

1/1 The Conference in its Presbyteral Session assembled in Birmingham and online at 14.15, The Revd Richard J Teal, the President of the Conference, in the Chair.

1/2 The Conference engaged in worship.

1/3 **ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEM: METHODIST LAW AND POLITY CONFERENCE SUB-COMMITTEE**

1/3/1 The Conference adopted as Resolution LP/1:

The Conference, noting that the Representative Session will be considering a resolution for the conduct of the business of the Conference in hybrid form and for the ratification of the process by which some members have been selected to attend the Conference physically and others are attending remotely, resolves that:

(1) the Conference in its Presbyteral Session shall conduct its business by means of combining participation from those physically present and those attending remotely and accordingly a person is present or attends for the purposes of the Presbyteral Session if he or she is present physically or attends remotely;

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

(3) all resolutions passed and votes taken, including standing votes, shall be taken by the raising of hands, standing or the use of electronic hand held devices by those who are physically present or by the electronic raising of hands or poll card by those attending remotely.

(4) if the Conference in its Representative Session resolves to conduct its business in hybrid form and to ratify the process by which some members have been selected to attend Conference physically and others are attending remotely, then for all purposes of the Deed of Union and Standing Orders, so far as the law permits, the business of the Presbyteral Session conducted in accordance with this resolution shall be taken to have been validly conducted.

1/3/2 The Conference adopted as Resolution LP/9:

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

1/4 **MEMBERSHIP OF THE CONFERENCE**

The Conference adopted the membership of this Session of the Conference, being those presbyters who are listed in the Agenda (pp 951-958) as members of the

Representative Session, with any substitutions duly made, together with the officers of this session appointed by the last Conference, associate members, and those presbyters listed in the Agenda (p 959) 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:

Representatives of connexional and other bodies

Bishop Sifredo Teixeira *vice* The Revd Mirella Manocchio

Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly

The Revd Mark Dunn-Wilson *vice* The Revd J Paul Parker

East Anglia

for The Revd Robert L Smith *reading* The Revd Robert L Roberts

PRESBYTERS ATTENDING UNDER THEIR OWN ARRANGEMENTS

<i>adding</i>	The Revd Dr Christopher Blake
<i>adding</i>	The Revd Christopher P Briggs
<i>adding</i>	The Revd Charles R Gibbs

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LETTERS

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

The Revd Kenneth D Beardsley (1950)
The Revd David L Bumphrey (1951)
The Revd David M Caink (1951)
The Revd Herbert W Clark (1949)
The Revd Joseph F Collinson (1951)
The Revd John H S Crossley (1951)
The Revd Douglas A Dennis (1951)
The Revd Harry W Gillespie (1949)
The Revd Antony M Hearle (1947)
The Revd Peter Howard (1951)
The Revd Peter G Jarvis (1951)
The Revd Dr Richard G Jones (1950)
The Revd George W S Knowles (1949)
The Revd Keith F Lyon (1950)
The Revd Glanville T Magor (1951)
The Revd Dr Albert W Mosley (1948)
The Revd Cledwyn Parry (1950)
The Revd Colin G Rowe (1951)
The Revd John E Stanfield (1948)
The Revd W G Flaxman Vivian (1950)

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HOURS OF SESSION

The Conference agreed that these should be 14.15-16.00 and 16.30-18.30 on Thursday, 24 June; 09.15-10.35, 11.30-13.00, 14.15-14.45, 15.30-16.30 and 17.00-18.30 on Friday, 25 June.

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APPOINTMENT OF SCRUTINEERS

The Conference appointed the Scrutineers as follows:

The Revd Richard J Byass
(Chief Scrutineer)
The Revd Simon J Clarke
The Revd Novette Headley

The Revd Andrew J L Hollins
The Revd Ann L Lett
The Revd Jennifer R Pathmarajah

1/8 **APPOINTMENT OF ATTESTORS**

The Revds Steven R M Cooper and Delyth A Liddell were appointed to attest the 'written portion' of the Daily Record of the Presbyteral Session.

1/9 **6. REPORT OF THE PRESBYTERAL SESSION BUSINESS COMMITTEE**

The Conference adopted Resolution 6/1,

p 71 paragraph 5, *amending* the first sentence to read:

The Presbyteral Session of the Conference will meet in closed session at 17.15 on Thursday 24 June, and this is expected to last for no longer than an hour.

1/10 **5. CONFERENCE ARRANGEMENTS**

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

1/11 **PASTORAL ADDRESS**

The President addressed the Conference.

1/12 The Conference was addressed on the theme of *Presbyteral Ministry during the Pandemic* by The Revds Ian S Rutherford, Etlewa Walker and Rosemarie E G Clarke.

1/13 The Conference adjourned at 16.04.

1/14 The Conference reassembled at 16.30.

1/15 The Conference shared in reflection on presbyteral ministry during and beyond the pandemic.

1/16 The Conference went into closed session at 17.19.

1/17 **48. MINISTERIAL CANDIDATES' AND PROBATIONERS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE**

1. Candidates for Presbyteral Ministry

1/17/1 The Conference received the report of the Candidates Appeals Committee.

1/17/2 The Conference, with the required majority, recommended acceptance by the Representative Session of the following candidates, to proceed unconditionally into pre-ordination training:

Abi Alex
John Paul Banks
Kyungmi Banks
Judith Helen Elizabeth Bell
Anna Marie Carrington
Chi Lok Chan
Hayley Lisa Edmondson
Nicola Jayne Geeson
Christopher John Holmes
Stuart David Hurst

Susan Nerissa Jacobs
Joseph Ndehi Kwallah
Sincere Makunde
Rebecca Jane Marshall
Stephen Neil Mayo
Kirsty Seonad McGhee
Richard John Porter
Rachael Helen Prince
Rachel Read
Fiona Marie Smith

Paulette Rosemarie Tedd

1/17/3 The Conference, with the required majority, recommended acceptance by the Representative Session of the following candidate, unconditionally, with permission to defer entry into pre-ordination training:

Ian David Bryon

1/17/4 The Conference, with the required majority, adopted Resolution 48/2.

1/18 **2. Special Reports**

1/18/1 The Conference received a report that the following accepted candidates previously given permission to defer entry into training were now given permission to enter training:

Tracy Ann Birks
Laura Sarah Martin

1/18/2 The Conference agreed the following changes in expected date of Reception into Full Connexion:

To an earlier date:

Alexandra Dagmar Laing 2024 (from 2025)

To a later date:

Jonathan Bell 2024 (from 2023)

Sydney-Samuel Ekundayo Lake 2022 (from 2021)

James Alan Patterson 2024 (from 2023)

Latika Singh 2022 (from 2021)

Matthew Barrie Smith 2024 (from 2023)

Penelope Jane Thorne 2026 (from 2024)

Wendy Walker 2024 (from 2023)

1/18/3 The Conference received a report regarding the further deferment of the start of probation of Penelope Jane Thorne under Standing Order 726 to 2024 (from 2021), and adopted as Resolution 48/7:

Under the provisions of Standing Order 721(5A), the Conference extends the total period of training and probation for Penelope Jane Thorne beyond seven years, to an expected date of reception into Full Connexion of 2026.

1/18/4 The Conference received a report regarding the discontinuance as a probationer under Standing Order 031(4) of Karen Sian Williams.

1/18/5 The Conference adopted Resolution 48/1,

p 711, paragraph 1.2, *adding* Ian David Bryon

p 712, paragraph 1.5 (b),

adding Sydney-Samuel Ekundayo Lake from 2021 to 2022

adding Penelope Jane Thorne from 2024 to 2026

p 712, paragraph 1.6 (b),

for No case reading Penelope Jane Thorne from September 2021 until August 2024

- 1/19 **3. Preachers Recommended for Continuance on Trial**
 The Conference adopted Resolution 48/4,
 p 714, *for Sydney-Samuel Lake 2021 reading Sydney-Samuel Ekundayo Lake 2022**
 p 715,
for Gill Songer 2023 reading Gillian Songer 2023
*for Penelope Jane Thorne 2024 reading Penelope Jane Thorne 2026**
for Emily Rosalind Young 2022 reading Emily Rosalind Alice Young 2022
- 1/20 **4. Preachers on Trial presented to the Conference for Reception into Full Connexion**
- 1/20/1 The Conference accepted the recommendation of the Candidates' and Probationers' Oversight Committee that the following are fit to be admitted into Full Connexion with the Conference as presbyters:
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| Georgina Felicia Tutuaa Bondzi-Simpson | Sarah Jane Knebel |
| David Charter | Doreen Eugenia Abioseh Koffie-Williams |
| Jason Cooke | Nicola Joy Langton-Miller |
| Tracey Anne Darling | Rachel Helen Leather |
| Stuart John Dyer | Andrew Clive Glover Marchington |
| James Stephen Garnett | Leigh Andrew Maydew |
| Ruth Elizabeth Gilson-Webb | Naomi Margaret Oates |
| Ian Christopher Greenfield | Philip John Osborne |
| Karen Elizabeth James | Stuart John Reed |
| Moses John | Matthew Thomas Sheard |
| Kenneth Peter Kingston | Susan Barbara Taylor |
- 1/20/2 The Conference, by a Standing Vote, adopted Resolution 48/5.
- 1/21 **50. PRESBYTERAL TRANSFERS AND REINSTATEMENTS**
- 1. Recommendations of the Ministerial Candidates' Selection Committee acting as a Transfer Committee (under S.O.730)**
- 1/21/1 The Conference, with the required majority, recommended acceptance by the Representative Session of the following applicants for transfer to be received into Full Connexion:
- Martin Pieter Beukes (Methodist Church of Southern Africa)
 Teddy Siwila (United Church of Zambia)
 Zdzislaw Grzegorz Hendzel (Methodist Church of Southern Africa)
 Debora Karen Marschner (Lutheran Church in Germany)
- 1/21/2 The Conference accepted the recommendation of the Ministerial Candidates' Selection Committee that the following be recognised and regarded as presbyters in Full Connexion with the Conference under Standing Order 732(2) and (3):
- Tokunbo Ezekiel Olusegun Asogbon (Methodist Church Nigeria)
 Ildio Christino de Oliveira Junior (Methodist Church in Brazil)
 Gary John Molver (Methodist Church of Southern Africa)
 Janet Elizabeth Verrier (Methodist Church of Southern Africa)

- 1/21/3 **3. Recommendations for reinstatements to Full Connexion**
The Conference concurred with the recommendations of Reinstatement Committees and agreed that Nicholas Cutts should be reinstated to Full Connexion.
- 1/21/4 The Conference adopted Resolution 50/1,
p 720, 1.10, *adding* Gary John Molver (Methodist Church of Southern Africa)
- 1/21/5 The Conference, by a Standing Vote, adopted Resolution 50/2.
- 1/22 **49. PERMISSIONS TO SERVE**
The Conference adopted Resolution 49/1,
p 718, paragraph 6, *for* No case *reading* Patrick Slattery (Presbyterian Church of Wales)
- 1/23 **RESIGNATIONS**
The Conference received a report that the President had accepted the resignation of the following presbyters in Full Connexion, according them the status indicated:
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| Andrew P Baguley | No status |
| Martin K Batstone | No status |
| Peter J Cole | No status |
| Stephen Dunn | No status |
| Ian M Heath | No status |
| Keith Hopper | No status |
| Kathryn Jones | No status |
| John T Leach | Local Preacher |
| Linda Pearce | No status |
| Margaret E Smith | No status |
| Bertram J Thomas | No status |
- 1/24 **REPORT OF CONNEXIONAL DISCIPLINE AND APPEAL COMMITTEES**
- 1/24/1 The Conference received a report on behalf of the Convenors of Connexional Discipline, Pastoral and Appeal Committees.
- 1/24/2 The Conference noted that the following had ceased to be presbyters in Full Connexion with the Conference:
- Michael R Simpson
Peter Timms
- 1/25 The Conference adjourned at 17.55.
- 1/26 The Conference reassembled in open session at 18.15.
- 1/27 The Conference engaged in worship.
- 1/28 The Conference adjourned at 18.30.

2/1 The Conference assembled at 09.15, and shared in a service of Holy Communion and Spiritual Communion, at which The Revd Dr Stuart J Burgess preached.

2/2 The Conference adjourned at 10.30.

2/3 The Conference reassembled at 11.00.

2/4 **OBITUARIES**

The Conference adopted the Obituaries as printed and circulated to the Conference, and the Obituaries below,

directing that if, after checks have been carried out in the Conference library, it is necessary to correct inaccuracies in these Obituaries, the Secretary of the Conference be authorised to make such corrections before the Obituaries are published in the Minutes of the Conference.

Colin Major Anderton: Born 28 September 1938, in Wigan. Colin began preaching at seventeen, still in Wigan, and at twenty, he went to Cliff College. He then ministered in Home Missions in Herefordshire, mostly in rural communities. Advised by Cliff College that he should have some life experience, Colin began to work in retail, something he did for a good number of years. However, the call never went away. Colin met his beloved wife, Joan, in 1960, through the Wigan Methodist Youth Club. They were married in 1964, and were blessed with their children, Alison born in 1965, and Paul in 1970. At thirty-nine, Colin entered into a three-year pre-ordination course with the Wesleyan Reform Union, and was ordained at the age of forty-five. He served in Norfolk and Sheffield. The Revd Bill Davis encouraged him to transfer to the British Methodist Church, which Colin did at the age of fifty. He was received into Full Connexion at Hinde Street Methodist Church, in London. Colin then served in the following Circuits: Huddersfield (East), Manchester (Prestwich and Whitefield), and Blackburn. He sat down in 2003 at the age of sixty-five, but continued to preach in Somerset, where he and Joan moved. Colin's ministry included hospital chaplaincy and meeting and ministering with and among people from many different cultures and backgrounds. This wide range of witnessing to God's grace was his joy. Colin died on 10 April 2021, in the eighty-third year of his age and thirty-eighth year of his presbyteral ministry.

Norman Berryman: Born in Scarborough on 25 December 1923. Norman was only fifteen at the outbreak of war, but the events of the next six years gave direction to his adult life and his subsequent ministry. An interest in aviation and engineering led him to volunteer for aircrew duties in the RAF in 1942, from which he progressed to being a Flight Engineer on Lancaster bombers, completing a full tour of thirty-two operations. After the war, Norman returned to Scarborough and worked in the Civil Service, and ran the church youth club before answering a call to ministry. After training at Hartley Victoria College, Manchester, Norman served in the following Circuits: Coatbridge and Airdrie, Hetton, Ryton and Prudhoe, Seamen's Mission, Gibraltar, and Seahouses. In his first Circuit, Norman met and married Isabel and their shared interest in amateur dramatics formed a recurring theme throughout his ministry. Having served for seven years at the Queen Victoria Seamen's Rest in Victoria Dock, Norman was appointed as Free Church Chaplain to all three services

stationed in Gibraltar. While there he also helped establish the Wesley House Restaurant, based in the former Soldiers' and Sailors' Institute. Following his final appointment, Norman moved to York in 1989 for a long and active retirement. He was involved as a volunteer at the Peasholm Centre for Homeless People, served as Chaplain to the Air Training Corps at RAF Church Fenton, and became involved with the RAF Association and the Yorkshire Air Museum at Elvington. Here he was able to return to his old passion for engineering, helping to recondition some of the old aircraft, and he was presented with the Legion d'Honneur in recognition of his contribution to the liberation of France. Norman died on 8 May 2021 in the ninety-eighth year of his age and the sixty-seventh year of his presbyteral ministry.

Peter Robin Dainty: Born in Yeadon, West Yorkshire on 27 November 1936. Peter was educated at Leeds University, achieving a BA, before training for ministry at Hartley Victoria College, where he gained a BD. He then served in the Brigg and Pontefract Circuits. Margaret and Peter met at the Young Endeavourers church group when Peter was sixteen and Margaret fourteen. In 1961 Peter and Margaret were married and they had three children, Beverley, Tim and Karen. Peter moved to Culford Methodist School in Bury St Edmunds, teaching in the prep school and later sixth-form religious education. Whilst on sabbatical from the school, he further developed his academic gifts by becoming a Farmington Scholar at Harris Manchester College, Oxford for a term. Alongside teaching, Peter also resumed some ministerial duties within the Bury St Edmunds Circuit, serving at Northumberland Avenue Methodist Church. He was noted for his excellence in preaching, children's addresses and pastoral visiting. He led house groups, tutored local preachers, and organised circuit mission weekends. Peter was a great ecumenist who preached in almost every church in Bury St Edmunds, and was closely involved in the setting up of Christchurch on a new estate and Southgate Community Church, both of which are ecumenical projects. Peter was multi-talented: he played the violin, had a wonderful singing voice, wrote poetry and hymns, painted, did pottery, was good at chess, and loved all sport. After leaving Culford School, he began working for Kevin Mayhew Publishers and here his gift for writing and editing came to the fore. Many poetry books were published, as were educational resources. Peter took on the monumental task of editor for a new translation of the Bible from Greek. Fr Nicholas King was the translator and Peter the editor of the whole Bible. It took them twelve years, finally completed in 2013. Peter was lovingly cared for by his wife Margaret and died peacefully at home, his family with him. Peter died on 16 April 2021, in the eighty-fifth year of his age and the fifty-ninth year of his presbyteral ministry.

