Officer for Legal and Constitutional Practice a strong understanding of Methodism, an appreciation for the richness of the Methodist heritage, and a concern that the Methodist Church be well equipped to deal with legal and constitutional matters.

8/34/3 The Conference, by a Standing Vote, adopted Resolution 54/3.

8/34/4 The Conference adopted Resolutions 54/4 and 54/5.

8/35 **NEW ITEM 65. REPORT OF THE AUTHORISATIONS COMMITTEE**

- 8/35/1
1. The Authorisations Committee has reviewed applications from Circuits for authorisations to preside at services of Holy Communion where there are insufficient ordained ministers to make this provision.
 2. The committee has, as always, paid careful attention to the details in the applications, and given due consideration to the requests for help. We have not rejected any applications this year, neither have we found it necessary to return any applications for further information. One application this year was from an FX situation in Scotland.
 3. The details of the applications are as follows:
Presbyter Probationers 25, Deacons 2 and Lay People 23; a total of 50
 4. There seems to be some confusion about the process by which application for an authorisation is made. Circuits who consider that they have a case for deprivation are invited to make an application to the Authorisations Committee. District Chairs have copies of the necessary forms and the timetable for this year is as follows:-
October – Application forms to District Chairs. Please use the form relevant to the year in which the application is being made.
January – Applications for Renewals after three years for lay people and early stationing appointments.
27 April - is the closing date for other applications although they may be sent to the Convener at any time.
May - Committee meets to consider the applications and makes recommendations to the Conference.
 5. Authorisations, when granted, are for one year and their scope is limited to the Circuit in which the person is a member. They automatically renew each year up to three (see lists B and C below) unless the Committee is informed that the authorisation is no longer required.
 6. The Committee has received an advanced copy of the report of the Faith and Order Committee's report to the Conference and warmly endorses the recommendations and the proposed new guidance with regard to "missional" situations which will help with the consideration of applications.
 7. The Committee welcomes informal consultations with any Circuit considering making an application for an authorisation.

8/35/2 The Conference adopted as Resolution 65/1:

The Conference receives the Report.

8/35/3 The Conference adopted as Resolution 65/2:

The Conference authorises the following persons to preside at the Lord's Supper for the year commencing 1 September 2012 in accordance with the provisions of SO 011.

In the following lists the categories are "P" Presbyter probationer, "D" Deacons. "L" Lay people.

LIST A – New applications for authorisations for three years

1/1	Cymru (1)	Philip Davies	L
1/1	Cymru (2)	Elizabeth Jones	L
2/9	Cardiff	Catherine Reynolds	P
2/18	Neath Port Talbot	Christopher Jones	L
2/13	Gwent Hills & Vales	Leslie Jones	P
5/9	Tamworth and Lichfield	Timothy Flowers	P
6/4	Rochdale and Littleborough	Helen Johnson	P
7/2	Bristol & South Gloucestershire (1)	Debra M Chidakwa	P
7/2	Bristol & South Gloucestershire (2)	Josette A Crane	P
9/10	Kirkoswald	Brian Thornton	L
9/16	South West Cumbria	Rachel L Williams	P
11/15	Stoke on Trent	Joyce E Smith	P
11/16	Kidsgrove	Lester J Meredith	L
11/18	Burslem Mission	Paul Nixon	L
12/3	Falmouth and Gwennap	W Gerald Triggs	L
12/5	Newquay, Perrenporth & St Agnes (1)	David Parker	L
12/5	Newquay, Perrenporth & St Agnes (2)	Michael Fairhead	L
12/8	Bodmin, Padstow & Wadebridge (1)	Penny Manders	L
12/8	Bodmin, Padstow & Wadebridge (2)	Jill Garbett	L
12/8	Bodmin, Padstow & Wadebridge (3)	Alan Priestley	L
12/14	Lizard & Mounts Bay (1)	Geoffrey W Tamblin	D
12/14	Lizard & Mounts Bay (2)	William T Reed	L
12/22	Saltash	Thomas J Osborne	
14/2	Ipswich	Kathryn A Flynn	P
15/1	Isle of Man	Andrew Emison	P
16/15	Wharfedale & Aireborough	Richard Ormerod	P
17/12	Sleaford	Ann L Lett	P
17/13	Market Rasen & Caistor	Ann R Coates	P
18/3	Liverpool (North Central)	David W Smith	D
18/13	Sankey Valley	Stephen D T Froggatt	P
18/17	Southport	Janette Fraser	P
20/2	Newcastle upon Tyne (West)	Nicola K Hilmy-Jones	P
22/19	Dove Valley	Stella F Mills	P
23/4	Chipping Norton & Stow on the Wold	Christine Cond	L
23/11	Hinckley Circuit	Philip J Osborne	D
23/28	Amersham (1)	Pamela Sitford	L

23/28	Amersham (2)	John Poston	L
24/7	Tavistock	John M Swanston	P
24/11	Bude and Holdsworthy (1)	Muriel Hodge	L
24/11	Bude and Holdsworthy (2)	Clive Smale	L
24/20	Ilfacombe & Barnstable	Martin Reardon	L
25/14	Doncaster	Ian S Rutherford	P
26/2	Eastleigh	Andrew Bird	P
26/3	Kennet & Test Valley (1)	Christine Thomas	L
26/3	Kennet & Test Valley (2)	Dorothy Regan	L
26/3	Kennet & Test Valley (3)	Muriel Wood	L
26/3	Kennet & Test Valley (4)	Helen Watson	L
26/10	Christchurch and Wimborne	David Hollingsworth	P
26/12	East Wight	Mary White	L
27/31	Airedale	Saidu Kanu	P
27/36	North Kirklees & Morley	Alison L Crookes	P
28/2	Brownhills and Willenhall	Michael S Smith	L
28/3	Shropshire & Marches	Heather Wilson	P
28/5	Vale of Stour	Gillian M Daniel	P
28/12	Tipton	Denise Williams	P
34/7	Tendring	Etleva Walker	P
34/10	Southend and Leigh	Phillip J Warrey	P
34/17	Watford	Geoffrey F J Farrar	P
35/24	Ealing Trinity	Suva Catford	P
35/28	Blackheath and Crystal Palace	Imran B Malik	P
35/42	Bromley	Rachel M Parkes	P
36/4	Thames Valley	Margaret E Dudley	P
36/5	Staines and Feltham	Mark Conlon	L
36/13	Central Sussex United Area	Peter G Rayson	P
36/25	South Kent	Hugh Burnham	L

