

60. Report to the Representative Session of Business Conducted by the Conference Diaconal Committee

The Conference Diaconal Committee ("the Committee") met via video conference on 9 June 2020. The President took the Chair.

1. Deacons who have died

The Committee approved the obituaries of Ruth Margaret Baudains, Anne Ellenor, June Harrison, Rita Margaret Jakeman, Joyce Rawkins, Patricia Sanders, Eileen Wright.

Candidates

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

Natalie Mary Clark
Helen Gardner
Suzanne Marie Sale
Vicky Ann Welsh

2.2 The Committee recommended, with the required majority, acceptance by the Representative Session of the following candidates to proceed to training upon the fulfilment of certain conditions:

No case

2.3 The Committee noted the following deacons recommended by the Ministerial Candidates' Selection Committee for training for presbyteral ministry upon transfer from diaconal ministry:

No case

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

No case

3. Transfer

The Committee adopted the recommendation by a 75% majority or more of the Ministerial Candidates' Selection Committee acting as Transfer Committee that the following applicants should be transferred to the jurisdiction of this Conference, as a probationer:

No case

4. Training and probation

The Committee adopted the following special reports of the Ministerial Candidates' and Probationers' Oversight Committee:

4.1 Candidates accepted at previous Conferences and given permission to delay entry into training:

No case

4.2 Candidates accepted at this Conference and to be given permission to delay entry into training:

No case

4.3 Candidates accepted at this Conference and to be given permission to transfer to another Conference:

No case

- 4.4 Candidates conditionally accepted at previous Conferences:
- (a) Those judged to have fulfilled the condition and therefore to be accepted as candidates
No case
 - (b) Those judged to have failed to fulfil the condition and thereby not to be accepted as candidates
No case
 - (c) Those still to fulfil the condition
No case
- 4.5 Changes in expected date of Reception into Full Connexion:
- (a) To an earlier date
No case
 - (b) To a later date
Alison Hyde (from 2022 to 2023)
Robert Austin Stoner (from 2020 to 2022)
- 4.6 Special cases:
No case
- 4.7 Deferred entry into probation:
Alison Hyde
- 4.8 Withdrawals under SO 727:
- (a) Candidates
No case
 - (b) Student deacons
Helen Lunn
 - (c) Probationers
No case
- 4.9 Transfer to other Conferences or Churches:
No case
- 4.10 Reinstatements under SO 761:
No case
- 4.11 Discipline:
No case
- 4.12 The Committee noted, pursuant to SO 031, that the following students and probationers had been discontinued:
No case

In the following lists:

** = change from the lists approved by the 2019 Conference*

+ = candidates accepted by the 2019 Conference

<i>Surname</i>	<i>First name(s)</i>	<i>Due to be received into Full Connexion</i>
+Amey	Janet Ann	2024
Bennett	Tessa Joanne	2023
+Chipandambria	Margaret	2024
Gabbatiss	Kim Louise	2022
Goddard	Caroline Michelle	2021
Hassall	Shirley Dianne	2021
+Hoe-Crook	Sarah Emily	2023

*Hyde	Alison	2023
Johnson	Katherine Jane	2020
Perrott	Nigel George	2020
+Pitkeathly	Sarah	2023
+Poole	Marie	2024
Rigby	Sarah Jane	2023
Sam	Theresa Effuah	2022
Snowball	Helen	2021
Spinks	Rebekah Joy	2020
Stoner	Robert Austin	2022
Uwimana	Marcianne	2022
Wheadon	Sally Anne	2020

5. Ordinands

The Committee recommended to the Representative Session of the Conference that the following are fit to be received into Full Connexion with the Conference as deacons and to be received into full membership of the Methodist Diaconal Order, and, if not already ordained, to be ordained:

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

6. Permission to serve abroad

Marlene A Skuce

7. Permission to reside abroad

Harriet P Bacon
Gordon H Wallace

8. Deacons becoming supernumerary

(a) The Committee recommended to the Representative Session that the following deacons be permitted to become supernumerary:

* Filippus den Uil
Rona Eastman
Lynda J Gallimore

(b) Permissions granted during the year:
During the year, the President permitted the following deacons to become supernumerary on health grounds:

No case

*All applications are made under Standing Order 790(1), except those marked * who are applying on grounds of ill health under Standing Order 790(2).*

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

9. Resignations

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

No case

10. Annual inquiry

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

*****RESOLUTIONS**

60/1. The Conference received the Report.

60/2. 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.

60/3. The Conference adopted the report on diaconal students and probationers recommended for continuance in training or on probation as set out in section 4.

60/4. The Conference resolved by a Standing Vote that those persons whose names have been read to the Conference and are printed in the Agenda be now received into Full Connexion with the Conference as deacons and into full membership of the Methodist Diaconal Order, and, if not already ordained, to be ordained by prayer and the laying on of hands at a date and place to be determined.

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