John Garfoot: Born in Sutton Bridge, Lincolnshire on 15 June 1916 into a Methodist home, only child of Edgar and Maggie. He was educated at Spalding Grammar School and University College Nottingham, gaining a BA in English, Latin and French, playing rugby and helping in his parents' bakery. He served in the Royal Army Service Corps in London during the blitz and then in Egypt, Libya, Cyprus and Italy, becoming a sergeant as Chief Clerk to Number 25 Field Bakery. He met and happily married Iside Ferraro in Italy, overcoming barriers of language, nationality and religion. Their elder son Raymond became a Methodist minister, and younger brother Adrian a medical doctor. John candidated for the Methodist ministry in 1940 and was one of the first three students when Richmond College reopened for training in 1945. A founder member of the Church in Rural Life Committee, he served in the rural circuits of Weardale, Wisbech, King's Lynn, Wymondham Attleborough and Watton, Ely, and Dereham and Swaffham, with hospital chaplaincies and an emphasis on outreach to families and young people. In the East Anglia District, he was Chapel Secretary and Synod Secretary. He retired to King's Lynn in 1984, where Iside sadly died in 1994. After seventy-four years of preaching, he wrote articles for church magazines and The Methodist Recorder. He was a keen ecumenist, worshipping in his local Anglican-Methodist congregation at St Faith's, Gaywood. He loved classical music and had an

exceptional gift for playing big band music and ragtime by ear on the piano. In later years he shared his home with Adrian, supporting him in his campaign against the War on Drugs. Always an optimist who would 'make do', he remained positive and alert when bedridden for two-and-a-half years with domiciliary and residential care, and when isolated from family in the COVID-19 pandemic for ten months, always ministering with an engaging smile when he could no longer talk. He died at Lower Farm Nursing Home, King's Lynn, on 8 May 2021 in the one-hundred-and-fifth year of his age and the seventy-ninth year of his presbyteral ministry.

John Bryn Jones: Born in Corris, Meirionydd, on 9 November 1924. Known as Bryn, he was the eldest of five brothers. Their father died when Bryn was eleven. Consequently, he left school at the age of fourteen to work in farming and then forestry in order to support the family. The hardships of his earlier years had a lifelong influence on his character and principles. During World War II, Bryn served in the Royal Air Force, predominantly in India, where he received his call to ordination. Following a period at Cliff College, Bryn was accepted as a candidate in 1949 and trained at Handsworth College, Birmingham. He was very proud to be ordained by the Revd Lord Donald Soper in Bethesda in 1954, and served in the following circuits: Pwllheli, Ystumtuen, Holywell, Holyhead and Amlwch, Mold, and Yr Wyddgrug. It was at a Youth Committee meeting in Bangor that Bryn met Vera: he was the Chair and she was the Secretary. They married in 1955, and became the loving parents of Tudur, Deiniol, Nia and Angharad, as well as proud grandparents and great-grandparents. The family meant everything to them. In addition to his ordained ministry, Bryn served as a Social Worker for a time, during which he completed a degree in the social sciences with the Open University. Bryn had a great interest in cultural matters and current affairs, and, with Vera, was a member of several choirs, as well as being active in the local community on committees ranging from Christian Aid to Plaid Cymru, the British Heart Foundation to the Bible Society. In 1978 Bryn suffered a heart attack and in 1988 he underwent six bypass operations. He made the most of what he felt was a second chance in life, and continued to enjoy gardening, art, music, nature and sport – and his food! In their later years, the family cared devotedly for Bryn and Vera. However, Vera's death in March 2021 struck Bryn hard. He died on 20 May 2021 in the ninety-seventh year of his age and the sixty-third year of his presbyteral ministry.

Jennifer Susan Mullis, OBE: Born 12 December 1963. She served in the Sheffield and Trinity Circuits. Jennifer died on 9 May 2021 in the fifty-eighth year of her age and the twenty-fourth year of her presbyteral ministry. At her own request, there is no further obituary.

John Turner: Born in Burnley on 14 February 1931. The Turner family were Methodists brought up to attend Sunday school, church and youth fellowship. At school John excelled at languages and went on to read modern languages and psychology at Manchester University. National Service took him to Suez where he served in the Intelligence Corp. There he felt a call to missionary work in the Ivory Coast. The army chaplain arranged his Local Preacher training and he remembered well his final examinations taken with his automatic on the table. After National Service he returned to Burnley to complete his local preacher training and his degree, and then to candidate for the Ministry. He started at Handsworth College, Birmingham, in 1955. Soon after, he met Barbara, a trainee nurse, whom he married in 1958. They had four daughters, Sue, Jane, Cathryn and Diane, thirteen grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. In 1959, John and Barbara were sent to the Ivory Coast for six years where John served eighty villages. He served in the following Circuits: Dabou, Adzopé, Durham, St. Helens and Prescott, Purley, Canterbury and Faversham, and Tewkesbury and Cheltenham. John's ministry often involved chaplaincy, in universities, prisons and hospitals. He trained as a counsellor

and was involved in the creation of Canterbury Umbrella, an outreach service for those leaving long-term psychiatric hospitals. He was passionate about social justice and pastoral care. John and Barbara frequently opened their home to offer hospitality and support to students. When John became a supernumerary, they made their home in Cheltenham and worshipped at Bethesda Methodist Church. John loved travel, reading, jazz, football (he was a player in his younger days), and learned more languages including Portuguese, Italian and some Arabic. He died on 6 April 2021 in the ninety-first year of his age and the sixty-fifth year of his presbyteral ministry.

Keith Kessell Winn: Born 4 June 1933 at Troon, Cornwall, Keith grew up in a loving Christian home. His sister Pamela, of whom he was so very proud, would become VicePresident of the Methodist Conference. A bright boy, Keith attended Redruth Grammar School. He enjoyed cycling and would cycle across to the nearby village of Pool to visit his first love, Nancy. Leaving school, Keith worked at Holman Brothers in Camborne, Cornwall's largest manufacturer of industrial and mining equipment. Here he felt called into the Methodist Ministry. He trained at Didsbury College, Bristol. Keith and Nancy married in August 1959. Their first station was the Pontefract Circuit. This was followed by appointments in St Austell, Holsworthy, Devonport, Staines and Feltham, Nottingham (North), and West Wight. On the Isle of Wight, Keith served as chaplain to three different prisons with some notorious inmates. He took delight in meeting such a variety of people and gained a reputation as an outstanding chaplain. A devoted husband to Nancy, Keith loved being Dad to Liz, Graham and Kathryn, who valued the caring and stable home environment so vital as the family moved around the country with Keith's appointments. Keith was enthusiastic about the outdoors. He climbed Snowdon twice; also Ben Nevis and Helvellyn, amongst other notable peaks. Keith had a great sense of humour. He was an avid reader. His love of words was evident in his articulate preaching. In 1998, Keith retired back to his beloved Cornwall. As a supernumerary minister, Keith was a quiet, assuring presence in the Circuit. He was thrilled to help as the minister of Troon, the village where he had grown up. Sadly, Nancy died very suddenly in 2005. In time, a friendship grew with Margaret, a member at Camborne Wesley. Both Keith and Margaret were blessed to have found love again. They married in 2007. Their home was a place of welcome, shared with the dogs they loved. Keith was a gracious, kind, compassionate servant of his Lord Jesus Christ. He died on 27 April 2021, in the eighty-eighth year of his age and the sixty-second year of his presbyteral ministry.

2/5 The Conference was led in reflection on the theme of *Preaching our Doctrines* by Professor Clive Marsh.

2/6 The Conference adjourned at 12.26.

2/7 The Conference reassembled at 14.15.

2/8 **MEMORIAL SERVICE**

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

Barnabas Jebachandran
Alexander**
Barrie Armell Allcott*
Colin Major Anderton
Thomas Peter Arnold*
Michael Aldridge Baker
Andrew Barker**
Neil Roger Bartlett

Derek Bedford
Norman Berryman
John Hiram Bingham**
Jeffrey Frank Bloomfield
Robert Alan Bowen
Gilbert Denis Braithwaite
Derek Brice**
Edna Betty Buggey*

John Keith Burrow
 Peter Byass
 Alec James Callaby
 Peter James Clark
 Frank Alan Cliff
 Jessie Elizabeth Cobb
 Keith Murray Cribbin
 Peter Robin Dainty
 Joseph Daley
 Brian Dann*
 Richard Ward Davies
 Frank Bernard Dodd
 Ronald John Dyer
 Eric William Dykes
 Irene Margaret Ellis
 Deanne Rona May Evans*
 Susan Valerie Helen
 Featherstone
 John Forster
 John Garfoot
 Michael John Gilyead
 Douglas Graham*
 David Roland Hall
 George David Hall
 Stanley Hall
 Reginald Hancock**
 Nigel John Hannah
 Jack Hanson
 Peggy Annie Priscilla Hiscock
 David Heighton Howarth*
 Brian Willis Jackson
 Keith Fenton Jarvis
 Peter Jennings
 Clifford Dixon Johnson
 David Michael Johnson
 Elizabeth Pearl Jolly
 John Bryn Jones
 Wyndham Kent**

David Kinch
 James Stanley Kyle*
 Edward Barrie Leah
 Irene Mary Lincoln
 David Hills MacDonald
 Janet Aileen Mackinder**
 Michael John Mason*
 Gerald Edward Morris**
 Jennifer Susan Mullis
 George Newell
 Edward Michael Newman
 David Arthur Pailin
 John Wesley Parfitt
 Alison Margaret Parker
 Christine Perry
 John Richard Perry
 Janet Pillinger**
 Norman Pine
 Richard James Plant
 Ernest Peter George
 Pomery**
 Ronald Henry Rich*
 Peter Warwick Rodgers
 Derek Leslie Francis Shaw
 Gordon Frederick Simmons
 Howard Lansdown Skinner
 Gordon Frederick Smith**
 Robert Roy Dakin Smith
 Gwyn Cadwaladr Thomas
 Kenneth Gordon Thornton
 John Turner
 George Harry Walkley*
 Kenneth Sydney Walters*
 Anthony (Andy) David Warren
 David Albert Watkins
 Thomas George Wilkinson*
 Keith Kessell Winn
 Brian Winstanley

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

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

- 2/9 The Conference adjourned at 14.42.
- 2/10 The Conference reassembled at 15.00.
- 2/11 The Revds Stephen J Lindridge, Mark Rowland and Joanna R Rand facilitated the Conference in conversation about *Holy Communion and Online Worship*.
- 2/12 The Conference adjourned at 15.59.
- 2/13 The Conference reassembled at 16.30.

- 2/14 The Conference engaged in conversation about ***Changing Patterns of Ministry*** facilitated by The Revds Stephen J Burgess, J A Jade Bath and Dr Keith R Albans.
- 2/15 **54. PRESBYTERS BECOMING SUPERNUMERARY OR RETURNING TO THE ACTIVE WORK**
- 2/15/1 The Conference adopted Resolution 54/1,
 in **3. Presbyters requesting permission to become supernumerary**
 adding John Y T Amankwatia (32)
 adding E Gordon Charlesworth (26)
 adding Shamela Chowdhury (23)
 adding Asif Das (21)
 adding Keith V Garner (43)
 adding Janice A Morgan (17)
 adding * John Scrivens (10)
 adding Pamela F Stranks (16)
- 2/15/2 The Conference adopted Resolution 54/2, *noting* the corrections under **3.** above.
- 2/16 **PRESBYTERAL SESSION BUSINESS COMMITTEE**
 The Conference elected The Revd Jacqueline Bellfield to serve on the Presbyteral Session Business Committee for the Conferences of 2022-2024.
- 2/17 **THANKS TO THE PRESIDENT**
 The Revd Dr Barbara C Glasson expressed the thanks of the Conference to the President of the Conference.
- 2/18 **ANNUAL INQUIRY**
 The Chairs of the Districts gave to the Conference the assurances as to the character and discipline of the presbyters and presbyteral probationers required by Standing Order 154.
- 2/19 The Conference resolved by a Standing Vote to adjourn to 14.15 on Saturday 26 June for the Representative Session.
- 2/20 The Conference shared in worship, and adjourned at 17.55.
- 2/21 **LETTERS**
- 2/21/1 In the name of the Conference a letter of greeting was written to The Revd Brian P Tibbetts, a letter of congratulation to Mrs Catharine Hughes on winning the 'Sermon of the Year 2021' competition, and a letter of apology to Mrs Christine Stevenson.
- 2/21/2 In the name of the Conference letters of thanks were written to Professor Clive Marsh and The Revd Stephen J Burgess for facilitating discussions during the Session.

3/1 The Conference in its Representative Session assembled in Birmingham and online at 14.24, The Revd Richard J Teal, the President of the Conference, in the Chair.

3/2 **PRAYERS**

The Conference engaged in worship, during which the President of the Methodist Church in Ireland, The Revd Dr Sahr J Yambasu, led prayers.

3/3 **ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEM: METHODIST LAW AND POLITY CONFERENCE SUB-COMMITTEE (continued)**

3/3/1 Report

1. Members of the Conference will be aware that it was the intention that the Conference of 2021 should be held in the form of a physical meeting in Birmingham, with members being given an option to attend electronically as a result of concerns relating to the COVID-19 pandemic. Members of the Conference will also be aware that since the final restrictions on physical gatherings were not lifted on 21 June 2021, as had been expected, it is not now possible for all members of the Conference to attend a physical meeting.
2. A careful review of the effect of the continuing restrictions combined with a risk assessment of the proposed Conference hall undertaken by the Conference Arrangements Committee has led to the conclusion that the hall can accommodate a platform party of 6 people and a maximum of 64 Conference members in the body of the hall. In the light of that information, the Methodist Council was asked in a letter sent by email on 17 June 2021 to agree, on behalf of the Council, to the following:
 - (1) that the Conference should meet with a small physical presence of approximately 64 members, with other members attending online;
 - (2) that the reduction in numbers should be achieved as far as possible by a self selection process (this having been approved by the Chair of the Council on behalf of the Council, but with ratification being sought);
 - (3) that if, after the self-selection process, more members of the Conference wished to attend than could safely be accommodated in the Conference hall, the President, the Revd Richard Teal, should make the final decision as to which members of the Conference should attend in person, in consultation with the Conference Officer for Legal and Constitutional Practice, members of the Law and Polity Committee and the Secretary of the Conference.
3. The Council was invited to take that action under the provisions of Standing Order 211, which enables the Council to act on behalf of the Conference even when such action is contrary to Standing Orders where as a result of legislation the relevant Standing Orders are illegal, no longer achieve their intended purpose or fail to give effect to legal requirements. The various sets of regulations made in relation to coronavirus under the Public Health

(Control of Disease) Act 1984 and comparable legislation in other jurisdictions relevant to the Methodist Church in Britain which will continue in force after 21 June 2021 have the effect that the usual Standing Orders requiring physical attendance at the Conference fail to give effect to legal requirements.

4. The Council gave its agreement to the matters set out in paragraph 2 above by an email vote and the self-selection process was duly undertaken.
5. The outcome of the self-selection process was that a sufficient number of members volunteered to attend online for it to be unnecessary for the President to exercise his discretion in making the final decision on physical attendance.
6. The Council's power under Standing Order 211 is a power to take action before the next meeting of the Conference. It is for the Conference itself to decide how its business is to be conducted when it is meeting. Further, action taken by the Council under Standing Order 211 ceases to have effect at the close of the ensuing Conference unless ratified by it.
7. The Law and Polity Committee advised the Conference of 2020 that:
 - (1) the governing documentation of the Methodist Church requires a physical meeting of the Conference;
 - (2) the governing documentation also requires that certain business should be conducted annually. The Conference of 2020 also faced other pressing business, although it was not legally required to be conducted in 2020;
 - (3) the Charity Commission had given guidance to bodies in such a position to the effect that it would be understanding of the situation and of any decision to proceed electronically;
 - (4) in order to meet the needs of the Methodist Church, the best course was for the Conference to meet electronically, but since the constitutional status of such a meeting was obscure, the business done should be limited as far as possible to business which was essential;
 - (5) the business of the Conference should be conducted in a way which would demonstrably enable, as far as possible, effective participation and discussion.
8. It has not been possible to arrange a meeting of the full Law and Polity Committee to consider the changed situation that has now arisen in respect of the 2021 Conference, but the Law and Polity Conference Sub-committee's advice is that the same principles as in 2020 still apply: in particular, those set out in (1), (3) and (5) in paragraph 7 above. As to principle (2), it remains the case that some business needs to be conducted annually; further, the Conference of 2021, like the Conference of 2020 faces certain other pressing business. As to principle (4), although the Conference is meeting in "hybrid" form, with some physical presence, the substantial majority of members are meeting electronically in circumstances where many of them have responded to an appeal to do so, although they might well have preferred to attend physically if numbers had permitted. We recognise that views as to what business is "essential" differ. This is also the second year in

which the Conference has not been able to meet in its normal form, which means that there is much business which has become more pressing, and therefore necessary, to dispose of this year. However, this year the Conference is able to adopt normal hours of business, and thus this year more business can be undertaken. Nevertheless, it may still be helpful to facilitate the deferral of some business to the Conference of 2022 where that can reasonably be done, and this possibility has been included in the resolutions below.