LIST B: Renewals after one year initially granted in 2011

1/1 - 2/10	Ceredigion	James Patron Bell	P
2/18	Neath Port Talbot	Clement Raymond	L
5/13	Mid Warwickshire	Michael Grimsley	P
6/7	Leigh and Hindley	Leonard J Pereira	P
7/24	Swindon & Marlborough	Andrew M D Wigley	P
9/16	South West Cumbria	Rachel L Williams	P

10/1	Bailiwick of Guernsey	Karen le Mouton	L
11/8	Cheshire South (1)	Stephen P Ingrouille	P
11/8	Cheshire South (2)	Rebecca J Ingrouille	P
11/15	Stoke North Circuit	Paul Owen	L
11/24	Staffordshire Moorlands	Julie Herbert	P
12/1	Camborne - Redruth	John Bailey	L
12/7	St Austell	Catherine A Ward	L
12/11	St Ives & Hayle (1)	Kenneth Bassett	L
12/11	St Ives & Hayle (2)	Mary Rogers	L
12/12	St Ives (Fore Street)	William R Orr	L
12/14	The Lizard & Mounts Bay	Steven J Swann	P
13/1	Darlington	Andrew J Stobart	P
13/17	Barnard Castle and Teesdale (1)	William Bartle	L
13/17	Barnard Castle and Teesdale (2)	Tracey Cooke	L
14/15	Central Norfolk	Jenny Pathmarajah	P
21/2	Blackburn with Darwen	Debra J Keegan	P
21/15	South Fylde	Colin Marchment	P
22/11	Ashbourne	Merle Wilde	D
22/13	Borders Mission	Harry Smith	L
22/13	Borders Mission	Andrew Leam	L
22/13	Borders Mission	David Hopkinson	L
22/20	Erewash Valley	Helen R Penfold	P
22/23	Mansfield	Ann M Anderson	P
23/11	Hinckley Circuit	Tim Lea	L
23/14	Rugby & Daventry	Jane Gaffney	P
23/23	Nene Valley	Elizabeth A Dunning	P
Circuit			
23/28	Amersham	Vincent Munyaradzi Vezha	P
24/1	Plymouth & Devonport	Paul Rees	P
24/11	Bude and Holsworthy	Michael Reeves	L
24/16	Tiverton & Wellington (1)	Hilary Young	L
24/16	Tiverton & Wellington (2)	David Parkin	L
24/20	Ilfracombe & Barnstable (1)	Sylvia Edwards	L
24/20	Ilfracombe & Barnstable (2)	Arthur Mildon	L
24/22	South Molton and Ringsash	Gloria Manning	L
24/25	West Somerset (1)	Margaret Morris	L
24/27	Ringsash	Colin Rice	L
25/3	Sheffield (Brunswick)	Richard Wilshaw	L
25/17	Rotherham and Dearne Valley (1)	Rita Edwards	L
25/17	Rotherham and Dearne Valley (2)	Wayne Ashton	L
25/19	Trinity	Rosamunde E K Page	P
26/5	Gosport & Fareham	Anna M Bishop	P

26.23	Salisbury	John Scrivens	P
26/26	Sherborne & Yeovil	Jennifer Gardener	L
26/27	Basingstoke	Tim Hedgecock	L
26/27	Basingstoke	Steve Smith	L
27/21	Settle	Wendy Holt	L
27/35	Huddersfield	Jonathan Hayes	P
28/1	Wolverhampton	Linda J Pearce	P
28/3	Shropshire & Marches (1)	Betty Hughes	L
28/3	Shropshire & Marches (2)	Christine Jones	L
28/3	Shropshire & Marches (3)	Jean Susan Matthews	L
28/3	Shropshire & Marches (4)	Brian Wallace	L
28/4	Walsall	Beverley D Boden	P
28/8	Cannock Chase	Kathryn Cook	P
29/16	Tadcaster	Amy Walters	P
34/1	North Bedfordshire	Matthew L Fugill	P
34/10	Southend & Leigh	Elizabeth Kirova	P
35/2	West London Mission	Valerie Reid	P
35/38	Kingston upon Thames	Elizabeth O Osei	P
35/39	Sutton Circuit	Nicola Wooller	P
35/43	Orpington & Chislehurst	Alexandra Terrett	P
36/25	South Kent	Dudley Shipton	L
36/27	Canterbury & Coastal	Helen Letley	P

LIST C: Renewals after two years initially granted in 2010

1/1	Cymru	Rhys Davies	L
1/1	Cymru	John Ellis	L
1/1	Cymru	Tom Ellis	L
1/1	Cymru	Merfyn Jones	L
1/1	Cymru	Stephen F Roe	D
12/1	Camborne-Redruth	Marquis Honeychurch	L
12/1	Falmouth & Gwennapp	Mike Ely	L
12/7	St Austell	Tony Warren	L
12/20	Camelford and Week St Mary	Brian Parkman	L
12/20	Camelford and Week St Mary	Robin Heywood	L
12/20	Camelford and Week St Mary	Glenton Brown	L
18/9	Wirral	Ruth H Jeffries	P
22/13	Borders Mission Circuit	Jonathan Reeve	L
22/20	Erewash Valley	Valerie Rollisson	L
22/20	Erewash Valley	John Moorley	L
22/28	South Derbyshire	Heather Sim	L
23/13	Northampton	John Atkin	L
23/13	Northampton	Norma Baxter	L
23/13	Northampton	David Houghton	L
23/13	Northampton	Linda Leathersich	L
23/13	Northampton	Maggie Munday	L

