

53. Appreciations

Ruth Pickles

Ruth Pickles has brought considerable experience to the role of Chair of the Conference Business Committee having been a member of the Conference for many years, serving as Secretary of the Memorials Committee from 1990/97.

Ruth's clear understanding of the procedures of the Conference and her commitment to the importance of the clear and timely transaction of its business have enabled the Conference to discharge all of its many duties.

Ruth's ability to discern carefully the needs and work of the Conference have been invaluable both during the meetings of the Conference and in the planning of the agenda.

*****RESOLUTION**

53/1. The Conference thanked Ruth Pickles for her period of service as Chair of the Conference Business Committee and wished her well in her future life and ministry.

Deacon Susan Culver

Susan Culver has served the Church as Warden of the Methodist Diaconal Order since 2008. She has brought to the role of Warden a wide experience of diaconal ministry. As Warden, she has displayed a firm leadership style alongside a commitment to team ministry and a collaborative style of working. Sue has been an excellent advocate for the Order in the wider Church, particularly through the work she has undertaken with Circuits and Districts as they have explored potential diaconal appointments. She has also represented the Order in connexional committees and groups, and done so articulately and thoughtfully. Her supportive and pastoral care for all the members of the Order has been greatly appreciated. Sue's perceptive mind and commitment to study and theological reflection has underpinned her ministry as Warden.

As Sue moves on to take up a circuit appointment, the Conference wishes her well and thanks her for her period of service as Warden.

*****RESOLUTION**

53/2. The Conference thanked Deacon Susan Culver for her period of service as Warden of the Methodist Diaconal Order and wished her well in her future life and ministry.