9. In all the circumstances, the sub-committee takes the view that, although it is not necessary to rescind the resolution of the Conference of 2020 as to the geographical location of the 2021 Conference (as was the case in 2020), it would nevertheless be helpful to invite the Conference to pass a series of enabling resolutions similar to those passed in 2020.
10. The Conference of 2020 also passed a number of resolutions of a procedural nature intended to assist the effective conduct of business in electronic form. Again it is thought helpful to invite the Conference to pass similar resolutions this year, given the large number of members who will be participating electronically. They are very similar to those adopted by the Conference of 2020.
11. Finally, the Conference of 2020 passed a resolution intended to facilitate the conduct of the general business of the Methodist Church by electronic means while the ordinary conduct of business remained affected by coronavirus restrictions. The Conference is invited to confirm the effectiveness of business so conducted over the past year and to pass a similar resolution for the future.

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

The Conference resolves:

- (1) to conduct its business in hybrid form, meaning that some members of the Conference will be physically present in the Conference hall and will participate in the business of the Conference accordingly, while others will be attending remotely and will participate in the business of the Conference through electronic means;
- (2) to ratify the process approved by the Methodist Council for the selection of those members who will be physically present in the Conference hall and those who will attend remotely.

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

For the purpose of enabling its business to be conducted effectively in hybrid form, the Conference further resolves that for the duration of the Conference of 2021, so long as it is meeting in hybrid form:

- (1) the Standing Orders relating to the business of the Conference shall be read and construed as if:
 - (a) a person is present or attends if he or she is present physically or attends remotely;

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

(2) all resolutions passed and votes taken, including standing votes, shall be taken by the raising of hands, standing or the use of electronic hand held devices by those who are physically present or by the electronic raising of hands or poll card by those attending remotely.

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

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

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

The Conference, noting that the Conference of 2020 passed resolutions LP/5 and LP/12 for the purpose of ratifying where necessary and enabling for the future such reasonable steps taken to achieve the object of any Standing Order which were considered practicable in all the circumstances where strict compliance was legally or practically impossible:

(1) confirms the effectiveness of steps taken in accordance with those resolutions since the Conference of 2020 notwithstanding that the resolutions referred to the restrictions and regulations under the Coronavirus Act 2020 rather than the Public Health (Control of Disease) Act 1984 and did not refer to the comparable legislation in other jurisdictions;

(2) resolves that, for the future, where the continuing effect of the legal restrictions imposed by relevant legislation and regulations (including any replacement or amendment of the current legislation), together with guidance given to minimise the risks to public health arising from the coronavirus pandemic, is to make unlawful or a contravention of the guidance physical meetings which are provided for by the Standing Orders for the general conduct of the business of the Methodist Church, with the consequence that strict compliance with Standing Orders governing such business is not practicable, each such Standing Order shall be read and construed, while such legislation and guidance, or any further such legislation or guidance, comes into or remains in force, as if extended to permit as an alternative the taking of such reasonable steps to achieve the object of the relevant Standing Order as may be considered practicable in all the circumstances; provided that:

(a) this resolution does not of itself authorise the holding of a hybrid or electronic meeting of an initial or appeal committee under Section 03, a consultative or pastoral committee under Section 04, an appeal panel under Standing Order 234 or a discipline or appeal committee under Part 11;

(b) where a meeting under one of those provisions is required to be held, it may be held in hybrid form or electronically with the agreement of

the person who is the subject of the discontinuance, competence or safeguarding proceedings or the respondent under Part 11;

(c) if the person mentioned in paragraph (b) above does not agree to a hybrid or electronic meeting, the chair of the committee or panel may in his or her discretion decide that a hybrid or electronic meeting should nevertheless be held if he or she is satisfied that in all the circumstances the meeting would be able to deal fairly with the proceedings;

(d) for the purposes of this resolution a meeting is in hybrid form if some participants are physically present and the other participants attend remotely.

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

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

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

The Conference suspends Standing Order 110A, clause (5) for the duration of the present meeting of the Conference and directs instead that nomination papers shall be provided to the Conference Office so that they are received no later than 5.30 p.m. on Monday 28 June 2021 and shall then be made available as soon as possible for consideration by members of the Conference by such means as are specified on the Order Paper until 6 p.m. on Tuesday 29 June 2021, by which time the members of the Conference must have voted in accordance with the instructions given on the Order Paper. Before the vote is taken, the Secretary of the Conference shall seek from each nominee an assurance of willingness to serve, if elected, and shall report the outcome to the Conference.

3/4 **ATTESTATION OF THE JOURNALS FOR THE 2019 AND 2020 CONFERENCES**

3/4/1 The Conference adopted as Resolution J/1:

In place of those previously appointed, the Conference appoints the Revd Delyth A Liddell and Mrs Anna Malnutt to attest the Journal of the Conference of 2019 and to attest the Daily Record and Journal and related documents of the Conference of 2020.

3/4/2 The Journal of the Conference of 2019 and the Daily Record and Journal and related documents of the Conference of 2020 were signed by the Presidents and Vice-Presidents of the respective Conferences and the Secretary of the Conference, and were duly attested.

3/5 **MEMBERSHIP OF THE CONFERENCE**

The Conference adopted the membership of this session of the Conference as set out in the Agenda (pp 951-958), as amended by Daily Record 1/4 and the following substitutions and corrections:

Bristol

for Mrs Hannah Bevan reading Mrs Hanna Bevan

Bedfordshire, Essex and Hertfordshire
for Ms Katherine Crew *reading* Ms Katharine Crew

Associate Members (b) Overseas

replacing the lists on pp 957-958 with:

The Revd Godson Lawson Kpavuvu	Eglise Méthodiste du Togo
Bishop Samuel Ransford Nortey	Methodist Church Nigeria
Bishop Purity Malinga	The Methodist Church of Southern Africa
Pastor Jerez Pacheco	Iglesia Metodista en Cuba
Ms Andrea Gutierrez	Iglesia Metodista del Uruguay
Senator Bishop Moses Benguche	The Methodist Church in the Caribbean and the Americas
The Rt Revd Dr Reuben Mark	Church of South India
Bishop Humphrey Peters	The Church of Pakistan
The Revd Knut Refsdal	UMC Northern Europe and Eurasia Central Conference
The Revd Mirella Manocchio <i>[as corrected by 5/20/3]</i>	L'Opera per le Chiese Evangeliche Metodiste in Italia
Pastor Alfredo Abad Heras <i>[as corrected by 8/49/2]</i>	Iglesia Evangelica Española
The Revd Markus Jung	Evangelisch-methodistische Kirche (UMC Germany Central Conference)

3/6 **APPOINTMENT OF SCRUTINEERS**

The Conference appointed the Scrutineers as follows:

Mrs Anna Malnutt (Chief Scrutineer)	The Revd Ann L Lett
Mrs Wendy Barwise	Mr Craig Price
Mr Stephen H Cooper	Mr Steve Rogers
The Revd Andrew J L Hollins	Mr Richard Walsh
	Mr Alan J Window

3/7 **PRESIDENT AND VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE CONFERENCE**

3/7/1 The Revd Sonia Marcia Hicks, having been nominated according to rule at the preceding Conference, was duly elected by a Standing Vote as President of the Conference (Resolution 1/1).

3/7/2 Mrs Barbara Mary Easton, having been nominated according to rule at the preceding Conference, was duly elected by a Standing Vote as Vice-President of the Conference (Resolution 1/2).

3/7/3 The Induction of the President and the Vice-President took place.

3/8 **THE LOYAL ADDRESS**

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

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

3/9/1 The Conference welcomed full members, associate members and guests of the Conference from The Methodist Church in Ireland, The United Methodist Church, UMC Northern Europe and Eurasia Central Conference, UMC Germany Central Conference (Evangelisch-methodistische Kirche), The Methodist Church in the Caribbean and the Americas, Iglesia Metodista en Cuba, Iglesia Evangelica Española, L'Opera per le Chiese Evangeliche Metodiste in Italia, Methodist Church Nigeria, The Church of

Pakistan, Igreja Evangelica Metodista Portuguesa, The Methodist Church of Southern Africa, Church of South India, Eglise Méthodiste du Togo, Iglesia Metodista del Uruguay, The Methodist Church in Zimbabwe, and from among our Mission Partners.

3/9/2 Bishop Samuel Ransford Nortey of the Methodist Church Nigeria responded on behalf of the World Church guests.

3/9/3 The Conference welcomed the ecumenical associate members of the Conference from The Church of England, The United Reformed Church, The Roman Catholic Church in England and Wales, The Scottish Episcopal Church, The Russian Orthodox Church and The Cherubim and Seraphim Council of Churches.

3/9/4 Mr Peter Pay of The United Reformed Church responded on behalf of the ecumenical guests.

3/10 **PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS**

The President of the Conference delivered her inaugural address.

3/11 The Conference adjourned at 16.59.

3/12 The Conference reassembled at 17.30.

3/13 **VICE-PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS**

The Vice-President of the Conference delivered her inaugural address.

3/14 **ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEM: METHODIST LAW AND POLITY CONFERENCE SUB-COMMITTEE (continued)**

3/14/1 The Conference agreed in principle with a proposal that notices of motion relating to subjects not already included within the business of the Conference should be admissible at this Conference, having received an undertaking from the Law and Polity Conference Sub-committee to bring amendments to Resolution LP/10 to this effect to the Conference on Monday 28 June, whilst noting that for the good conduct of business it was desirable that Resolution LP/10 be adopted in its current form in the meantime.

3/14/2 The Conference, with the required majority, adopted as Resolution LP/10:

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

(1) any two members may upon notice of motion complying with these directions bring before the Conference any lawful resolution to amend a resolution which is before the Conference or which in the judgment of the President after consultation with the Vice-President otherwise relates to business which is before the Conference;

(2) every notice of motion shall be sent to the Secretary or the Conference Office in electronic form and signed by the following persons:

(a) where the proposal is to amend a resolution and those presenting that business to the Conference are prepared to accept it, the proposer and seconder;

- (b) in any other case, by the proposer and second and four other persons;
- (3) subject to paragraph (4) below, a notice of motion in the Representative Session must be received by the Secretary or the Conference Office no later than 1 p.m. on Sunday 27 June 2021;
- (4) a notice of motion may be received later than the time specified in paragraph (3) above if:
 - (a) it is judged to be on a matter of urgency by the President after consultation with the Vice-President; or
 - (b) it proposes to amend a resolution circulated or materially altered on or after Saturday 26 June 2021 and it is received before 5 p.m. on the day before the resolution is to be dealt with. *[see also 5/4/3]*

3/15 **2. FIRST REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE BUSINESS COMMITTEE**

The Conference adopted Resolution 2/1.

3/16 **SECOND REPORT FROM THE CONFERENCE BUSINESS COMMITTEE**

3/16/1 The Business Committee brings this update to its Report printed in volume 1 of the Agenda (item 2, page 23).

1. The schedule of business has been available on the Conference website and regularly updated. It now shows the current situation. Any Conference member present at the Conference venue can obtain a hard copy on request.

Voting in the Conference

2. The Conference Business Committee recommends to the Conference that those attending via Zoom will vote using either the means of electronic 'raised hands' or by the use of the poll function in Zoom, and that this will be made clear whenever a vote is taken. These votes will be added to those in the hall, and this will be overseen by the Chief Scrutineer and the Chair of the Conference Business Committee (as returning officer) to ensure that all votes are included.
3. Where a vote requires a count, the Committee recommends that those present in the Conference hall use an electronic voting system. This will ensure that these votes can be added to those recorded online and a count quickly taken. When the electronic voting system is used in the hall, poll cards will be used on Zoom.
4. The Committee further recommends that the electronic voting system is used for those votes which it determines as requiring a secret ballot. Following the decision of the Conference to vote on the resolutions attached to God in love unites us by secret ballot in 2019, it has determined that those resolutions which now come before the Conference following a period of consultation in the Synods should be voted on anonymously, either through the use of the electronic voting system in the Conference hall or by use of poll cards on Zoom. This will ensure anonymity as well as accuracy and speed in the counting process. The votes cast via Zoom will be added to

the votes cast in the hall before the announcement of the result of each vote.

Elections

5. Nomination forms have been emailed to representatives and are available on the Conference Resources section of the website. Role descriptions for the offices of President and Vice-President have been placed on the website to assist in the prayerful discernment of individuals eligible for such designation.
6. Nominees for President and Vice-President of the Conference for 2022 and as Conference-elected representatives 2022-2024 are kindly asked to submit a photograph by email to asc@methodistchurch.org.uk by the deadline for nominations (as set out on the nomination forms).
7. There are ballot boxes on either side of the hall. These can all be used at any time on Saturday until 19:00 and from Monday morning onwards for all nomination papers and for all completed ballot papers, strictly observing the deadlines given on page 28 of the Agenda.
8. Ballot papers will be circulated electronically to those attending online and in hard copy to those at the Conference venue. Voting members attending online will need to return their completed ballot paper to the designated email addresses, which will be indicated on the ballot paper.
9. All Memorials will either be taken with existing business to which they relate or placed in *en bloc* as shown in the table below.

Number	Title	Connection to other business
M1	Connexional Priority Fund (CPF) Levy	Memorials relating to the budget
M2	Stipends of Presbyters and Deacons	Memorials relating to the budget
M3	Finances and the pandemic	Memorials relating to the budget
M4	Local Preachers	<i>En bloc</i>
M5	Local Preachers Training	<i>En bloc</i>
M6	The impact of COVID-19 on Training of Local Preachers and Worship Leaders	<i>En bloc</i>
M7	Supernumerary Ministers	<i>En bloc</i>
M8	Cry for Hope	<i>En bloc</i>
M9	A Cry for Hope - Palestine	<i>En bloc</i>
M10	Israel/Palestine – Cry for Hope	<i>En bloc</i>
M11	Cry for Hope	<i>En bloc</i>
M12	Fossil Fuels	<i>En bloc</i>
M13	Fossil Fuels	<i>En bloc</i>
M14	Farming Industry	<i>En bloc</i>
M15	Single Use Plastic	<i>En bloc</i>
M16	COVID-19 Vaccination Resources	<i>En bloc</i>
M17	Online Holy Communion	39. Holy Communion and Online Worship
M18	Oversight and Trusteeship	30. Oversight and Trusteeship

M19	All year round conferring of Conference	30. Oversight and Trusteeship
M20	Conversion Therapy	56. Strategy for Justice, Dignity and Solidarity
M21	Equality, Diversity and Inclusion	56. Strategy for Justice, Dignity and Solidarity
M21A	Equality, Diversity and Inclusion	56. Strategy for Justice, Dignity and Solidarity
M22	Slave Trade	56. Strategy for Justice, Dignity and Solidarity
M23	Human Sexuality (2020)	59. Marriage and Relationships: Provisional Resolutions
M24	God in Love Unites Us	59. Marriage and Relationships: Provisional Resolutions
M25	God in Love Unites Us	59. Marriage and Relationships: Provisional Resolutions
M26	God in Love Unites Us	59. Marriage and Relationships: Provisional Resolutions
M27	Conference Voting – God in Love Unites Us	59. Marriage and Relationships: Provisional Resolutions
M28	God in Love Unites Us (2020)	59. Marriage and Relationships: Provisional Resolutions
M29	God in Love Unites Us (2020)	59. Marriage and Relationships: Provisional Resolutions
M30	God in Love Unites Us (2020)	59. Marriage and Relationships: Provisional Resolutions
M31	God in Love Unites Us and Church Buildings (2020)	59. Marriage and Relationships: Provisional Resolutions
M32	The ‘Annual Enquiry’ – Transitional Arrangements – Marriage and Relationships within the Methodist Church (2020)	59. Marriage and Relationships: Provisional Resolutions
M33	God in love unites us	59. Marriage and Relationships: Provisional Resolutions
M34	Marriage and relationships and the annual affirmation	59. Marriage and Relationships: Provisional Resolutions
M35	Provisional Resolutions: God in love unites us – Marriage and Relationships (2020)	59. Marriage and Relationships: Provisional Resolutions
M36	Marriage and Relationships (2020)	59. Marriage and Relationships: Provisional Resolutions
M37	Remain Faithful	59. Marriage and Relationships: Provisional Resolutions
M38	God in Love Unites Us	59. Marriage and Relationships: Provisional Resolutions
M39	God in Love Unites Us	59. Marriage and Relationships: Provisional Resolutions
M40	God in Love Unites Us	59. Marriage and Relationships: Provisional Resolutions
M41	God in Love Unites Us	59. Marriage and Relationships: Provisional Resolutions

M42	God in love unites us	59. Marriage and Relationships: Provisional Resolutions
M43	Marriage and Relationships Report (2020)	59. Marriage and Relationships: Provisional Resolutions

Any recommended reply to a Memorial which is the subject of an amending notice of motion will automatically be removed from the *en bloc* list.