23/13	Northampton	Paul Wilson	L
23/23	Nene Valley	Marie Armitage	L
23/23	Nene Valley	David Rodney Hudson	L
24/20	Ilfacombe & Barnstable	Geoff Harding	L
24/23	Bideford & Shebbear	David Ley	L
24/25	West Somerset	Mollie Brookes	L
25/17	Rotherham and Dearne Valley	Anne Holmes	L
25/17	Rotherham and Deane Valley	Jonathan Hood	L
25/19	Retford	Alan Godfrey Truman	L
26/8	Romsey	Michael Hatch	L
26/11	West Wight	Ray Felton	L
27/18	Skipton and Grassington	Glennis Hobbs	L
31/13	Inverness	Roger Bamford	L

8/36 **RECEPTION INTO FULL CONNEXION OF THE REV D WILLIAM H TARDY**

The Conference adopted as Resolution 45/2a:

The Conference, by a Standing Vote, receives into Full Connexion with the Conference as a presbyter The Revd William H Tardy, an ordained presbyter of the United Methodist Church.

8/37 **50. MINISTERS FROM OTHER CHURCHES**

8/37/1 The Conference, by a Standing Vote, adopted Resolution 50/1 in the following form:

By a Standing Vote, the Conference welcomes those presbyters to be appointed to the stations, whose names are listed in the Agenda as amended by the Order Paper circulated to the Conference, as ministers of other autonomous Methodist Conferences who, by virtue of clause 44 of the Deed of Union, will thereby be recognised and regarded as presbyters of the Methodist Church admitted into full Connexion,

<i>for</i>	Michael Crockett	5/3	
<i>reading</i>	Michael Crockett	5/1	
<i>for</i>	Solomon Joseph	35/29	
<i>reading</i>	Solomon Joseph	35/28	
<i>deleting</i>	Garo Kilagi	21/5	United Church in Papua New Guinea
<i>for</i>	Charles F Makonde	11/4	
<i>reading</i>	Charles F Makonde	21/16	
<i>for</i>	Francis Nabieu	29/1	
<i>reading</i>	Francis Nabieu	29/33	
<i>deleting</i>	William H Tardy	35/34	United Methodist Church
<i>adding</i>	T J Wesley	34/4	United Methodist Church

8/37/2 The Conference, by a Standing Vote, adopted Resolution 50/2 in the following form:

By a Standing Vote the Conference, by virtue of clause 45 of the Deed of Union, declares that the persons whose names are printed for this purpose in the Agenda as amended by the Order Paper circulated to the Conference, shall be recognised and regarded during the period of their appointment to the stations for the next ensuing year as presbyters of the Methodist Church admitted into Full Connexion,

for (2) Ministers of other communions
reading **(3) Ministers of other communions**

<i>deleting</i>	Bruce Allison	36/30
<i>deleting</i>	Benson Chongo	31/11
<i>for</i>	John S Currie	36/22
<i>reading</i>	John S Currie	36/21
<i>for</i>	Thomas Goodwin	26/23
<i>reading</i>	Thomas Goodwin	26/FC
<i>deleting</i>	Marilyn Ilyas	36/22
<i>deleting</i>	Teddy Kalongo	2/27
<i>for</i>	Debora Marschner	16/7
<i>reading</i>	Debora Marschner	25/9
<i>deleting</i>	Kwabena Obuo-Dadzie	36/21

8/37/3 The Conference gave permission for Resolution 50/3 to be withdrawn.

8/37/4 The Conference amended the wording of Resolutions 50/4 and 50/7, in each case for 'That' reading 'The Conference resolves that'.

8/37/5 The Conference adopted Resolution 50/4,

<i>for</i>	Hazel A Allen	7/21
<i>reading</i>	Hazel A Allen	7/20
<i>for</i>	Paul R Allen	16/6
<i>reading</i>	Paul R Allen	16/3
<i>adding</i>	Bruce Allinson	36/8
<i>adding</i>	Robert J M Amess	12/11
<i>adding</i>	P Kofi Amissah	35/10
<i>deleting</i>	Sydney W Andrew	17/13
<i>for</i>	Janet E Appleby	20/3
<i>reading</i>	Janet E Appleby	20/1
<i>deleting</i>	Arun Arora	28/1
<i>deleting</i>	Timothy J Atkins	13/15
<i>deleting</i>	Lawrence J W Bain	36/2
<i>for</i>	Barbara E Bennett	24/21
<i>reading</i>	Barbara E Bennett	24/20
<i>for</i>	Peter M Bestley	36/3
<i>reading</i>	Peter M Bestley	36/2
<i>for</i>	Robin G Blount	36/26
<i>reading</i>	Robin G Blount	36/25
<i>for</i>	Gita D Bond	14/26
<i>reading</i>	Gita D Bond	14/25
<i>for</i>	Mair Bradley	22/11
<i>reading</i>	Mair Bradley	22/6 and 22/11
<i>adding</i>	Paul J Breeze	16/15
<i>for</i>	Kenneth Clapham	21/17
<i>reading</i>	Kenneth Clapham	21/16
<i>for</i>	Christopher I Coates	29/2
<i>reading</i>	Christopher I Coates	29/33
<i>for</i>	Andrew C De Smet	29/19
<i>reading</i>	Andrew C De Smet	29/34
<i>for</i>	Paul B Dean	36/7
<i>reading</i>	Paul B Dean	36/25
<i>for</i>	A Sheila Dickson	26/14
<i>reading</i>	A Sheila Dickson	26/3

