

## **51. Report to the Representative Session of business conducted by the Conference Diaconal Committee**

The Conference Diaconal Committee ("the Committee") met during the Convocation of the Methodist Diaconal Order on 8 May 2014. The President took the Chair.

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

The Committee approved the obituaries, as printed and circulated, of Olive Margaret Wainwright and Marjorie Whitfield.

### **2. Candidates**

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

Shirley Hassall  
Judith Stoddart

The Committee noted the following deacons recommended by the Presbyteral Candidates Selection Committee for training upon transfer from diaconal ministry:

Victoria Atkins

The Committee noted the following accepted diaconal candidates recommended by the Presbyteral Candidates Selection Committee for training for presbyteral ministry:

Emma Holroyd

### **3. Transfer**

*No case*

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

The Committee noted that the following students had withdrawn from training:

Sally Elizabeth Hammond  
Helen Osborne

The Committee recommends to the Representative Session that the following continue in training:

Corinne Anne Brown  
Linda Brown  
Jacqueline Abigail Patricia Onike Esama-John  
Elizabeth Harfleet  
Valerie Hicks  
Caroline Holt  
Phillipa Mary Kirby-Girdlestone  
Karen McEwen  
Alison McMillan  
Gail Morgan  
Selina Jane Nisbett  
Marlene Alison Skuce  
Sarah Louise Wickett  
Jacqueline Linda Wright

The Committee recommends to the Representative Session that the following's training be deferred:

*No case*

The Committee recommends to the Representative Session that the following continue on probation:

Angela Patricia Allport  
Melanie Beaven  
Prudence Elizabeth Cahill  
Dawn Nicola Canham  
Timothy Arthur Coleman  
Sheila Mary Dawson  
Michaela Jayne Doherty  
Laura Evans  
Jon Michael Everingham  
Linda Gilson  
Maria Howard  
Pamela Luxton  
Yasha Rukudzo Mashoko  
Julie Morton  
Lemia Nkwelah  
Margaret Eleanor Patchett  
Peter George Reast  
Ramona Samuel  
Annette Sharp  
Steven Wayne Sowerby  
Joy Anne Sykes  
Jill Taylor  
Suzie Godinho Barony Viana  
Liesl Collette Warren  
Linda Watkin

The Committee noted that the President has given permission for the following student deacon to defer probation:

Liane Justine Elizabeth Kensett

Special cases:

No case

The Committee agreed, pursuant to SO 031, that the following students should be discontinued:

Colette Ritson  
Ian Rossiter

##### **5. Ordinands**

The Committee recommends to the Representative Session that the following are fit to be admitted into Full Connexion with the Conference as deacons and, if not already ordained, to be ordained:

Guy Austin Bride  
Helen Mary Bamber  
John Brobbey  
Josephine Frances Ann Critchley  
Annabel Lorna Graham  
Tracey Jane Hume  
Gillian Margaret Judge (ordained probationer)  
Linda Rose Kinchenton  
Esther Longe

Angela Shereni  
Marilyn Olayinka Susannah Slowe  
Carole Irene Smith  
Irene Nyarai Tafirenyika

#### **6. Deacons becoming supernumerary**

The Committee recommends to the Representative Session that the following deacons be permitted to become supernumerary:

Rosemary Coggrave

Margaret L Cox

Barbara Crockett

Christine Greening

Roger K Hensman

Anthony B Martin

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

#### **7. Resignations**

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

Margaret Crompton

#### **8. Annual inquiry**

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

### **\*\*\*RESOLUTIONS**

**51/1. The Conference received the Report.**

**51/2. The Conference resolved, by a Standing Vote, that it accepted 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:**

Shirley Hassall

Judith Stoddart

**51/3. The Conference adopted the report on diaconal students and probationers recommended for continuance in training or on probation as set out in section 4.**

**51/4. The Conference resolved by a Standing Vote that those persons whose names have been read to the Conference and are printed in the Agenda and Daily Record be now received into Full Connexion with the Conference as deacons and into full membership of the Methodist Diaconal Order, and that those not already ordained, be ordained by prayer and the laying on of hands on the afternoon of this day, the 29th day of June at Coventry Cathedral.**