10. The list of *en bloc* items of business (page 29) has since been updated and is as printed below:

3. Methodist Council, part 1 Sections A, B, C, D, I, J
7. Connexional Allowances Committee
9. Trustees for the Bailiwick of Guernsey Methodist Church Purposes
10. Trustees for Jersey Methodist Church Purposes
11. Methodist Forces Board
12. Methodist Homes
16. Managing Trustees of John Wesley's Chapel, the New Room
17. Action for Children
18. Joint Advisory Committee on the Ethics of Investment
19. Ecumenical Report
21. Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes
22. Methodist Schools appointments
23. Committee on Methodist Law and Polity (1)
25. Methodist Council, part 2 Section M, Section O (shown as I on pages 268-269), Section Q
33. Relief and Extension Fund for Methodism in Scotland
37. Faith and Order Committee Report
42. Stationing Committee
43. Managing Trustees of Central Hall, Westminster
44. Referred Memorials and Notices of Motion
45. Central Finance Board
46. Committee on Methodist Law and Polity (2)
58. Methodist Diaconal Order General Report
61. Memorials to the Conference not attached to other business (see list at paragraph 9 above)

Under the terms of SO 134A, if Notices of Motion are received about items in the *en bloc* list (including Memorials), those items will automatically be removed from the above list. In addition, by giving notice to the Assistant Secretary of the Conference, any six members of the Conference may, without proposing an amendment, require that an item be removed from the list and debated. Such notice must be given before the close of business on Monday 28 June (SO 134A(1)(c)).

Notices of Motion

Members of the Conference are referred to the enabling resolutions contained in the report of the Law and Polity Subcommittee for the timetable for submission of Notices of Motion (which supersedes the detail in the First Report of the Business Committee).

3/16/2 The Conference adopted as Resolution B/1:

The Conference receives the Report.

3/17 **28. REPORT TO THE REPRESENTATIVE SESSION OF BUSINESS CONDUCTED BY THE CONFERENCE DIACONAL COMMITTEE**

3/17/1 Supplementary Report

The Conference Diaconal Committee reports to the Conference that, owing to an omission at the 2019 Conference, two candidates for diaconal ministry were not presented to the Conference for acceptance. The names had been presented to the Committee in 2019, and the Committee had resolved to recommend them to the Conference. The Committee therefore now recommends that Clare Purfit and Neil Wingrove are accepted as candidates, and asks that the Conference retrospectively grants them the status of accepted candidates and student deacons from 1 September 2019.

3/17/2 The Conference adopted as Resolution 28/5:

The Conference resolves that it accepts for training unconditionally the candidates for ministry recommended by the Diaconal Committee whose names are recorded in the second report of that Committee, namely Clare Purfit and Neil Wingrove, and further resolves that they shall have the status of accepted candidates and student deacons retrospectively from 1 September 2019.

3/17/3 The Conference adopted Resolution 28/1,

p 380, list of those continuing in training and probation,
for Margaret Chipandambria *reading* Margaret Chipandambira
for Helen Gardener *reading* Helen Gardner

p 381, Ordinands
for Shirley Dianne Hassell *reading* Shirley Dianne Hassall

3/17/4 The Conference adopted Resolution 28/3, *noting* the corrections to p 380 above.

3/18 The Conference engaged in worship and adjourned at 18.47.

- 4/1 The Conference assembled at 10.45.
- 4/2 The Conference shared in worship, during which the President preached. The following business was transacted.
- 4/3 **RECEPTION INTO FULL CONNEXION AS PRESBYTERS**
The following persons were presented for admission into Full Connexion, the Presbyteral Session having judged that they were fit for such admission and, if not already ordained, for ordination:
- 4/3/1 The preachers on trial:
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| Georgina Felicia Tutuaa Bondzi-Simpson | Sarah Jane Knebel |
| David Charter | Doreen Eugenia Abioseh Koffie-Williams |
| Jason Cooke | Nicola Joy Langton-Miller |
| Tracey Anne Darling | Rachel Helen Leather |
| Stuart John Dyer | Andrew Clive Glover Marchington |
| James Stephen Garnett | Leigh Andrew Maydew |
| Ruth Elizabeth Gilson-Webb | Naomi Margaret Oates |
| Ian Christopher Greenfield | Philip John Osborne |
| Karen Elizabeth James | Stuart John Reed |
| Moses John | Matthew Thomas Sheard |
| Kenneth Peter Kingston | Susan Barbara Taylor |
- 4/3/2 The following people to be received by transfer:
- Martin Pieter Beukes
Teddy Siwila
Zdzislaw Grzegorz Hendzel
Debora Karen Marschner
- 4/3/3 One person to be received by reinstatement:
- Nicholas Cutts
- 4/3/4 The Conference resolved by a Standing Vote that those persons whose names had been read to the Conference and are printed in the Agenda and Daily Record be now received into Full Connexion with the Conference as presbyters, and that those not already ordained be ordained by prayer and the laying on of hands on the afternoon of this day, the twenty-seventh day of June 2021, at:
- Shirley Methodist Church
The Methodist Church at Coventry Central Hall
Solihull Methodist Church
Central Hall Methodist Church Walsall

(Resolution 48/6)

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:

 Shirley Dianne Hassall
 Caroline Michelle Hamilton
 Helen Snowball

4/4/2 The Conference resolved by a Standing Vote that those persons whose names had been read to the Conference and are printed in the Agenda be now received into Full Connexion with the Conference as deacons and into full membership of the Methodist Diaconal Order, and if not already ordained, be ordained by prayer and the laying on of hands on the afternoon of this day, the twenty-seventh day of June 2021, at Kenilworth Methodist Church.

(Resolution 28/4)

4/5 The Conference adjourned at 12.15.

- 5/1 The Conference assembled at 9.15 and shared in worship, led by MHA.
- 5/2 **APPOINTMENT OF ATTESTORS**
- 5/2/1 Mr Daud Irfan and Mrs Anna Malnutt were appointed to attest the Daily Record and related documents for this Conference.

- 5/2/2 The Revd Simon C Edwards and Mrs Valerie A Mayers were appointed to attest the Journal and related documents for this Conference.

5/3 **FIRST REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE FINANCIAL COMMITTEE**

- 5/3/1 The Financial Committee brings this preliminary report having considered the breadth of the Conference Agenda in light of the revised Agenda Item 20 – Connexional Central Services Budget (Order Paper pages 25-29).

Standing Order 136A(3)(iv) requires that the Financial Committee identifies the priority of any resolutions which, if adopted, would result in increased costs.

The Committee considers that, given the constraints of the proposed revised budget, there are no available additional financial resources to accommodate any additional work for the Methodist Council or Connexional Team. This also recognises that existing members of the Council and Connexional Team (both employees and volunteers) are fully utilised.

The Committee therefore highlights to the Conference that it will need to consider seriously that if it wishes to approve any additional work through Notices of Motion or otherwise, it is unlikely that the additional work can be carried out within the revised budget unless the Conference also identifies current work that should cease, or be indefinitely postponed.

- 5/3/2 The Conference adopted as Resolution F/1:

The Conference receives the Report.

5/4 **ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEM: METHODIST LAW AND POLITY CONFERENCE SUB-COMMITTEE (continued)**

- 5/4/1 The Conference, with the required majority, adopted as Resolution LP/7:

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

["that period" refers to "the duration of the current meeting of the Conference" as stated in Resolution LP/6 at 3/3/6]

- 5/4/2 The Conference adopted as Resolution LP/8:

The Conference further directs:

- (1) in place of clause (1A) the President shall at his or her discretion call upon members to speak. In exercising his or her discretion the President shall seek to ensure that those members who are physically present and those who are attending remotely have an equal opportunity to address the Conference;
- (2) the President, having regard to the constraints upon debate imposed by the exigencies of enabling remote participation and the importance of securing full and informed participation, but having allowed a reasonable time for debate, may at any time in his or her discretion:
 - (a) put to the Conference a resolution that the business before the Conference be referred to the Conference of 2022, upon terms that the body responsible for the business may decide whether then to present it in the same form or in a different form or to withdraw it altogether, in the light of the debate which has occurred;
 - (b) adjourn the debate to a time to be determined by the Business Committee;
- (3) where the President moves a resolution under paragraph (2)(a), the person moving the substantive resolution relating to the relevant business shall have the opportunity to speak before the vote is taken and the resolution moved by the President requires a two-thirds majority;
- (4) a resolution under paragraph (2)(a) may be put more than once in relation to the same business;
- (5) a member wishing to propose an amendment to a resolution otherwise than by a notice of motion circulated in advance of the debate does not require a seconder but may do so only if the attempt comes in a timely fashion to the attention of the President and the proposal may then be considered only by permission of the President, to be withheld or given, conditionally or unconditionally, at his or her absolute discretion;
- (6) the person moving a resolution, including a resolution proposing an amendment, shall have a right of reply to the debate on the resolution;
- (7) a member wishing to raise a point of order on the ground that the rules of debate or regulations of the Conference or these directions have been violated may do so only if the attempt comes in a timely fashion to the attention of the President. The President may at his or her absolute discretion permit the point to be raised, in which case that shall be done as soon as is reasonably possible. The President shall decide all questions of order.

5/4/3 The Conference, with the required majority, adopted Resolution LP/10A:

For the purpose of reflecting the intention of the Conference expressed in principle on Saturday 25 June, the Conference amends Resolution LP/10 [see 3/14/2] as follows:

(1) by adding after paragraph (1) the following:

(1A) any two members may upon notice of motion complying with these directions bring before the Conference any lawful resolution which does

not relate to business already before the Conference and for the avoidance of doubt paragraph 5.9 of the First Report of the Business Committee (Agenda p 27) will apply to such notices of motion;

(2) by amending paragraph (2) to read:

(2) [*unchanged*]

(a) [*unchanged*]

(b) in any other case falling within paragraph (1) above, by the proposer and seconder and four other persons;

(c) in any case falling within paragraph (1A) above, by the proposer and seconder and eight other persons.

5/5 **4. APPOINTMENT OF THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE CONFERENCE**

The Conference adopted Resolution 4/1.

5/6 **3. METHODIST COUNCIL, PART 1, Sections E, H**

The Conference adopted Resolutions 3/8, 3/9, 3/15 and 3/16.

5/7 **25. METHODIST COUNCIL, PART 2, Section N**

5/7/1 The Conference adopted Resolution 25/9,

p 269, section heading:

for **SECTION H REPLACEMENT PROJECT CRITERIA**
reading **SECTION N REPLACEMENT PROJECT CRITERIA**

pp 276-277

replacing the wording of Standing Order 972 with that given on p 268

replacing the wording of Standing Order 916 with that given on p 267

5/7/2 The Conference adopted Resolution 25/10 in the form:

The Conference amends the Standing Orders as set out above and directs that the amendments shall take effect on 1 September 2021, save that the levy shall not apply to the sale, letting or other disposition of a property falling within Standing Order 970 (2)(ii) for which consent has been obtained on or before 31 August 2021, notwithstanding that completion of such disposition takes place on or after 1 September 2021.

5/7/3 **Notice of Motion 2021/101: Temporary exemption of Oxford Place, Leeds from application of amended form of SO 970(2) as proposed by Resolution 25/10**

The Conference, noting that for the three years during which the members of the Methodist Council were the managing trustees of Oxford Place the Yorkshire West District was unable to take steps to explore proposals relating to Oxford Place, Leeds, or to sell it, resolves that a temporary exemption from the levy is appropriate, and directs that the levy required by SO 970(1) shall not be charged on any capital money arising from any sale, letting or other disposition of Oxford Place, Leeds, for which consent is given during a period of 18 months commencing on 1st September 2021.

5/7/4 The Conference adopted the Motion.

- 5/8 **METHODIST WOMEN IN BRITAIN**
The Conference received a presentation by Methodist Women in Britain.
- 5/9 The Conference adjourned at 10.56.
- 5/10 The Conference reassembled at 11.30.
- 5/11 **THIRD REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE BUSINESS COMMITTEE**
- 5/11/1 In paragraph 52 of agenda item 59 (Marriage and Relationships: Provisional Resolutions) it is stated that the reporting group has recommended to the Business Committee that where a separate District Resolution has been adopted which proposes an amendment to the wording of a provisional resolution, the District Resolution could be dealt with as if it were a duly submitted Notice of Motion for an amendment, to be moved and seconded by District representatives. The proposed resolution gives effect to that recommendation.
- 5/11/2 The Conference adopted as Resolution B/2:

 For the purposes of SO 131(10) (which provides that when a resolution is before the Conference no other resolution may be submitted until it has been disposed of) any District Resolution seeking to amend a resolution contained in the report upon item 59 of the Agenda shall be dealt with as if it were a notice of motion to that effect duly submitted under resolution LP/10 of this Conference.
- 5/12 **59. MARRIAGE AND RELATIONSHIPS: PROVISIONAL RESOLUTIONS**
- 5/12/1 The Conference adopted Resolution 59/1,

 p 811, *amending* paragraph 45 to read:
 Whatever the decisions of the Conference, there will be practical consequences for single congregation Local Ecumenical Partnerships (LEP) but these are already being worked with in Methodist LEPs with the United Reformed Church and Baptist churches where ministers may conduct marriages between any two people and these may take place on their premises.
- 5/12/2 The Conference adopted Resolution 59/2.
- 5/12/3 The Conference adopted Resolution 59/3 in the form:

 As its further Reply to Memorial M12 of 2018, the Conference refers the Chester and Stoke-on-Trent Synod to the relevant guidance which will be found on the Methodist Church website when the decisions of the Conference have been taken into account.
- 5/12/4 **Memorials M23, M24, M25, M26, M27, M28, M41, M42**
The Conference received Memorials M23, M24, M25, M26, M27, M28, M41 and M42 and adopted as its replies those recommended by the Memorials Committee, the Memorials and the replies appearing on Agenda pp 918-924, and pp 936-938.
- 5/13 **60. THE RESPONSE OF THE FAITH AND ORDER COMMITTEE TO THE GOD IN LOVE UNITES US REPORT**
The Conference adopted Resolution 60/1.

- 5/14 The Conference adjourned at 13.08.
- 5/15 The Conference reassembled at 14.15.
- 5/16 In a session resourced by the President and Vice-President, the Conference shared in a love feast.
- 5/17 The Conference adjourned at 15.38.
- 5/18 The Conference reassembled at 15.58.
- 5/19 **34. ALL WE CAN – METHODIST RELIEF AND DEVELOPMENT**
- 5/19/1 The Conference received a presentation by All We Can.
- 5/19/2 The Conference adopted Resolution 34/1.
- 5/20 The Conference adjourned at 16.25.
- 5/21 The Conference reassembled at 16.45.
- 5/22 **36. TRANSFORMING LIVES: A SCHOOLS’ EDUCATIONAL STRATEGY FOR THE METHODIST CHURCH**
- 5/22/1 The Conference adopted Resolutions 36/1, 36/2, 36/3, 36/4 and 36/5.
- 5/22/2 The Conference adopted Resolution 36/6,
amending part a. to read:
 urges all Methodist schools to engage with local Circuits and Districts by hosting events, sharing facilities, and drawing on Methodist Heritage sites and the Methodist Modern Art Collection.
- 5/22/3 The Conference adopted Resolution 36/7.
- 5/23 **38. DELIVERANCE MINISTRY GUIDELINES**
 The Conference adopted Resolutions 38/1, 38/2 and 38/3.
- 5/24 **35. DEFERRED SPECIAL RESOLUTION**
- 5/24/1 The Conference adopted Resolution 35/1,
 pp 495-497, **Voting figures received**
Birmingham
for ‘9 circuit meetings’ *reading* ‘10 circuit meetings’
Bolton and Rochdale
for ‘5 circuit meetings’ *reading* ‘6 circuit meetings’
Isle of Man
for Synod For: 57 Against: 57
reading Synod For: 57 Against: 0
adding:
 The Law and Polity Committee voted in favour.
- 5/24/2 The Conference, with the required majority, adopted Resolution 35/2 in the form:

The Conference confirms the amendments to the Model Trusts as set out above with effect from 1 September 2021.

5/24/3 The Conference adopted Resolution 35/3.

5/25 **3. METHODIST COUNCIL, PART 1, Section B**

The Conference adopted Resolutions 3/2 and 3/3.

5/26 **DAILY RECORD**

5/26/1 The Daily Record of the Presbyteral Session on Thursday 24 June and Friday 25 June was presented, taken as read, and adopted.

5/26/2 The Written Portion of the Daily Record of the Presbyteral Session was presented in headings only and adopted.

5/26/3 The Daily Record for Saturday 26 June and Sunday 27 June was presented, taken as read, and adopted,

at 3/5, for The Revd Mirella Mannocho *reading* The Revd Mirella Manocchio

5/27 The Conference engaged in worship and adjourned at 18.47.