<i>for</i>	Myra D Dillistone	24/4
<i>reading</i>	Myra D Dillistone	24/3
<i>deleting</i>	Elaine Dunn	36/13
<i>for</i>	Terence N Dyer	21/4
<i>reading</i>	Terence N Dyer	21/2
<i>deleting</i>	Stephen H Fisher	23/6
<i>for</i>	Roy J Fowler	7/21
<i>reading</i>	Roy J Fowler	7/20
<i>for</i>	Raymond G Gaston	5/7
<i>reading</i>	Raymond G Gaston	5/1
<i>deleting</i>	George Gibson	36/8
<i>deleting</i>	M Dass Gill	23/1
<i>deleting</i>	Dominic S Grant	36/18
<i>for</i>	Sungil Han	24/4
<i>reading</i>	Sungil Han	24/3
<i>for</i>	R Stephen Hannam	27/4
<i>reading</i>	R Stephen Hannam	24/34
<i>for</i>	Naison Hove	35/15
<i>reading</i>	Naison Hove	35/4
<i>for</i>	Andrew J Howell	6/13
<i>reading</i>	Andrew J Howell	6/4
<i>deleting</i>	Nicholas P A Jowett	25/4
<i>for</i>	Elizabeth Kitching	29/20
<i>reading</i>	Elizabeth Kitching	29/31
<i>for</i>	Neil J Lambert	36/2
<i>reading</i>	Neil J Lambert	36/1
<i>for</i>	David K Langford	26/17
<i>reading</i>	David K Langford	26/10
<i>deleting</i>	A Goodwill MacDougall	21/15
<i>for</i>	Margaret A Mascall	31/24
<i>reading</i>	Margaret A Mascall	36/21
<i>for</i>	Clive Morgan	2/2
<i>reading</i>	Clive Morgan	2/13
<i>for</i>	Joanne C Musson	5/20
<i>reading</i>	Joanne C Musson	5/18
<i>adding</i>	James E A Mustard	35/35
<i>adding</i>	Johannes Noble	29/33
<i>deleting</i>	Philip J Osborn	36/13
<i>deleting</i>	David J Page	11/8
<i>for</i>	S Robin Paisley	31/2
<i>reading</i>	S Robinson Paisley	31/2
<i>deleting</i>	Trevor Pitt	13/15
<i>adding</i>	Heather J Pollard	23/26
<i>for</i>	Matthew R Pollard	27/4
<i>reading</i>	Matthew R Pollard	27/34
<i>deleting</i>	David G M Price	36/2
<i>for</i>	John Rammell	28/11
<i>reading</i>	John Rammell	28/1
<i>adding</i>	R Neville Richardson	27/31
<i>for</i>	David P Ryan	5/17
<i>reading</i>	David P Ryan	5/16
<i>adding</i>	Michael Shrubsole	26/10
<i>for</i>	Patrick H Taylor	27/1
<i>reading</i>	Patrick H Taylor	27/34
<i>deleting</i>	Martin Thorpe	18/15
<i>deleting</i>	H Keith Trice	36/17

<i>deleting</i>	Emmanuel Twum Baah	22/1
<i>deleting</i>	Janet L Waterfield	28/11
<i>for</i>	Dinah A Whittall	7/21
<i>reading</i>	Dinah A Whittall	7/20
<i>for</i>	Michael J Withey	7/11
<i>reading</i>	Michael J Withey	7/7
<i>deleting</i>	Malcolm D Wright	35/30 and 35/43

8/37/6 The Conference adopted Resolution 50/5 in the following form:

The Conference resolves that the person ordained deacon in another communion whose name is printed above be authorised to serve the Methodist Church for the next ensuing year by virtue of Standing Order 733(1) and that the person so authorised shall reside for the purposes of the stations in the Circuit whose number appears against her name,

p 603, in the text above the name of Ellen Monk-Winstanley, *for* 'The names of deacons authorised to serve' *reading* 'The name of a deacon to be authorised to serve'.

8/37/7 The Conference adopted Resolution 50/6 in the following form:

The Conference resolves that the persons whose names are printed for this purpose in the Agenda as amended by the Order Paper circulated to the Conference, be granted the status of associate presbyter for the next ensuing year by virtue of Standing Order 733A(1) in the Circuit whose number appears against his or her name so listed,

<i>deleting</i>	Trevor E Beckett	18/9
<i>deleting</i>	Timothy P Bennison	31/1
<i>deleting</i>	William A D Berryman	16/5
<i>deleting</i>	Linda Bond	34/1
<i>deleting</i>	Robert Brooke	16/5
<i>adding</i>	Anthony F Bundock	16/1
<i>for</i>	Peter S Callway	36/19
<i>reading</i>	Peter S Callway	36/18
<i>for</i>	Carole A Camp	5/3
<i>reading</i>	Carole A Camp	5/1
<i>deleting</i>	Glenn S Cannon	27/8
<i>adding</i>	Mandy R Coutts	16/7
<i>for</i>	Dennis S Downing	12/19
<i>reading</i>	Dennis S Downing	12/9
<i>adding</i>	Richard Deimel	13/15
<i>adding</i>	Helen M Drummond	29/31
<i>deleting</i>	D Geoffrey Ellis	16/5
<i>for</i>	Jeremy M Fathers	5/3
<i>reading</i>	Jeremy M Fathers	5/1
<i>adding</i>	David Ford	16/1
<i>for</i>	Ruth Harris	16/18
<i>reading</i>	Ruth Harris	16/17
<i>for</i>	Paul Hartley	16/19
<i>reading</i>	Paul Hartley	16/17
<i>for</i>	William E Henderson	16/18
<i>reading</i>	William E Henderson	16/17
<i>for</i>	Garry A F Hinchcliffe	16/13
<i>reading</i>	Garry A F Hinchcliffe	16/12