5/28 **LETTERS**

Letters of greeting and concern were written in the name of the Conference to The Revd Will and Mrs V Morrey, Sister Eluned Williams, and Mr and Mrs J Aldridge.

6/1 The Conference assembled at 9.15 and was led in worship by Local Preachers and the Connexional Officer for Worship and Local Preachers.

6/2 The Conference, with the required majority, adopted as Resolution B/4:

The Conference suspends Standing Order 110A(6) insofar as it applies to the designation of the President of the Conference of 2022 and resolves that the vote shall be by majority vote.

6/3 **FOURTH REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE BUSINESS COMMITTEE**

6/3/1 Under the terms of SO 136(2)(ii), the Business Committee recommends to the Conference that, should any member of the Conference wish to oppose any of the notices of motion in the 200 series, they notify the President (by email to conferenceoffice@methodistchurch.org.uk) by 16.30 on Tuesday afternoon. If there are no requests received, the motion will be moved by the proposer, who will have a speech limit of two minutes, before the Conference proceeds to a vote.

The Business Committee has considered the significant amount of remaining business related to God in Love Unites Us and has agreed to move Wednesday morning's service to Thursday. The conversation about marriage and relationships will therefore begin at 9:30 on Wednesday morning.

Please note that all the notices of motion have now been circulated, with the exception of those relating to the Strategy for Justice, Dignity and Solidarity, as this business will be taken later in the Conference.

6/3/2 The Conference adopted as Resolution B/3:

The Conference receives the Report.

6/4 **13. UNIFIED STATEMENT OF CONNEXIONAL FINANCES**

The Conference adopted Resolution 13/1,

p 143, column headings:
second column, *for* '2019 Total' *reading* '2020 Total'
sixth column, *for* '2018 Total' *reading* '2019 Total'

6/5 **14. METHODIST MINISTERS' PENSION SCHEME (MMPS)**

6/5/1 The Conference adopted Resolutions 14/1, 14/2, 14/3, 14/4, 14/5 and 14/6.

6/5/2 The Conference adopted as Resolution 14/7:

The Conference appoints Anne Fairchild and Fred King as Employer-Nominated Directors of the Methodist Ministers' Pension Trust Ltd. from 1 September 2021.

Fred King has significant experience advising pension trustees and others in the pensions industry having qualified as an actuary in 1991. Having retired in

2016 he is now an examiner for the Institute of Actuaries, has been a member of the South East District Finance Team, been treasurer of the Dorking and Horsham Circuit and recently became a church treasurer.

Anne Fairchild is the Circuit Executive Officer for the Enfield Circuit. She has over 30 years' experience in the investment and pensions sector including a Managing Director post at Goldman Sachs and was a trustee of their pension scheme. She is also a church treasurer.

The nominations are brought following an open selection process undertaken by a panel of representatives of the Methodist Council, the two pension schemes and was chaired by the Connexional Secretary.

6/5/3 **Supplementary Report**

Appointment of a professional independent trustee director

1. The contract for the professional independent trustee to the Methodist Ministers Pension Scheme (MMPS) ends in August 2022. The same appointment to the Pension and Assurance Scheme for Lay Employees of the Methodist Church (PASLEMC) ends in August 2021. The MMPS appointment is a Conference appointment with the PASLEMC appointment made by the Council.
2. A procurement exercise has been undertaken to appoint a supplier of this service from 1 September 2022 (MMPS) and 1 September 2021 (PASLEMC) with an end date for both schemes at 31 August 2024. The provision exists to renew the contract for a subsequent three year period subject to the discretion of the Conference/Council.
3. The successful supplier is Capital Cranfield Pension Trustees Limited. They are the existing supplier and they put forward Richard Hubbard as the individual who will fulfil the contract, replacing Ingrid Kirby from September 2021 (PASLEMC) and September 2022 (MMPS).
4. Richard Hubbard held a variety of senior commercial, financial, treasury and risk roles in a 34 year career with BP. He is currently a Trustee Director of the Church of England Pension Board where he chairs their Pensions Committee; Chair of the Church Mission Society pension scheme; chair designate of the Bible Society pension scheme and a member of the Local Government Pension Scheme investment committee for the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea.

6/5/4 The Conference adopted as Resolution 14/8:

The Conference appoints Capital Cranfield Pension Trustees Limited, represented by Mr Richard Hubbard, as Director of the Methodist Ministers' Pension Trust Limited for a two year term from 1 September 2022.

6/5/5 The Conference adopted as Resolution 14/9:

The Conference delegates to the Methodist Council the review of the contract in 2024 and the ability to extend the contract for a period of up to three years ending August 2027.

- 6/6 **41. PENSION SCHEME ACTUARIAL VALUATIONS**
The Conference adopted Resolutions 41/1, 41/2 and 41/3.
- 6/7 **20. CONNEXIONAL CENTRAL SERVICES BUDGET FOR THREE YEARS COMMENCING WITH 2021/2022**
- 6/7/1 The budget was presented.
- 6/7/2 **Memorials M1, M2, M3**
The Conference received Memorials M1, M2 and M3 and adopted as its replies those recommended by the Memorials Committee, the Memorials and the replies appearing on Agenda pp 891-894.
- 6/8 **3. METHODIST COUNCIL, PART 1, Sections F, G**
The Conference adopted Resolutions 3/10, 3/11, 3/12, 3/13 and 3/14.
- 6/9 **40. REFLECTIVE SUPERVISION REPORT**
The Conference adopted Resolutions 40/1, 40/2, 40/3 and 40/4.
- 6/10 The Conference adjourned at 11.14.
- 6/11 The Conference reassembled at 11.43.
- 6/12 **8. MINISTRY IN THE METHODIST CHURCH**
- 6/12/1 The Conference adopted Resolution 8/1.
- 6/12/2 The Conference, with the required majority, adopted Resolution 8/2,

 p 96, first line,
 for 'n' reading 'In'

 p 102, paragraph 3.2.3,
 amending fifth sentence to read as follows:
 As the geographical centres of Christianity ~~is~~**are** changing, so is the worldwide Church.

 p 118, paragraph 7.4.1,
 footnote numbers 88 and 89, in lines 2 and 6 respectively, should appear as superscript numbers ⁸⁸ and ⁸⁹

 p 119, paragraph 7.4.2.2,
 for 'see 1.7 above' reading 'see 1.8 above'
- 6/13 **26. CHANGING PATTERNS OF MINISTRY**
- 6/13/1 The Conference adopted Resolution 26/1,

 p 290, paragraph 3.4.3,
 for 'District Policy Committee' reading 'Lay Employment Sub-committee'
- 6/13/2 The Conference adopted Resolutions 26/2, 26/3 and 26/4.
- 6/13/3 The Conference adopted Resolution 26/5,

for 'October 2021' reading 'October 2022' in the wording of the Resolution as it appears on p 299

6/13/4 The Conference adopted Resolutions 26/6, 26/7, 26/8, 26/9, 26/10, 26/11 and 26/12.

6/14 The Conference adjourned at 13.08.

6/15 The Conference reassembled at 14.15.

6/16 **30. OVERSIGHT AND TRUSTEESHIP**

6/16/1 The Conference received the following additional information:

Draft terms of reference for Task Group for Regional and District Structure Planning

Aim: To reconfigure the District structure more appropriately to reflect the reduced size in membership and to work within budgetary constraints whilst enabling the mission of the Methodist Church in Britain to be more fruitful.

Draft Terms of Reference for Task Group for Regional and District Structure Planning

- To ensure that all Districts continue to engage in conversations alongside others about regional ways of working to reduce the number of Districts and Chairs of Districts and to gather the outcomes of collaborative models of leadership and oversight;
- To consider the outcomes and offer regional groups the emerging connexional framework for the future structure following approval of the structure by the Council;
- To engage with the regional groups on their proposals for the future, and to offer feedback from a connexional viewpoint on what has been proposed (including budgetary considerations);
- To work with District Chairs and other leaders to map the emerging connexional framework for the future structure and the process for change through to 2023/24;
- To ensure that what emerges from the regional reviews will inform the emerging Connexional framework and vice-versa, as part of an iterative process;
- To ensure that proposed changes in district leadership are informed by other work on leadership (from the Faith and Order Committee, the Ministries Committee, and elsewhere);
- To ensure that connexional resources (staffing time, particularly the Learning Network) are available and used by Districts and regions;
- To bring together thinking about other senior posts in Districts (Deputy Chairs, Assistant Chairs, "District Steward", "Senior Deacon", and others) and to work with Faith and Order and Law and Polity on future development of these roles and incorporation as necessary in the Standing Orders;
- To report to the Council in March 2022 and to the 2022 Conference.

- 6/16/2 The Conference adopted Resolutions 30/1, 30/2, 30/3, 30/4, 30/5, 30/6, 30/7 and 30/8.
- 6/16/3 The Conference adopted Resolution 30/9 in the form:

The Conference directs that the Council appoints a group to undertake further work to review the constitution of the Conference and its ways of working, and to report with recommendations to the 2022 Conference.
- 6/16/4 The Conference adopted 30/10 and 30/11.
- 6/16/5 The Conference adopted Resolution 30/12,

for 'readvertise' reading 'advertise' in the wording of the Resolution
- 6/16/6 The Conference renumbered Resolution 30/13 on p 440 as Resolution 30/12A and adopted Resolution 30/12A,

p 437, SO 605(3), *amending* to read:
(3) For the purpose of clause (1) **and of Standing Order 605A(1)** a person is locally resident if resident in such a place that the Local Church in question is a natural centre for worship or fellowship.

p 437, SO 605A (1),
for 'When, in any Local Church,' reading 'When, in any Local Church,'

and *adding* Resolution 30/12A to the list of resolutions on p 443.
- 6/16/7 The Conference adopted Resolutions 30/13 (pp 441 and 443) and 30/14.
- 6/16/8 **Memorials M18, M19**
The Conference received Memorials M18 and M19 and adopted as its replies those recommended by the Memorials Committee, the Memorials and the replies appearing on Agenda pp 911-913.
- 6/17 **31. FAITH AND ORDER COMMITTEE: OVERSIGHT AND TRUSTEESHIP**
The Conference adopted Resolution 31/1.
- 6/18 The Conference adjourned at 16.15.
- 6/19 The Conference reassembled at 16.45.
- 6/20 **DAILY RECORD**
The Daily Record for Monday 28 June was presented, taken as read, and adopted.
- 6/21 **32. CLIMATE CHANGE AND FOSSIL FUELS: RESPONSE TO MEMORIAL 32 (2017) AND CONFERENCE REPLY**
The Conference adopted Resolution 32/1.
- 6/22 **39. HOLY COMMUNION AND ONLINE WORSHIP**
- 6/22/1 The Conference adopted Resolutions 39/1, 39/2, 39/3 and 39/4.

- 6/22/2 **Memorial M17**
 The Conference received Memorial M17 and adopted as its reply that recommended by the Memorials Committee, the Memorial and the reply appearing on Agenda p 910.
- 6/23 **25. METHODIST COUNCIL, PART 2, Section K**
 6/23/1 The Conference adopted Resolution 25/1.
- 6/23/2 **Update to Report**
 The Charity Commission has indicated that, in its view, the terms of the Centenary Hall Trust Deed only require the Conference to approve an 'in principle' decision to sell Methodist Church House, before the terms of the sale are agreed and a buyer confirmed. The negotiation and final approval of the detailed terms are the responsibility of the Methodist Council as managing trustees of the property and are subject to the usual Charities Act requirements for sale of charity property. The Conference 'in principle' vote required is a simple majority.
- 6/23/3 The Conference adopted as Resolution 25/1A:
 Under the terms of clause 12(2) of the Charity Commission Scheme for the Centenary Hall Trust dated 4 March 1998, the Conference confirms the decision to sell Methodist Church House.
- 6/24 The Conference went into closed session at 17.58.
- 6/25 The Conference received a report on behalf of the Convenors of Connexional Discipline and Appeal Committees.
- 6/26 The Conference received a report about two regulatory matters from the Conference Officer for Legal and Constitutional Practice.
- 6/27 The Conference reassembled in open session at 18.05.
- 6/28 The Conference engaged in worship and adjourned at 18.20.
- 6/29 **LETTERS**
- 6/29/1 A letter of concern was written in the name of the Conference to The Revd Canon John McLuckie, an Associate Member of the Conference from the Scottish Episcopal Church.
- 6/29/2 A letter of congratulation and concern was written in the name of the Conference to Mr and Mrs Andrew Gibbs.
- 6/29/3 Letters of thanks and encouragement were written in the name of the Conference to all Methodist schools at the end of a difficult academic year.

7/1 The Conference assembled at 9.15 and was led in worship by Methodist Women in Britain, Birmingham.

7/2 **SECOND REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE FINANCIAL COMMITTEE**

7/2/1 The Committee has noted that its deliberations concerning the potential costs and/or delays to work place difficult decisions before the Conference concerning how or whether proposals which might appear to deliver desirable outcomes for many are prioritised. Questions have arisen about how work will be prioritised, and consequently which work will be delayed or cancelled.

The Committee is clear that, although SO 136A(3)(iv) states “if there are several such proposals before the committee, what priority should be given to each”, nevertheless, given that there is no available budget for any additional work, it is not appropriate to determine priorities within them.

Whether or not any additional work is determined by the Conference, it will be necessary for the Council and the Strategy and Resources Committee to review and determine priorities for the work of the Connexional Team at their autumn meetings. It may also be that the Council will be required to report to the Conference in 2022 that some work has not been completed.

More radical alternative options for the Conference could include proposing either:

1. to reduce other areas of the budget and associated work in order to accommodate new work within the overall budget, and/or
2. to amend the budget by addition, thereby determining that the District Assessment should NOT be reduced, as proposed, or may even be increased.

The Conference is also reminded that it is only asked to approve the budget for 2021/22, and budgets for subsequent years are only indicative of an anticipated strategy. Should the Conference determine that it wishes to increase the work of the Connexional Team above that anticipated by the 2021/22 budget, then the budget presented to the Conference in 2022 for 2022/23 may be higher than that currently indicated.

7/2/2 The Conference adopted as Resolution F/2:

The Conference receives the Report.

7/3 **59. MARRIAGE AND RELATIONSHIPS: PROVISIONAL RESOLUTIONS (continued)**

7/3/1 The Conference adopted Resolution 59/4 in the form:

The Conference confirms resolution 10/2 of the Conference of 2019, amended to read as follows:

The Conference affirms the following summary understanding of the principles or qualities of good relating:

- All significant relationships should be built on the example of Christ, in whom we see the supreme example of self-giving love, commitment, fidelity, loyalty, honesty, mutual respect, equality and the desire for the mutual flourishing of the people involved.
- It is through that self-giving, rather than through self-seeking, that the self flourishes and begins to experience life in all its fullness (John 10:10) (though it needs to be recognised that the universal Church’s historic emphasis on self-sacrifice has often been misunderstood and misused [e.g. by abusive partners] in a way that is destructive of the wellbeing of the ones abused [often women]).

7/3/2 The Conference adopted Resolution 59/5.

7/4 **60. THE RESPONSE OF THE FAITH AND ORDER COMMITTEE TO THE GOD IN LOVE UNITES US REPORT (continued)**

The Conference adopted Resolution 60/2.

7/5 **59. MARRIAGE AND RELATIONSHIPS: PROVISIONAL RESOLUTIONS (continued)**

7/5/1 The Conference adopted Resolution 59/6 in the form:

The Conference confirms resolution 10/3 of the Conference of 2019, amended to read as follows:

The Conference affirms the following summary understanding of cohabitation:

- The Church recognises that the love of God is present within the love of two human beings who are drawn to each other, and who enter freely into some form of life-enhancing committed relationship with each other, whether that be through informal cohabitation or a more formal commitment entered into publicly.
- As a Church we wish to celebrate that the love of God is present in these circumstances, even if that grace is not responded to or even discerned by the people concerned.
- The Church has an important calling, therefore, to point to the presence of God’s love within such relationships, and to encourage people to respond to it in the renewing and deepening (by whatever means) of their commitment.

7/5/2 The Conference adopted Resolution 59/7.

7/5/3 **Memorial M29**

The Conference received Memorial M29 and adopted as its reply that recommended by the Memorials Committee, the Memorial and the reply appearing on Agenda pp 924-925.

7/6 **60. THE RESPONSE OF THE FAITH AND ORDER COMMITTEE TO THE GOD IN LOVE UNITES US REPORT (continued)**

7/6/1 The Conference adopted Resolution 60/3,

p 852, paragraph 5.1, *replacing* the second sentence with:

There have therefore been further questions about whether all presbyters will be able to affirm that they will “observe and administer” our discipline, and whether all deacons will be able to renew their ordination promise to “accept

our discipline and work together with [their] sisters and brothers in the Church".^{23a}

adding footnote 23a: *Methodist Worship Book*, p.318; S0753(5)

7/6/2 **Memorials M32, M33, M34**

The Conference received Memorials M32, M33 and M34 and adopted as its replies those recommended by the Memorials Committee, the Memorials and the replies appearing on Agenda pp 927-931.

7/7 The Conference adjourned at 10.55.

7/8 The Conference reassembled at 11.20.

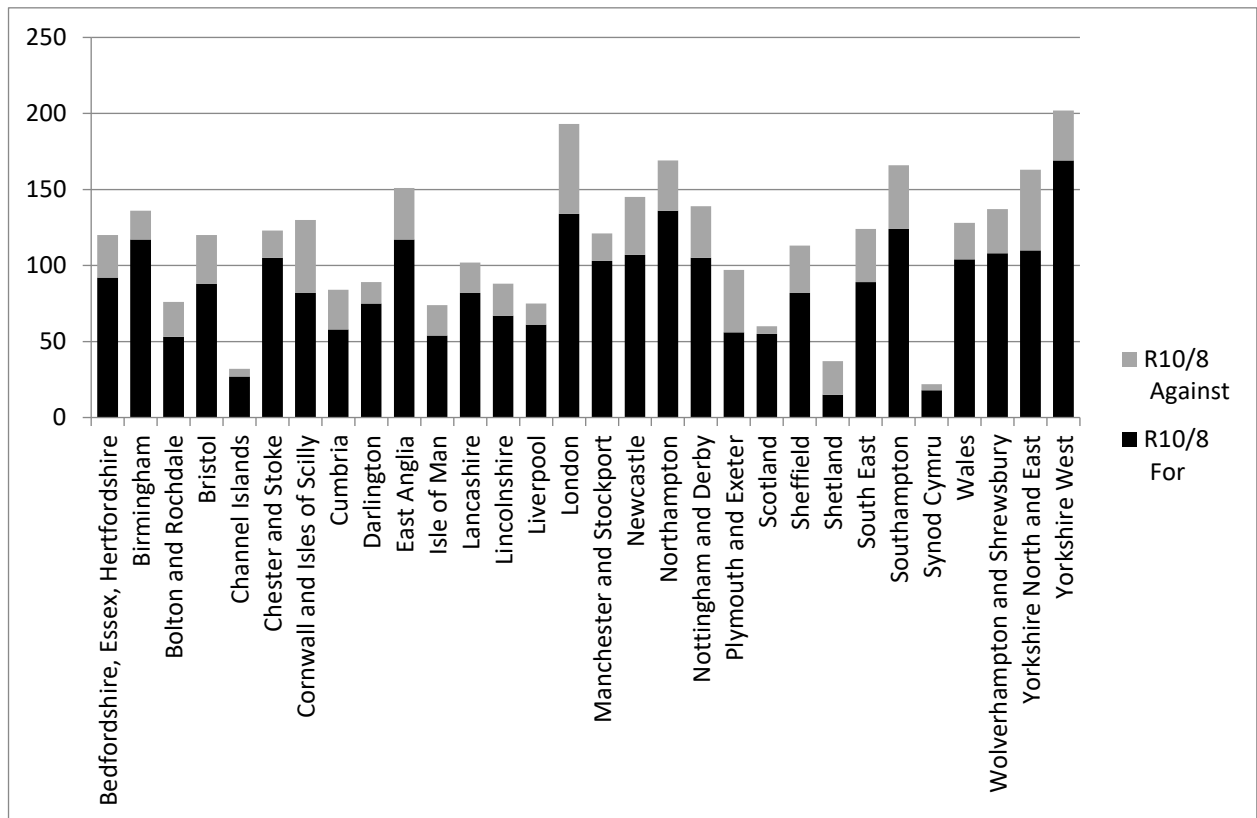
7/9 **59. MARRIAGE AND RELATIONSHIPS: PROVISIONAL RESOLUTIONS (continued)**

7/9/1 The Conference adopted Resolution 59/8:

The Conference confirms resolution 10/8 of the Conference of 2019, as originally adopted:

The Conference consents in principle to the marriage of same-sex couples on Methodist premises throughout the Connexion and by Methodist ministers, probationers or members in so far as the law of the relevant jurisdiction permits or requires and subject to compliance with such further requirements, if any, as that law imposes.

p 821, *inserting* the following graph after paragraph 86:



- 7/9/2 **Memorials M30, M31, M36**
 The Conference received Memorials M30, M31 and M36 and adopted as its replies those recommended by the Memorials Committee, the Memorials and the replies appearing on Agenda pp 925-927 and p 934.
- 7/10 **60. THE RESPONSE OF THE FAITH AND ORDER COMMITTEE TO THE GOD IN LOVE UNITES US REPORT (continued)**
- 7/10/1 The Conference adopted Resolution 60/4,
 p 854, paragraph 6.2, final sentence
for 'referred to in 3.1 above' reading 'referred to in 4.1 above'
- p 855, paragraph 6.5, second line
for 'Synodshave voted' reading 'Synods have voted'
- p 855, paragraph 6.6, *replacing* the text with:
 In making this recommendation the Faith and Order Committee further noted that provisional resolution 10/9 proposed changing the declaration that marriage "is a gift of God" to "marriage is given by God to be a particular channel of God's grace". If the Faith and Order Committee's recommendation is taken forward then this change is lost. The Committee notes, however, that similar changes were not proposed regarding the marriage service in the *Methodist Worship Book* and, given what has been said about the nature of the Standing Orders above, the change therefore carries comparatively little theological weight. The *Methodist Worship Book* is a text that carries some authority regarding Methodist theology and the Methodist Church therefore still affirms that marriage is a gift of God. The language of "gift of God" has therefore been retained in the new draft marriage liturgies. The Committee notes that this did not emerge as a key point in the feedback from the Synods and that if the Conference commends the new marriage liturgies for experimental use then there will be opportunity for Methodists to comment on this language during the period of consultation and before a final decision is made.
- p 855, paragraph 6.7, *replacing* the text with:
 Although the Faith and Order Committee would recommend deleting the whole of the first sentence of the proposed SO 011A (as described in 6.5 above), it does not bring a Resolution to this effect because the particular wording has already been discussed in Local Churches and Circuits and voted on by Synods, and because there are already a number of other potential amendments before the Conference. It does, however, ask the Conference to consider one particular change. It is the view of the Committee that the word 'believes' in the Provisional Resolution is potentially misleading and it brings Resolution 60/5 to amend this word for the sake of clarity.
- 7/10/2 The Conference adopted Resolution 60/5.
- 7/11 **59. MARRIAGE AND RELATIONSHIPS: PROVISIONAL RESOLUTIONS (continued)**
- 7/11/1 **Memorials M38, M39**
 The Conference received Memorials M38 and M39 and adopted as its replies those recommended by the Memorials Committee, the Memorials and the replies appearing on Agenda p 935.
- 7/11/2 The Conference adopted Resolution 59/9 in the form:

The Conference confirms resolution 10/9 of the Conference of 2019, amended to read as follows:

The Conference amends Standing Orders as follows:

011A Marriage (1) The Methodist Church believes *understands* that marriage ~~is a gift of God and that it is God's intention that a marriage should be~~ ***is given by God to be a particular channel of God's grace, and that it is in accord with God's purposes when a marriage is*** a life-long union in body, mind and spirit of ~~one man and one woman~~ ***two people who freely enter it. Within the Methodist Church this is understood in two ways: that marriage can only be between a man and a woman; that marriage can be between any two people. The Methodist Church affirms both understandings and makes provision in its Standing Orders for them.***

(2) The Methodist Church welcomes everyone, whether or not a member, who enquires about an intended marriage in any of its places of worship ***or elsewhere.***

011B Divorce, Remarriage, Marriage of Same Sex Couples and Respect for Conscience ~~(2)~~(1) Divorce does not of itself prevent a person being married in any Methodist place of worship ***or by Methodist ministers, probationers or members.***

~~(3)~~(2) Under no circumstances does the Conference require any person ~~authorised to conduct marriages~~ who is subject to the discipline of the Church as a minister, probationer, ***officer*** or member to officiate at ***or participate in*** the marriage of a particular couple, should it be contrary to the dictates of his or her conscience to do so.

~~(4)~~(3) ***When:***

- (i) ~~A~~ a minister, ***or*** probationer ***is stationed in a new appointment;***
or
- (ii) ***it is proposed that a*** member ~~who is~~ ***should become*** authorised to conduct marriages

~~but who~~ ***and he or she*** for reasons of conscience will never officiate at the marriages of couples in particular circumstances, ~~shall refer such couples to an authorised colleague who is not so prevented~~ ***the person concerned shall participate in a pastoral conversation on the matter with the District Chair and the Superintendent of the relevant Circuit (if he or she is not the Superintendent). Every effort shall be made to ensure that no individual is placed under any pressure to act against the dictates of conscience.***

(4) ***Whether or not the law of the relevant jurisdiction requires that Methodist premises must be registered for same-sex marriages before such marriages can take place, no same-sex marriage may take place on Methodist premises unless the managing trustees or, if none, the trustees, have approved the use of the premises for that purpose and taken any steps which may be necessary under the applicable law.***

(5) ***A minister, probationer or member who is asked to officiate at the marriage of a mixed-sex couple in Methodist premises which are appropriately registered for the purpose (where registration is required) or***

elsewhere but who is prevented from officiating for reasons of conscience shall refer the couple to an authorised colleague who is not so prevented.

(6) A minister, probationer or member who is asked to officiate at the marriage of a same-sex couple in Methodist premises which are appropriately registered for the purpose (where registration is required) or elsewhere but who is prevented from officiating for reasons of conscience shall notify the District Chair, who shall refer the couple to an authorised colleague who is not so prevented.

(7) A couple who seek to be married in Methodist premises which are not appropriately registered for the purpose shall be referred, if registration is required, to the person responsible for the conduct of marriages at premises which are so registered, preferably in the same circuit. If the person receiving the request is not willing for reasons of conscience to make such a reference, he or she shall so inform the District Chair, who shall make the reference in that person's place.

(8) The managing trustees or, if none, the trustees of any Methodist premises which are registered for the solemnisation of the marriage of same-sex couples shall ensure that the District Chair is notified of such registration.

~~(5)~~(9) The Methodist Church opposes discrimination on the basis of **sexuality**, gender or race. Accordingly, if a couple is seeking to be married in a Methodist place of worship **or elsewhere** no objection to the performance by a particular minister, probationer, **officer** or member of any duty in respect of their proposed marriage shall be entertained on such a ground. No minister, probationer, **officer** or member shall perform the relevant duty or duties in place of the other person concerned or otherwise assist the couple to make the objection effective.

p 841, Scotland Synod Resolution

adding underlining for the following words:

SO 011A(2): 'or elsewhere'

SO 011B(1): 'or by Methodist ministers, probationers or members'

SO 011B(5): 'or elsewhere'

SO 011B(6): 'or elsewhere'

SO 011B(10): 'or elsewhere'

7/12 The Conference adjourned at 13.00.

7/13 The Conference reassembled at 13.45.

7/14 **60. THE RESPONSE OF THE FAITH AND ORDER COMMITTEE TO THE GOD IN LOVE UNITES US REPORT (continued)**

7/14/1 The Conference adopted Resolution 60/6.

7/14/2 The Conference adopted Resolution 60/7,

amending the first sentence to read:

The Conference amends paragraphs G2 and G3 of the Guidance set out in resolution 10/7 of the Conference of 2019 as follows:

7/15 **59. MARRIAGE AND RELATIONSHIPS: PROVISIONAL RESOLUTIONS (continued)**

7/15/1 The Conference adopted Resolution 59/10 in the form:

The Conference confirms resolution 10/7 of the Conference of 2019, amended to read as follows:

The Conference adopts the *Guidance on the Understanding of Marriage* set out below and directs that it be included in the Guidance section of *The Constitutional Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church*:

- G1 The Methodist Church welcomes everyone, whether or not a member, who enquires about an intended marriage in any of its places of worship or elsewhere. It looks for an openness to God in them, not necessarily a developed understanding of the Christian faith.
- G2 Legally, marriage is a contractual relationship entered into by two people who make solemn vows and commitments to each other. In the understanding of the Methodist Church, marriage encompasses that but is also deeper and richer. The Methodist Church understands that marriage is a covenant relationship between two people, within God's covenant of love with them. Through it, they may experience, explore and express God's gracious love.
- G3 The Methodist Church understands that marriage is an exclusive relationship, freely entered into with a life-long intention of uniting two people in body, heart, mind and soul in ways that are appropriate to each partner. In it, God's Spirit enables both partners to know the security of love and care, bringing to each other comfort and companionship, enrichment and encouragement, tenderness and trust. Through such marriage children may be nurtured, family life strengthened, and human society enriched.
- G4 The Methodist Church recognises that amongst its members different views are held about the interpretation of the Bible and Christian tradition as to whether those being married may be any two people, or may only be a woman and a man. The Methodist Church has decided to respect and make practical provisions for both positions.
- G5 A marriage service may only be conducted in a Methodist place of worship or elsewhere when it can be shown that the requirements of the legislation in the appropriate jurisdiction regarding the registration of buildings and personnel have been met and that the couple have complied with the requirements of such legislation which are their responsibility. Where a service of blessing of a marriage previously solemnised is requested, the person conducting the service must satisfy himself or herself that the couple are legally married.
- G6 Where there is a desire to use places of worship for marriage services or for services of blessing for a marriage previously solemnised, the managing trustees of those premises should actively consider whether they wish to do so solely for marriages of mixed-sex couples, or for marriages of same-sex couples as well as mixed-sex couples. The managing trustees should reconsider the question of the use of the place of worship for marriage services or services of blessing every five years or sooner.

G7 Where the managing trustees wish to use a place of worship for marriage services, and the legislation of the relevant jurisdiction requires church buildings or personnel to be registered or authorised for the solemnisation of marriages, the managing trustees should take the relevant steps to comply.

7/15/2 The Conference adopted Resolution 59/11.

7/16 **60. THE RESPONSE OF THE FAITH AND ORDER COMMITTEE TO THE GOD IN LOVE UNITES US REPORT (continued)**

The Conference adopted Resolution 60/8.

7/17 **59. MARRIAGE AND RELATIONSHIPS: PROVISIONAL RESOLUTIONS (continued)**

7/17/1 **Memorials M35, M37**

The Conference received Memorials M35 and M37 and adopted as its replies those recommended by the Memorials Committee, the Memorials and the replies appearing on Agenda pp 931-934.

7/17/2 The Conference adopted Resolutions 59/12, 59/13, 59/14A, 59/14B and 59/14C.

7/17/3 The Conference adopted as Resolution 59/14D:

The Conference further resolves and directs that:

(a) such steps (if any) shall be taken by such bodies or persons as may be required by the relevant legislation of any other jurisdiction forming part of the Methodist Church in Britain in order to make it legally possible for a same-sex marriage to be solemnised on Methodist premises within that jurisdiction if the managing trustees or, if none, the trustees of those premises so permit and for a Methodist minister to officiate at a same-sex marriage;

(b) from 1 September 2021 or such later date as all relevant legal requirements have been satisfied (including the grant of permission by the managing or other trustees) a same-sex marriage may be solemnised on Methodist premises within such a jurisdiction.

7/18 **60. THE RESPONSE OF THE FAITH AND ORDER COMMITTEE TO THE GOD IN LOVE UNITES US REPORT (continued)**

7/18/1 The Conference adopted Resolution 60/9,

p 858, paragraph 8.1, final line:
for 'sections 8 and 9 below' reading 'sections 9 and 10 below'

p 872, paragraph 22, second line:
for 'in her/his own words' reading 'in her/his/their own words'

p 884, paragraph 17, second line:
for 'in her/his own words' reading 'in her/his/their own words'

7/18/2 The Conference adopted Resolution 60/10.

7/18/3 The Conference adopted Resolution 60/11 in the form:

The Conference directs that the *Methodist Worship Book* is amended as set out in Section 9.3 of this Report.

7/18/4 The Conference adopted Resolution 60/12, *noting* the correction to p 872 above.

7/18/5 The Conference adopted Resolution 60/13, *noting* the correction to p 884 above.

7/18/6 **Memorial M43**

The Conference received Memorial M43 and adopted as its reply that recommended by the Memorials Committee, the Memorial and the reply appearing on Agenda p 939,

p 939, final sentence of the reply:
for the 1992 statement
reading the 1992 Conference statement 'A Christian Understanding of Family Life, the Single Person and Marriage'

7/19 **59. MARRIAGE AND RELATIONSHIPS: PROVISIONAL RESOLUTIONS (continued)**

7/19/1 The Conference adopted Resolution 59/15.

7/19/2 **Memorial M40**

The Conference received Memorial M40 and adopted as its reply that recommended by the Memorials Committee, the Memorial and the reply appearing on Agenda pp 935-936.

7/19/3 The Conference stood in silence and was led in prayer.

7/20 **DESIGNATION OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE CONFERENCE**

The Revd Graham Thompson was designated for appointment as President of the Conference of 2022.

7/21 **DESIGNATION OF THE VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE CONFERENCE**

Mr Anthony Boateng was designated for appointment as Vice-President of the Conference of 2022.