<i>for</i>	Timothy J Hurren	16/13
<i>reading</i>	Timothy J Hurren	16/12
<i>adding</i>	I Andrew Jacobson	35/26
<i>deleting</i>	Brunel H G James	16/4
<i>for</i>	Graham Kitts	12/15
<i>reading</i>	Graham J Kitts	12/14
<i>for</i>	Bryan T Knapp	36/19
<i>reading</i>	Bryan T Knapp	36/18
<i>for</i>	Daphne J Lloyd	14/16
<i>reading</i>	Daphne J Lloyd	14/15
<i>deleting</i>	Graham J Maskery	29/6-7
<i>deleting</i>	David M C Mathews	12/8
<i>deleting</i>	Patrick E J McManus	10/2
<i>adding</i>	Jennifer S Montgomery	6/14
<i>deleting</i>	Heegan Moon	20/6
<i>for</i>	David O'Brien	21/3
<i>reading</i>	David O'Brien	21/15
<i>deleting</i>	Barry Overend	16/3
<i>adding</i>	David J Page	11/8
<i>deleting</i>	S Robinson Paisley	31/2
<i>deleting</i>	Maria Pallis	29/16
<i>deleting</i>	David T N Parry	23/1
<i>adding</i>	David G Paton-Williams	16/2
<i>for</i>	Peter M L Phillips	7/3
<i>reading</i>	Peter M L Phillips	7/2
<i>for</i>	Robert Pickering	21/5
<i>reading</i>	Robert E Pickering	21/2
<i>deleting</i>	Richard Plant	18/18
<i>deleting</i>	David Y Poulton	5/10
<i>for</i>	David E Pountain	21/15
<i>reading</i>	David E Pountain	21/14
<i>deleting</i>	Anugrah D Ramble	5/4
<i>deleting</i>	Michael D Ratcliffe	21/5
<i>for</i>	David W Rhymer	21/15
<i>reading</i>	David W Rhymer	21/4
<i>deleting</i>	Elizabeth R Richardson	35/26
<i>adding</i>	Ian T Rodley	16/7
<i>adding</i>	Peter B Rouch	19/1
<i>deleting</i>	Robert W Shaw	16/5
<i>for</i>	Anthony M Shepherd	16/13
<i>reading</i>	Anthony M Shepherd	16/12
<i>for</i>	Nigel C Sinclair	16/13
<i>reading</i>	Nigel C Sinclair	16/12
<i>for</i>	T Roger Smith	21/5
<i>reading</i>	T Roger Smith	21/2
<i>deleting</i>	Lorraine Snape	26/5
<i>adding</i>	M Paul Spurgeon	16/12
<i>adding</i>	David Teece	16/17
<i>deleting</i>	Andrew K Tuck	36/1
<i>adding</i>	Paul Q Tudge	16/7
<i>deleting</i>	Gail Uttley	16/18
<i>adding</i>	Susan M Wallace	16/1
<i>adding</i>	Gillian A Webb	34/1
<i>adding</i>	Philip W Webb	28/9
<i>adding</i>	David P Woodhall	6/14

8/37/8 The Conference adopted Resolution 50/7.

8/38 **CANDIDATES FOR MINISTRY**

8/38/1 The Conference, by a Standing Vote, adopted Resolution 43/3.

8/38/2 The Conference adopted as Resolution 42/3:

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 in the Daily Record.

8/39 **46. MINISTERS AND DEACONS BECOMING SUPERNUMERARY**

8/39/1 The Conference adopted Resolution 46/3,

noting the amendments made to the list in the Agenda at 2/24/1.

8/39/2 The Conference adopted Resolutions 46/4 and Resolution 46/5.

8/40 **NEW ITEM 69. REPORT OF THE LAW AND POLITY CONFERENCE SUB-COMMITTEE**

8/40/1 The Conference adopted as Resolution 69/1:

For the better achievement of the intention of the Conference (under Standing Order 131(25)):

(i) The amendments made by Resolution 11/1(xvi) are amended to read as follows:

In SO 300(2C): "...in connexional policy and ... public role, ...";

(ii) The amendments made by Resolution 11/1(xxiv) are amended to read as follows:

In SO 1145(1)(c): "At a hearing by the Presbyteral Session ...";

(iii) The amendments made by Resolution 11/1(xl) are amended by substituting "presbyter" for "minister" in each case;

(iv) The amendments made by Resolution 30/5(b)(vi) are amended by requiring the amendment in SO 803(10) to be made once only;

(v) The amendments made by Resolution 30/5(d) are amended to read as follows:

In SO 732(3)(d): "... in the case of ministers to the Secretary ..."

In the title to SO 734: "Ministerial and Diaconal Probationers of other Conferences and Churches"

8/40/2 **Consultation on special resolutions**

The Conference adopted as Resolution 69/2:

The Conference, having considered the advice of the Law and Polity Conference Sub-Committee, directs in accordance with Standing Order 126 that the appropriate consultation in respect of special resolutions 20/3, 21/10 and 33/1 shall be by submission to the Methodist Council under Standing Order 126(1)(c).

8/41 **CONNEXIONAL ALLOWANCES COMMITTEE**

8/41/1 The Conference adopted as Resolution 13/8,

The Conference directs that the changes to Standing Order 801(3) effected by Resolution 13/7 shall take effect from 1 May 2013.

8/42 The Conference delegated to the Methodist Council the making of any outstanding appointments and the completing of any outstanding business required to be made or done by the Conference of 2012, and directs that any such actions be reported to the Conference of 2013.

8/43 **THE STATIONS**

8/43/1 The Stations were presented to the Conference in the form of the Draft previously circulated with the following amendments:

THE WALES SYNOD

2/3 Bangor and Holyhead
Supernumeraries
Adding Sheila C Cairns

2/12 Conwy and Prestatyn
Supernumeraries
Deleting Sheila C Cairns

2/27 Vale of Glamorgan
For Teddy Kalongo (RR)
reading Teddy Kalongo

THE BIRMINGHAM DISTRICT

5/6 Birmingham (West) and Oldbury
Deleting Earl Beckles (*School Teacher*)

5/15 Stratford and Evesham
Supernumeraries
Adding Donald Pritchard (D)

THE BOLTON AND ROCHDALE DISTRICT

6/2 Bolton Mission
Deleting O Mark Street (*Also District Evangelism Enabler*)

6/5 Wigan
For Sylvester O Deigh (WA)
reading Sylvester O Deigh *and reorder list*

6/7 Leigh and Hindley
Adding O Mark Street (*Also District Evangelism Enabler*)

Supernumeraries
Adding A David Sanders

THE BRISTOL DISTRICT

7/2 Bristol and South Gloucestershire

For Roxanne Gibb
reading Roxanne Simpson
Deleting Roxanne Simpson

Move Knut M Heim (*Trinity College*)
to below Peter T H Hatton (*Trinity College*)
For Peter T H Hatton (*Trinity College*)
reading Peter T H Hatton (*Bristol Baptist College*)

7/7 Gloucestershire

Adding Roxanne Simpson (WA) *who shall act in respect of ministerial duties under the direction of the Chair of the District*
Supernumeraries
Deleting Edward Hobbs
Adding Stuart G Radford

THE CHANNEL ISLANDS DISTRICT

10/2 Jersey

For Henry F Le Ruez
reading Henry F Le Ruez (*Prison Chaplain*) *and reorder list*

THE CHESTER AND STOKE-ON-TRENT DISTRICT

11/1 Chester and Delamere Forest

Adding David A Ray

11/5 Dane and Trent

Supernumeraries
Deleting Stephen G Hatcher

11/8 Cheshire South

For Pauline Basterfield
reading Pauline Basterfield (WA) *and reorder list*
Supernumeraries
For J R Lakin Smith
reading John R Lakin-Smith

11/18 Stoke-on-Trent (Burslem Mission)

Supernumeraries
Adding Stephen G Hatcher

11/22 North Staffordshire

Supernumeraries
Adding John Taylor

THE CORNWALL DISTRICT

12/4 Truro

Adding Derek J Collins
Supernumeraries
Deleting Derek J Collins

12/11 St Ives and Hayle

Adding Robert J M Amess (AM)

12/19 Liskeard and Looe
Adding Robert O Saunders
Supernumeraries
Deleting Robert O Saunders

12/22 Saltash
Adding J Barry Lumley
Supernumeraries
Deleting J Barry Lumley

THE DARLINGTON DISTRICT

13/11 Durham and Deerness Valley
Adding Rosario Leto (*Permission to Study*)

13/12 West Durham
For Susan J Wigham (*Hospital Chaplain*)
reading Susan J Wigham

13/15 Bishop Auckland
Deleting Timothy J Atkins (AM)
Trevor Pitt (AM)

THE EAST ANGLIA DISTRICT

14/5 Ely and Newmarket
For Margaret Talbot (AM)
reading Margaret E C Talbot (AM)

14/26 Cambridge Wesley House
For Jonathan R Hustler (*Senior Tutor*)
reading Jonathan R Hustler (*Vice Principal*)

THE ISLE OF MAN DISTRICT

15/1 Isle of Man
For Richard Hall
reading Richard Hall (S) *and reorder list*

THE LEEDS DISTRICT

16/1 Leeds Mission
Deleting Caroline F Ryder
Adding **University Chaplaincy**
Caroline F Ryder (*Chaplain to the Universities in Leeds*) *who shall act in respect of ministerial duties under the direction of the Chair of the District*

16/15 Wharfedale and Aireborough
Adding Paul J Breeze (AM)

16/17 Aire and Calder
Deleting Anthony J L Jones (AM)

THE LINCOLN AND GRIMSBY DISTRICT

17/4 Mid-Lincolnshire
For Margaret Presdee (S)
reading Marty Presdee (S)

17/13 Market Rasen and Caistor
Deleting Sydney W Andrew (AM)

17/15 South Holland
Supernumeraries
Adding David H Howarth

THE LIVERPOOL DISTRICT

18/5 Liverpool (South)
Supernumeraries
Adding Philip J Wren

18/13 Sankey Valley
Deleting Martin Thorpe (AM)
For Paul H Wilson (*Development Officer, MET*)
reading Paul H Wilson (*Development Worker, MET*)
Supernumeraries
Deleting Philip J Wren
Adding Keith Parr

18/17 Southport
Supernumeraries
Adding Ann C Hall

THE MANCHESTER AND STOCKPORT DISTRICT

19/9 Sale
Deleting A David Sanders

19/12 Shaw and Royton
Supernumeraries
Adding R Edward Gordon

19/13 Stockport
Adding Amanda J Boon

19/14 Hazel Grove and Poynton
Deleting Amanda J Boon
Supernumeraries
Adding Jennifer M Heath (D)
Stephen R Heath

19/15 Bramhall and Wythenshawe
Adding Daniel C Taylor (WA)

19/16 Romiley
Deleting Margaret Crawshaw

19/18 Buxton
Deleting J Colin Smith (S)