7/22 **24. JOINT COVENANT ADVOCACY AND MONITORING GROUP**

The Conference adopted Resolutions 24/1, 24/2, 24/3 and 24/4.

7/23 **15. SAFEGUARDING COMMITTEE**

The Conference adopted Resolution 15/1.

7/24 **57. METHODIST MINISTERS' HOUSING SOCIETY (MMHS)**

7/24/1 The Conference received a presentation by MMHS.

7/24/2 The Conference adopted Resolution 57/1.

7/24/3 The Conference adopted as Resolution 57/2:

The Conference asks for a collaborative conversation between the Methodist Ministers' Pension Scheme, MMHS, the Secretary of the Conference, the Chair of the CAC and any other parties to consider how the Covenantal relationship between the Church and its retired ministers (and widowed spouses) can be

expressed fully and appropriately in the housing of supernumeraries and to bring recommendations to the Council.

7/24/4 The Conference adopted as Resolution 57/3:

The Conference encourages the MMHS Board to consider an income bracketed scheme which safeguards those on very low household incomes and asks those with significantly more generous household incomes to meet the much higher rates which are nearer current market values.

7/25 The Conference adjourned at 16.21.

7/26 The Conference reassembled at 16.50.

7/27 **27. THE THEOLOGY OF SAFEGUARDING**

7/27/1 The Conference adopted Resolutions 27/1, 27/2 and 27/3.

7/27/2 **Notice of Motion 2021/106: Theology of Safeguarding**

The Conference thanks the Faith and Order Committee for the report on the theology of safeguarding. However, the Conference regrets that the report adopts a paradigm of male abuser/female survivor and neglects the experiences of male survivors and LGBTQ+ survivors. It is important in doing this kind of work to adopt an intersectional approach recognising the diversity and complexity of experience.

7/27/3 The Conference adopted as Resolution 27/3A:

The Conference directs that the issues raised in Notice of Motion 106 be taken fully into account and reflected in the resources produced and that male and LGBTQ+ survivors be engaged in their development.

7/27/4 The Conference adopted Resolution 27/4.

7/28 **DAILY RECORD**

7/28/1 The Daily Record for Tuesday 29 June was presented, taken as read, and adopted.

7/28/2 The Written Portion of the Daily Record of the Representative Session was presented in headings only and adopted.

7/29 **Notice of Motion 2021/201: Methodist Homes (MHA)**

7/29/1 The Conference acknowledges and celebrates Methodist Homes' (MHA) contribution to the care of older people during the pandemic. MHA delivers high quality care homes, retirement living and community services to enable people to live later life well. From the outset of the pandemic, MHA was affected by staff and resident illnesses, and very sadly a significant number of deaths. At this time of crisis, the charity was having to secure its own personal protective equipment (PPE) for its staff, fight for testing for residents and staff, and deal with the debacle around people being sent out from hospitals to care homes without testing. Sadly, the pandemic was often seen through the prism of graphs and numbers but not so at MHA. The staff rose to the challenge, becoming friends and family of the residents, providing comfort and support during the darkest periods when families were not able to visit. The role played by MHA chaplains supporting residents, their relatives and staff was particularly valued. In keeping with good employment practices MHA has instituted a programme of wellbeing for staff who have had to live through the most harrowing experiences, who comforted residents who were suffering and dying.

The Conference welcomes the action of MHA in speaking out and publicising the enormity of the challenges faced by care providers, and the failure of Government to offer adequate support and protection.

The Conference notes that the charity continues to speak out, as a voice for the care sector, for the long-promised changes to the social care system and has launched its campaign #FixCareForAll (www.mha.org.uk/action) based on a five-point plan.

1. A new fully resourced system that ensures a fair price for care.
2. A national workforce strategy that values people and supports the recruitment, retention and development of staff.
3. Transparency and accountability to ensure investment in the sector is spent on enhancing the quality of care, delivered through financial regulation.
4. Models of care that are co-produced and co-designed with older people and the sector.
5. Seamless pathways and collaboration between health and social care, focused on holistic care when and in the way people need it.

The Conference urges the Methodist people to hold MHA in prayer and support its campaign by writing to their MPs and asks that the President and the Vice-President write in support of the MHA campaign to the Prime Minister.

7/29/2 The Conference adopted the Motion.

7/30 **Notice of Motion 2021/202: Myanmar**

7/30/1 The Conference expresses its alarm and dismay at the violence in Myanmar being perpetrated by the military against its own citizens. We grieve with those whose loved ones have been killed or injured and those who have lost their homes, villages, churches, and livelihoods. We express our deep concern for those who live daily with fear, and we share their anxiety over the potential for wider civil conflict.

We note the correspondence of the Presidency to our partners in the region immediately after the military takeover assuring them of our prayers. We ask Methodists and others to continue in fervent prayer for a just and peaceful resolution to the conflict and a return to stability under a truly representative government. We continue to pray for those working for peace and for wise and effective responses on the part of ASEAN states and the international community. We encourage our congregations to make efforts to keep themselves and their communities informed of the situation.

7/30/2 The Conference adopted the Motion.

7/31 **Notice of Motion 2021/203: Foreign Aid**

7/31/1 The Conference notes with concern the UK Government's cut to the foreign aid budget from 0.7% to 0.5% of Gross National Income. As a justice-seeking church, we believe that it is right that richer nations financially support initiatives to tackle global poverty, address injustices, and encourage sustainable development. Methodists were highly active in the 2005 *Make Poverty History* campaign and the Conference is disappointed that its aims still have not been adequately met. COVID-19 has highlighted the world's inequalities and therefore this is not the time for the government to be cutting an aid programme which has in previous years been assessed to be of high quality.

Under the UK Government's plans, overseas aid spending has been reduced from 0.7% to 0.5% of Gross National Income (GNI), meaning the international development budget has fallen by around a third, from £15.2 billion in 2019 to around £10 billion in 2021. The 0.7% target had been met every year since 2013, enshrined in law since 2015, and was a commitment of all the main political parties at the last General Election. As a justice-seeking church we believe that this is simply inappropriate and Christians must speak out about this.

The World Health Organisation has claimed that this budget cut will put the poorest countries at risk of neglected tropical diseases with tens of thousands likely to die as a result.

The Conference thanks the Revd Richard Teal and Mrs Carolyn Lawrence for signing letters on our behalf on this, and for the work of JPIT on this and many issues.

It resolves:

1. That a letter be sent from the Conference to the Prime Minister and to the Foreign Secretary requesting an urgent reversal of this policy on the grounds of justice and human rights.
2. That all Methodist societies be requested to contact their MPs as a body.
3. That all Methodist members are encouraged to write to their MPs to oppose these cuts. (The latest information and a template letter are offered at www.jointpublicissues.org.uk/aid.)

7/31/2 The Conference adopted the Motion.

7/32 **Notice of Motion 2021/204: Immigration**

7/32/1 The Sovereign Borders Bill will be brought to the UK Parliament in July 2021, the UK Government having released their New Plan for Immigration which introduces a new 'two-tier' system for how we treat people fleeing persecution and conflict. Many of the measures outlined risk creating more injustices in the UK's asylum system which will increase the trauma and pain experienced by asylum seekers attempting to reach safety in the UK.

They also undermine our obligations under international law. July 2021 will mark the 70th anniversary of the UN Refugee Convention, which specified the rights of refugees and the responsibilities of governments to offer sanctuary. However, the UK Government's proposals are at risk of contradicting the important standards set by the UN Refugee Convention. Ahead of the Convention's 70th anniversary next month, it is more important than ever that we recognise and champion the rights and dignity of people fleeing persecution and conflict.

The Methodist Church joined "Together with Refugees" (<https://togetherwithrefugees.org.uk>) in May 2021. As part of this new coalition, we have committed to recognise that how we treat refugees reflects who we are. The hostility with which the government's new plans propose to treat refugees contradicts our commitment to uphold the dignity of all people. As a Church which is committed to a biblical imperative of welcoming the stranger, we cannot tolerate policies which risk creating conditions which contradict this calling. As a Church which seeks to offer sanctuary, witness to God's love and stand for justice, we must speak up for human dignity and flourishing.

The Conference:

- (i) Requests the President and Vice-President to write to the Home Secretary to highlight the potential injustices of the two-tier system, the obligations under international law and the need for human dignity and flourishing to be upheld.
- (ii) Commends the initiatives being progressed by “Together with Refugees” and the Joint Public Issues Team.
- (iii) Encourages churches, circuits and districts to engage with local MPs on these issues as the Sovereign Borders Bill makes its way through Parliament.

7/32/2 The Conference adopted the Motion.

7/33 **Notice of Motion 2021/205: COP26**

7/33/1 On 14 June 2021 the Young Christian Climate Network’s relay to COP26 left the G7 Meeting in Cornwall to start its journey to Glasgow where COP26 is taking place in November 2021.

COP26 workers based all over the world (including those based in the UK – James Appleby and Mollie Pugmire) have done great work in bringing issues of climate justice to the attention of governments and the media in the run-up to the event.

There is a strong call from young people to engage with climate justice and to address the issue of loss and damage, not least from the Youth President and 3Generate representatives, with climate change and environmental stewardship always featuring heavily in each year’s gathering.

The Conference:

- (i) asks the President and Vice-President to write to the President of COP26 calling on COP to make bold decisions and to listen to the voices of young generations;
- (ii) commends the work of the COP26 workers;
- (iii) sends a greeting and message of support to the Young Christian Climate Network’s relay to COP26;
- (iv) encourages all churches, circuits and districts to engage with COP26 before, during and after the event including holding a Climate Sunday service ahead of COP26.

7/33/2 The Conference adopted the Motion.

7/34 **25. METHODIST COUNCIL, PART 2, Section L**

7/34/1 The Conference adopted Resolutions 25/2 and 25/3,

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335 Global Relationships Committee

adding a new clause after (2):

(2A) The Global Relationships Committee shall oversee the World Mission Fund.

replacing ‘A new SO 432A will be brought on the Order Paper’ with:
432A Mission in Britain Fund Allocation The District may from time to time receive a funding allocation from the Methodist Mission in Britain Fund to be used by a Local Church, Circuit or the District only for purposes specified in the relevant strategy approved by the Conference from time to time.

p 249, 1002A *World Mission Fund Grants Committee*

replacing clause (4) with:

(4) The committee shall administer the allocation of grants from the Methodist World Mission Fund.

replacing clause (5) with:

(5) The committee shall account at least annually to the Global Relationships Committee for its administration of grants from the fund.

7/35 **29. 3GENERATE 2020 – METHODIST CHILDREN AND YOUTH ASSEMBLY**

The Conference adopted Resolutions 29/1, 29/2, 29/3 and 29/4.

7/36 The Conference shared in worship and adjourned at 18.47.

7/37 **LETTERS**

A letter of concern was written in the name of the Conference to Mr Daoud Nassar and his family at the Tent of Nations, Bethlehem.

- 8/1 The Conference assembled at 9.15.
- 8/2 The Conference shared in a service of worship, in which the Vice-President preached and the following, who have died in the last year, were remembered:
- (a) the presbyters remembered in the Presbyteral Session and listed at 2/8;
 - (b) the deacons who have died since the last Conference:

Gloria Vivian Baillie	Jean Margaret Stephenson
Margaret Hughes	Phyllis Joan Thorne
Elsie Littlewood	Phyllis Mary Withington
 - (c) the following lay people especially remembered as servants of the Church:

Leslie Barber	Ken Jackson
Charles Davies	Elizabeth Kissack
David Ensor	Brian Mansfield
 - (d) those who have served as Mission Partners:

Mrs Mary Migar	Dr Dorothy Robb
Mr Victor Neville McElderry	Mrs Margaret Marsh
The Revd Wilfred Denis Bambrick	Ms Audrey Hebb
Mrs Maureen Webster	Mrs Cynthia Smith
Ms Eileen Muriel Wragg	Mrs Rhoda Nixon
 - (e) 236 accredited Local Preachers whose names are recorded in a Book of Thanksgiving held at Methodist Church House;
 - (f) many others whose service is known to others and to God.

8/3 **CONFERENCE-ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES**

The Conference elected the following to serve as Conference-elected Representatives at the Conferences of 2022–2024:

Mrs Ruby Beech
Mr James D Blackhall
Deacon Jonathan Miller

8/4 **56. STRATEGY FOR JUSTICE, DIGNITY AND SOLIDARITY**

8/4/1 The Conference adopted Resolutions 56/1 and 56/2,

p 774, R5 b), *amending* the first paragraph to read:

The adoption of the six ‘positive actions’ from the Equality and Human Rights Commission, as standard practice, for all appointments (paid and voluntary) within the Methodist Church, following the lead of the Methodist Council. The

Connexional Team will offer support to Circuits and Districts by coordinating and facilitating steps 3, 4, and 5.

p 777, 4. **Proposals for future governance of EDI work**, *amending a.* to read:
The workstream conveners or substitute workstream members.

8/4/2 **Notice of Motion 2021/119: Justice, Dignity and Solidarity Report**

The Report argues clearly that the Strategy for Justice, Dignity and Solidarity will only be implemented fully and successfully if EDI Officers or Advocates are in place throughout the Connexion. It is also clear that this is vital work that will affect every aspect of our church's life and so the task is large.

It is concerning, therefore, that it is suggested that EDI officers may be volunteers or that current members of staff could be given extra responsibilities without fully ensuring that the individuals have appropriate awareness of the issues and can manage the work involved at the time of appointment. There is a real danger that individuals will quickly be overwhelmed, even with a network for people in the role. Whilst all of us are aware of the financial constraints we face, there is much truth in the saying that where we put our treasure, there our hearts shall surely be. Such a vital piece of justice work requires our full support and sufficient resourcing including, where necessary, the finance to pay for this work to be done if an appropriate person with capacity is not identified.

The report also recommends that EDI officers be appointed at all levels of the church's life. However, whilst mention is made of districts, circuits and local churches, there is no mention of the Conference itself. If local churches are to have confidence in the strategy, then the Conference must take the lead in ensuring it is held accountable in its own work.

The Conference therefore agrees:

- in order to ensure that its own work is effectively scrutinised and held accountable, to ensure that as the work is undertaken to determine the terms of reference for the new JDS Committee it contains proposals for a qualified person to act as a 'Secretary to the JDS Committee' who will advise the Conference on all matters pertaining to JDS. This role could be voluntary or incorporated into other roles. Appropriate resolutions should be contained in the report from the Council to the 2022 Conference;
- to amend Resolution 56/3 to read as below.

8/4/3 The Conference adopted the Motion.

8/4/4 The Conference adopted Resolution 56/3 in the form:

The Conference commends the Report to the Connexion and directs that the necessary resources be made available to ensure its recommendations are implemented appropriately, swiftly and fully.

8/4/5 The Conference, with the required majority, adopted Resolution 56/4, *noting* the amendment to p 774 at 8/4/1.

8/4/6 The Conference adopted Resolution 56/5.

8/4/7 The Conference adopted as Resolution 56/6:

The Conference directs the Council to appoint the Shadow Justice, Dignity and Solidarity Committee for 2021/2022 as set out in section 4 of the Report.

8/4/8 The Conference adopted as Resolution 56/7:

The Conference directs that all future written Conference materials; reports; reasoned statements; rules of the Conference; daily records; memorials; Notices of Motion; changes to Standing Orders; and resolutions should be formatted as follows:

A) “They” and “Them” or a suitable alternative, be used in documents when referring to gender in general terms.

B) preferred pronouns be used when talking about a specific individual, and the Conference further directs that at future face to face Conferences and connexional meetings, the preferred pronouns of members and visitors be able to be identified on name badges

8/4/9 **Notice of Motion 2021/118: Justice, Dignity and Solidarity Report**

The Strategy for Justice, Dignity and Solidarity, if adopted, has the potential to change our Church for the better and move us closer to justice for all. The Conference is being asked to endorse a number of proposals that will challenge each and every Methodist member and church in the way we relate to one another and the wider world. The report is clear in its commitment to a new way of being church. It acknowledges the immense hurt and injustice suffered by many, in the past and the present and more than once calls on the whole Connexion to ‘beyond the rhetoric of apology’.

However, if we are serious about the kind of change required, there needs to be confidence in the recommendations, especially from those who have been victimised and excluded. The Church must therefore be willing, as a whole, to acknowledge, publicly, the wrongs that have been done in its name, for only through apology and repentance is real change possible.

The Conference:

- acknowledges the failures of individuals, processes and systems which have resulted in hurt, discrimination and exclusion in the name of the Church. It laments the fact that this is still going on and offers an unreserved apology to all those current and former members and ministers who have suffered abuse and victimisation; and
- commits to the kind of systemic, structural and cultural change to address those failures.

8/4/10 The Conference adopted the Motion.

8/4/11 **Notice of Motion 2021/111: Stationing Committee**

The Conference notes the work of the Stationing Committee with the Equality, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) Committee on the Code of Practice for Stationing, along with the expectation and provision of unconscious bias training to be undertaken by all involved in the stationing process.