19/19 Alderley Edge and Knutsford
Deleting Paul H Wilson

19/22 Hyde and Denton
Adding Margaret Crawshaw

THE LANCASHIRE DISTRICT

21/1 Burnley
Deleting Garo Kilagi (RR)

21/9 Clitheroe
For Ian Humphreys
reading Ian Humphreys (S) *and reorder list*

21/12 Blackpool
Supernumeraries
Adding Laurence R Potter

21/14 South Fylde
Supernumeraries
Adding Lynda Hughes

21/15 North Fylde
Supernumeraries
Deleting George M Kenny
A Goodwill MacDougall (AM)

21/16 North Lancashire
Supernumeraries
Adding Timothy Widdess

THE NOTTINGHAM AND DERBY DISTRICT

22/6 Derby
For Kirk Thomasson
reading Kirk Thomasson (WA) *and reorder list*

22/15 Grantham and Vale of Belvoir
For Denise Bulloss
reading Denise Bulloss (WA) *and reorder list*

22/25 Derbyshire Dales
Supernumeraries
Adding J Colin Smith

22/28 South Derbyshire
Supernumerary
Adding David G Palmer

THE NORTHAMPTON DISTRICT

23/1 Oxford
Deleting M Dass Gill (AM)

23/2 Wantage and Abingdon
Supernumeraries
Adding Frances Blood

23/6 Buckingham, Bicester and Brackley
Deleting Stephen H Fisher (AM)

23/9 Leicester (West)
Deleting Nutan Sandhya J Suray (WA)

23/10 Loughborough
For John D Anderson (*Permission to Study*)
reading John D Anderson *and reorder list*

23/13 Northampton
For Martin R Swan
reading Martin R Swan (S) *and reorder list*
For Tina F Swire
reading Tina F Swire (S) *and reorder list*
Adding Nutan Sandhya J Suray
Supernumeraries
Adding Alan Sharp

23/21 Peterborough
For Dale S Sherriff (*Connexional Team*)
reading Dale S Sherriff (WA)

23/26 Milton Keynes
Adding Heather J Pollard (AM)

23/28 Amersham
For +Vincent M Vezha
reading +Vincent M Jambawo

23/29 Vale of Aylesbury
Supernumeraries
Adding Stephen Watts

THE PLYMOUTH AND EXETER DISTRICT

24/1 Plymouth and Devonport
For Douglas Rix (RR)
reading Douglas S Rix (RR)

24/3 Exeter, Coast and Country
For Mark J Gilborson (*Half District Mission and Development Enabler*)
reading Mark J Gilborson
Supernumeraries
Deleting Mark T Davies

24/7 Tavistock
For Pamela F Stranks
reading Pamela F Stranks (S)

24/10 South Devon
Deleting Margaret A Johnson (AM)
Supernumeraries
Adding Margaret A Johnson (AM)

24/15 Taunton Deane and South Segemoor
Supernumeraries
Adding Anthony G Huxtable

24/18 South Petherton and Crewkerne
Deleting Peter J Pillinger (S)
Glenn K Ford
Adding Jane M Sperring (S)

24/24 West Devon
Supernumeraries
Adding John C Peak

24/28 Teignbridge
Supernumeraries
Adding Mark T Davies

THE SHEFFIELD DISTRICT

25/1 Sheffield (West)
Move Janet L Miles (D)
to below Catrin L Harland

25/4 Sheffield (Ecclesall)
Deleting Nicholas P A Jowett (AM)

25/5 Sheffield (North)
Adding Ian G Lucraft

25/19 Trinity
Supernumeraries
Adding David Morris

THE SOUTHAMPTON DISTRICT

26/1 Southampton
Adding S Janice Cowburn (*Hospital Chaplain*)
Supernumeraries
Adding Anthony J Parkinson

26/2 Winchester and Eastleigh
For Deborah J Borda (S)
reading Deborah J Borda *and reorder list*
Supernumeraries
Deleting Robert J Kitching

26/3 Kennet and Test Valley
Deleting Terry C W Wright
Supernumeraries
Deleting Alan G Rothwell

26/10 Wimborne and Christchurch
For **Wimborne and Christchurch**
reading **Christchurch and Wimborne**
For Keith C Beckingham (S)
reading Keith C Beckingham *and reorder list*
Adding Michael Shrubsole (AM)
Supernumeraries
Adding Robert J Kitching
Deleting Clifford W Warren

26/24 North Dorset
Deleting Gwyneth M Owen (S)
For Helen M Caine
reading Helen M Caine (S)

26/26 Sherborne and Yeovil
Supernumeraries
Adding C G Ruth Farrant

THE WEST YORKSHIRE DISTRICT

27/31 Airedale
Supernumeraries
Deleting Alan Sharp
Adding R Neville Richardson (AM)
Malcolm J Sharrock

27/34 Calderdale
Supernumeraries
Adding Michael Townsend

THE WOLVERHAMPTON AND SHREWSBURY DISTRICT

28/1 Wolverhampton
Deleting Arun Arora (AM)
Supernumeraries
Deleting Alan A Francom

28/3 Shropshire and Marches
Supernumeraries
Adding Alan A Francom

28/5 Vale of Stour
Adding +Gillian M Daniel

28/12 Tipton
Adding Philip A Rees (WA)

28/20 Kidderminster and Stourport
Deleting Crawford J Logan

28/21 Telford
For Patrice M Jackson
reading P J Jackson
Supernumeraries
Adding A Alan Fisher

THE YORK AND HULL DISTRICT

29/31 North Yorkshire Coast
Supernumeraries
Adding Robert Whitfield

29/32 South Holderness
Supernumeraries
Deleting Agnes Notman (D)

29/33 York
Adding Johannes Noble (AM)
Supernumeraries
Deleting Duncan M Brereton

29/34 Ryedale
Supernumeraries
Adding Peter Clark

THE SCOTLAND DISTRICT

31/1 Edinburgh and Forth

Supernumeraries

Adding Linda K McMurray
Keith R Pearce

31/2 Glasgow

For S Robin Paisley (AM)
reading S Robinson Paisley (AM)

THE BEDFORDSHIRE, ESSEX AND HERTFORDSHIRE DISTRICT

34/4 South Bedfordshire

For Jennifer A Spouge (*Independent Trainer and Consultant*)

reading Jennifer A Spouge (*Permission to Study*) and *reorder list*

THE LONDON DISTRICT

**35/2 West London Mission
Methodist Church House**

Deleting Daniel C Taylor (WA)
Adding Crawford J Logan (WA)
Supernumeraries
Adding Kenneth R Sadler

35/9 Tower Hamlets

Adding *Supernumerary*
Pauline Barnett

35/10 Hackney and Stoke Newington

Adding P Kofi Amissah (AM)

35/30 Lesnes Abbey

Adding +James Cruddas (*Civil Service*)
Deleting Malcolm D Wright (AM)

35/34 Enfield

For William H Tardy (RR)
reading William H Tardy

35/35 Barnet and Queensbury

Adding James E A Mustard (AM)
David C Newton (WA)

35/43 Orpington and Chislehurst

Deleting Malcolm D Wright (AM)

THE SOUTH EAST DISTRICT

For **THE SOUTH EAST DISTRICT (77)**

reading **THE SOUTH EAST DISTRICT (85)**

36/1 Hants-Surrey Border

Supernumeraries

Deleting Eric J D Smith

36/6 Woking and Walton-on-Thames

Supernumeraries

Adding Peter I Howson
Eric J D Smith

36/7 Guildford

Deleting Michael Deacon (S)

Adding John Hellyer (S)

36/8 South West Sussex United Area

Deleting George Gibson (AM)

Adding Bruce S Allinson (AM)

36/13 Central Sussex United Area

Deleting Elaine Dunn (AM)

Philip J Osborn (AM)

Supernumeraries

Adding J Raymond King

36/21 North Kent

Deleting Marilyn Ilyas (RR)

For Lynda A Cooke (*Hospital Chaplain*)

reading Lynda A Cooke

36/25 South Kent

Adding Paul B Dean (AM)

PERMISSION TO SERVE ABROAD

For Conrad J Hicks

reading Conrad J Hicks (Mexico)

Deleting Michael P Dye (New Zealand)

Jill Wiley (United States)

PERMISSION TO RESIDE ABROAD

Adding Michael P Dye (New Zealand)

Gordon H Wallace (D) (Ireland)

Jill Wiley (United States)

PERMISSION TO SERVE ANOTHER CHURCH

Adding Henry F Le Ruez (Church of England)

Jennifer C Rayner (Church of England)

THE CONNEXIONAL TEAM

Deleting Dale S Sherrif (23/21)

FORCES CHAPLAINS

(b) Army:

Deleting Michael R Hall

(c) Royal Air Force

For Royal Air Force

reading Royal Air Force:

Adding Michael R Hall

ASSOCIATE MINISTERS

Deleting Trevor E Beckett (18/9)
W A David Berryman (16/5)
D Geoffrey Ellis (16/5)
Graham J Maskery (29/36)
Patrick E J McManus (10/2)
Robert W Shaw (16/5)
David P Woodhall (6/14)

Adding Sydney W Andrew (17/13)
Timothy J Atkins (13/15)
Linda Bond (34/1)
Clive Flatters (16/17)
David S Ford (16/1)
Trevor Pitt (13/15)

8/43/2 The Conference, by a Standing Vote, adopted the Stations.

8/44 DAILY RECORD

8/44/1 The Daily Record for Wednesday, 4 July was presented, taken as read, and adopted as printed,

at 7/18/1, para B5. *deleting* 'having'.

8/44/2 The Daily Record for Monday, 2 July was, with the required majority, corrected as follows:

at 5/4/3, *deleting* the name of The Revd Thomas B Dutton, a minister who has died, and whose life and ministry was remembered in this Conference's services of worship,

at 5/20, for '28/8' reading '24/8'.

8/44/3 The Conference adopted the Daily Record for Thursday, 7 July.

8/45 EXPRESSIONS OF THANKS

8/45/1 The Conference expressed its thanks to the Conference Arrangements Committee, the staff of the Plymouth Pavilions, all those who led worship, members of the World Church who led Bible reflections, the staff of the Record Office, the Connexional Team, and the Assistant Secretary of the Conference.

8/45/2 The ex-President, The Revd Lionel E Osborn, and the ex-Vice-President, Mrs Ruth E Pickles, expressed the thanks of the Conference to the President and Vice-President of the Conference.

8/46 ATTESTATION

During the closing worship of the Conference, the Daily Record of the Ministerial and Representative Sessions and associated documents were signed by the President, the Vice-President, and the Secretary of the Conference, and were duly attested.

8/47 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, 28 June 2012, be duly entered in the Journal of the Conference, subscribed by the President, the Vice-President, and the Secretary, and be taken as, and shall be, the Acts of the Conference to all intents and purposes whatsoever.

8/48 **ADJOURNMENT**

The Conference, by a Standing Vote, resolved to adjourn to the Conference of 2013, which would meet in London on Thursday, 4 July in its Presbyteral Session, and on Saturday, 6 July, in its Representative Session.

8/49 The Conference adjourned at 12.15.

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APPENDIX A NOTICES OF MOTION

This Appendix lists Motions adopted, or agreed to be not put, other than those which were amendments to substantive Resolutions. 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.

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REPLIES TO MEMORIALS OF PREVIOUS CONFERENCES**

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