The Code of Practice states: “The Stationing Committee upholds the principle that the process must be free of all wrongful forms of discrimination. Where there is any suggestion that the procedures in reviewing an appointment or in recommending a

particular minister have been subject to wrongful discrimination then the matter shall be referred to the Stationing Committee, or to the Stationing Matching Group (if it is in session), or to the Initial Stationing Sub-committee as appropriate. The relevant committee will judge whether the position can be rectified or whether the appointment should remain unfilled. An appeal against this judgement may be made to the Stationing Committee.”

The Conference is concerned that the statement in the Stationing Committee Report to the Conference, “Any form of discrimination in stationing will not be tolerated,” (para 1.8) is merely the base level of ensuring inclusion within the stationing process and that there is no reflection on what “not tolerated” actually means in practice in the Report to the Conference or in the Code of Practice.

Despite these good intentions, the Conference is aware that not everyone experiences the stationing process fairly and equally and our current procedures are not adequate to deal with the issues of discrimination that arise. People with non-“English” sounding surnames appear less frequently on the stated preference lists of circuits. Presbyters with disabilities who enter stationing are sometimes subjected to intrusive questions about their abilities by circuits during matching visits. Single-parent presbyters have experienced reluctance from circuits to extend an invitation because of concerns around organising child care. Young female presbyters find themselves in a culture where concerns arise in circuits that they will need time off for maternity leave. LGBTQI presbyters find themselves being avoided by circuits seeking new ministers despite our commitment to celebrate the gifts and talents of our LGBTQI siblings.

In addition, the current process does not give transparency about why matches have been made. Presbyters from marginalised communities may not be matched and may feel this is a result of discrimination. However, the confidential nature of the current process means it is impossible to evidence whether or not discrimination has taken place.

In the light of the above:

The Conference directs the Stationing Committee to continue to work with the EDI Officer and EDI Committee (in whatever form it may be after Conference discusses Report 56: The strategy for Justice, Dignity and Solidarity) to ensure that the structures and procedures of the stationing processes are equally accessible to all.

The Conference further directs that work is done in consultation with the EDI Officer and EDI Committee (in whatever form it may be after Conference discusses Report 56: The strategy for Justice, Dignity and Solidarity) on what “not tolerated” actually means in the Report to the Conference and in the Code of Practice in terms of discrimination within the stationing process.

The Conference directs that the Code of Practice for Stationing states clearly and without ambiguity what sanctions or consequences there might be for situations where discrimination of an individual within stationing can be evidenced and that the EDI Officer is consulted in every such situation.

8/4/12 The Conference adopted the Motion.

8/4/13 **Memorial M20**

The Conference received Memorial M20 and adopted as its reply that recommended by the Memorials Committee, the Memorial and the reply appearing on Agenda pp 913-914,

amending the last paragraph of the reply to read:

The Conference directs the Methodist Council to consider, draft and publish a policy on 'Conversion Therapy' in light of points (1) to (3) of this response. The Conference calls on the UK Government to ban 'Conversion Therapy' without further delay and therefore also directs the Methodist Council to consider further the most appropriate way in which to engage with HM Government on this issue.

8/4/14 **Memorial M21**

The Conference received Memorial M21 and adopted as its reply that recommended by the Memorials Committee, the Memorial and the reply appearing on Agenda pp 914-916.

8/4/15 **Memorial M21A**

The Conference received an additional memorial, Memorial M21A, from the Birmingham Synod (Present 135; Voting: 128 for, 0 against) with the same text as Memorial M21 and adopted as its reply the same as that for M21.

8/4/16 **Memorial M22**

The Conference received Memorial M22 and adopted as its reply that recommended by the Memorials Committee, the Memorial and the reply appearing on Agenda pp 916-918,

in the penultimate paragraph of the reply, line 6, *for* 'including and associated apology' *reading* 'including any associated apology'

in the final paragraph of the reply,
for 'The Methodist Council report MC/21/32 Methodist Strategy for Justice, Dignity and Solidarity report'
reading 'The Methodist Conference report 56. Methodist Strategy for Justice, Dignity and Solidarity'

8/5 The Conference adjourned at 11.21.

8/6 The Conference reassembled at 11.35.

8/7 **26. CHANGING PATTERNS OF MINISTRY (continued)**

The Conference adopted Resolutions 26/13, 26/14, 26/15, 26/16 and 26/17.

8/8 **25. METHODIST COUNCIL, PART 2, Section P**

8/8/1 The Conference adopted Resolution 25/12,

p 269, section heading:

for

SECTION J SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

reading

SECTION P SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

p 269, first paragraph of Section P, *amending* the second sentence to read:

The Committee therefore advised the Council to suspend a number of Standing Orders for the purposes of the candidating process during the connexional year 2020-2021.

8/8/2 The Conference, with the required majority, adopted as Resolution 25/12A:

The Conference:

- (1) suspends Standing Orders 713(5), 713(7), 713(7A), 715(9), 716(2), 716(6), 730(5A) and 730(10) until the opening of the Conference of 2022;
- (2) directs that during the period of suspension the following provisions shall be treated as replacing the suspended provisions of Standing Orders 713(5), 713(7A), 716(6) and 730(10):

713(5) The committee or section shall receive the recommendation of its panels, the reports of all interviews and the advice of the Connexional psychologist, and shall consider all records of the candidates. The committee or section shall at all times give careful attention to the judgments of the district Candidates Committee, especially in those cases where their own assessment differs.

713(7A) If at any stage in the operation of the procedure set out in clauses (1) to (6) above it appears to any of the persons involved or to a panel, a section or the committee that safeguarding issues or concerns are, or may be, involved, then the matter shall immediately be referred to the safeguarding officer (as defined in Standing Order 232(1A), who may offer advice or refer the matter to the Safeguarding Committee for its advice and recommendations.

716(6) If the Conference in its Presbyteral Session recommends or conditionally recommends a candidate as to whom an occupational health assessment has identified significant concerns relating to the extent of the reasonable adjustments which might have to be made, any such recommendation shall be subject to the adoption by the Conference in its Representative Session of a scheme quantifying the additional actuarial and other liabilities on the funds of the Church or of the Methodist Ministers' Pension Scheme thereby entailed and making full provision to meet any such liabilities, and no such candidate shall be accepted by the Representative Session unless such a scheme has been so adopted.

730(10) The applicant may, by notice in writing to the appropriate Team member responsible for candidates for the presbyterate or the diaconate, apply for a review of the recommendation of the committee, specifying the grounds of appeal. The notice shall be given so as to reach the Team member within fourteen days of notification in writing to the applicant of the decision of the committee. The appeal shall be dealt with under Standing Order 715(2) to (8) except that there shall be no other appellant than the applicant.

- (3) ratifies the action taken by the Council reported on pp 269 to 271 of the Agenda as if such action had been in the same terms as the action specified in paragraphs (1) and (2) above with the necessary changes.

8/9 **62. LOOKING TO THE FUTURE**

8/9/1 The Conference adopted Resolution 62/1,

p 947, paragraph 4.8,
for 'Methodist Ministers' Housing Service (MMHS)
reading 'Methodist Ministers' Housing Society (MMHS)'

noting also that the Queen Victoria Seaman's Rest (QVSR) plans to change its name to Methodist Maritime Ministries

8/9/2 The Conference adopted Resolution 62/2 in the form:

The Conference commends the report and a record of its conversation about it to the Council for further deliberation and action. The Conference directs the Council to establish a framework to analyse the cumulative impact of all resolutions brought to the Conference with regard to resources, time and potential benefits. The Conference also appeals to the Council to recognise the reduced capacity at every level and therefore to apply the existing mandate the Council has to evaluate the number and cumulative time impact of resolutions presented to all future Conferences.

8/10 The Conference adjourned at 13.01.

8/11 The Conference reassembled at 14.15.

8/12 **Memorials M8, M9, M10, M11**

The Conference received Memorials M8, M9, M10 and M11 and adopted as its replies those recommended by the Memorials Committee, the Memorials and the replies appearing on Agenda pp 898-902,

p 899, third paragraph of the reply, first sentence, *for* '2009' *reading* '2010'

p 900, fourth paragraph of the reply, *amending* the first sentence to read:
The Methodist Council report MC/21/18 noted that recent developments including the passing of the Nation State law in 2018 and statements by the then Prime Minister of Israel and other cabinet members suggested that the then Government of Israel no longer had an intention to permit a viable Palestinian State in the region.

8/13 **3. METHODIST COUNCIL, PART 1, Section B (continued)**

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

p 36, second paragraph of the reply, last sentence,
for 'and facto annexation' *reading* 'and de facto annexation'

8/14 **20. CONNEXIONAL CENTRAL SERVICES BUDGET FOR THREE YEARS COMMENCING WITH 2021/2022 (continued)**

8/14/1 The Conference adopted Resolution 20/1 in the form:

The Conference receives the Report,

p 199, paragraph 9.3 line 3, *for* 'fr' *reading* 'for'

Revised Connexional Central Services Budget for three years commencing with 2021/22

1. Background

- 1.1 Subsequent to the approval of the budget allocations by the Methodist Council as set out in Agenda item 20, the directors of Methodist International Centre Ltd (MICL) have indicated there remains considerable uncertainty about the timing of when The Wesley hotel in Euston will return to profitability following the pandemic shutdown.
- 1.2 The Connexional Central Services Budget (CCSB) benefits from both rental payments (c£0.6m per annum) and profit (c£1.6m per annum) gifted to the Council from MICL. Whilst it had already been assumed that profits would be reduced in 2021/22 by 50%, it is now likely that income will fall short by a further £1m (the remaining 50% profit and one quarter's rent).
- 1.3 Given the scale of this reduction in income the Connexional Team have had to identify savings to mitigate some of the loss. However, this will make finding savings in subsequent years (which were assumed but not identified in the original budget allocations) all the harder.
- 1.4 This supplementary report therefore offers a revised budget to the Conference.

2. Revised Budget Proposal

- 2.1 Reductions in income for 2021/22 recently notified to us have necessitated a revision to the overall budget. The CCSB was already forecast to reduce because of a fall in the District Assessment. The additional loss of income will further reduce the resources the Connexional Team has available and reduce the support it can give to the wider Connexion. It remains important that the Methodist Church Fund (MCF) reserve balance is restored back to its target level over a reasonable period.
- 2.2 In the original budget, the recovery was targeted over three years. In this revised proposal this is extended to five years, but a strategy as to how this might actually be achieved is emerging as follows:
 - Bringing forward targeted reductions from 2022/23 to 2021/22 has generated c£0.8m savings;
 - Additional savings in 2022/23 will be more challenging to deliver so a target of £0.1m has been set;
 - Further changes to the breadth of support from the Team across the Connexion will be targeted to produce reductions for delivery in 2023/24 (thus giving time for planning and communication);
 - The impact of changes in oversight and trusteeship are targeted for delivery in 2024/25 and will need to include reductions in the number of district chairs, a smaller Conference, reductions in governance overheads, etc.
- 2.3 The revised budget proposal can be found in Tables 1 and 2 below. Overall, the Methodist Church Fund deficit only worsens by £0.1m in 2021/22 compared to the original proposal due to the savings that have been identified.

Table 1 Connexional Central Services Budget: overall income and expenditure

(N.B. There has been some reclassification of income by activity since the original budget proposal.)

Activity	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24
	£'000	£'000	£'000
Income			
Central Income	16,522	16,657	16,958
Children & Youth	104	156	156
Evangelism & Growth	8,616	8,875	8,823
Global relations	3,453	3,494	3,578
Learning Network	1	0	0
Methodist Council & Governance	148	147	145
Ministries	1,523	1,937	1,939
Property	332	332	332
Income Generating Centre	448	1,573	2,198
Others - Pensions	3,683	3,683	3,683
Total Income	34,831	36,854	37,811
Expenditure			
Building communities	(1,478)	(1,470)	(1,474)
Children & Youth	(2,004)	(2,157)	(2,115)
Evangelism & Growth	(11,955)	(11,559)	(12,243)
Global relations	(4,985)	(7,583)	(5,202)
Learning Network	(3,547)	(3,581)	(3,509)
Methodist Council & Governance	(5,400)	(5,605)	(5,535)
Ministries	(6,361)	(7,268)	(7,945)
Property	(997)	(983)	(950)
Others - Pensions	(1,143)	(1,143)	(1,144)
Total Expenditure	(37,870)	(41,350)	(40,117)
Net Deficit	(3,039)	(4,496)	(2,306)

Table 2 Methodist Church Fund Budget: income and expenditure

Activity	2021/22 £'000	2022/23 £'000	2023/24 £'000
Income			
Central Income	16,179	16,314	16,614
Children & Youth	104	156	156
Evangelism & Growth	8	1	1
Global relations	7	7	7
Learning Network	1	-	-
Methodist Council & Governance	148	147	145
Property	212	212	212
Total Income	16,661	16,837	17,135
Expenditure			
Building communities	(1,167)	(1,172)	(1,175)
Children & Youth	(1,690)	(1,755)	(1,712)
Evangelism & Growth	(2,334)	(1,807)	(1,753)
Global relations	(542)	(552)	(552)
Learning Network	(3,547)	(3,581)	(3,509)
Methodist Council & Governance	(5,198)	(5,404)	(5,334)
Ministries	(2,786)	(2,154)	(2,180)
Property	(824)	(827)	(824)
Total Expenditure	(18,088)	(17,252)	(17,039)
Net Deficit	(1,427)	(414)	97

- 2.4 It should be noted that expenditure that was previously charged to the designated training fund (that in itself is funded from MICL profits) has now been charged to the MCF. Savings have then been identified across a number of MCF budgets to mitigate this impact.
- 2.5 In setting a lower expenditure budget than previously planned the Connexional Team have had to implement savings that will impact on the ability to respond to demands for more pieces of work to be undertaken. In the light of this, the Council has noted that it is even more important that papers put before it are appraised financially before it commits to new streams of work without identifying how these will be supported. The Conference is also reminded of the impact of its decisions on the budget.
- 2.6 A summary of the MCF savings identified since the original 2021/22 budget approved by the Council along with an assessment of the impact of those changes can be found in Table 3.

Table 3: MCF savings identified since the original budget proposal

Saving	£'000	Impact
Remove contingency	250	This removes any flexibility to deal with unforeseen costs. Should the Conference approve additional unfunded pieces of work this will require further savings to be found.
Ministerial grants	120	No impact as these are now charged to the benevolent funds.
Seminars and events	130	Less funded places at 3Generate. Reduced pace at which some elements of the Justice, Dignity & Solidarity strategy are taken forward.
Staffing	60	Removal of key support posts with Team members covering the shortfall.
Grants – fees and bursaries	55	Transfer of costs to other funds so no impact.
Professional fees	50	Reducing the budget down to the actual spend level so should not be an adverse impact.
Utilities	45	Assumes we do not continue long term payment of these costs for Oxford Place or Elderfield from MCF so is dependent on bringing both issues to a conclusion.
Printing and publications	40	Reduction in free publications that can be produced.
Committee costs	30	Increase the proportion of meetings happening on line.
Exhibition costs	9	Less opportunity for Heritage sites to exhibit.
TOTAL	789	

2.7 The impact on the MCF reserve level over the next 5 years is shown in Table 4 along with the additional savings that are to be targeted by year, including the £789k already identified for 2021/22. This assumes there are no further reductions in the MCF District Assessment from 2024/25 onwards.

Table 4: Annual deficit/surplus; MCF reserve level; annual additional savings target

	21/22	22/23	23/24	24/25	25/26
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
MCF annual (deficit) / surplus	-1427	-414	97	897	967
MCF Reserve Level	5953	5539	5636	6533	7500
Additional savings required each year	789	100	250	450	70

8/14/3 The Conference adopted Resolution 20/2 in the form:

The Conference adopts the Connexional Central Services Budget as set out in the Supplementary Report to Agenda Item 20.

8/14/4 The Conference adopted Resolution 20/3 in the form:

The Conference notes the impact of the 2021/2022 budget on the subsequent two years, and recognises that work will continue this year to identify and propose areas of the budget to be reduced from 2022/2023 in order to restore the Methodist Church Fund to its reserve level.

- 8/14/5 The Conference adopted as Resolution 20/4:
The Conference approves the district allocations of the assessment to the Methodist Church Fund set out in the report.
- 8/15 **Memorials M4-M7, M12-M16**
The Conference received Memorials M4, M5, M6, M7, M12, M13, M14, M15 and M16 and adopted as its replies those recommended by the Memorials Committee, the Memorials and the replies appearing on Agenda pp 894-898 and 902-909.
- 8/16 **3. METHODIST COUNCIL, PART 1, Sections A, C, D, I, J**
- 8/16/1 The Conference adopted Resolutions 3/1; 3/6; 3/7; 3/17, 3/18 and 3/19.
- 8/16/2 The Conference adopted as Resolution 3/20:
The Conference amends Standing Orders as follows:
*add a new Standing Order 243A:
243A The Epworth Education Trust. The Methodist Conference shall exercise its powers contained in the articles of the Epworth Education Trust to appoint up to twelve directors nominated by the members of the company.*
- 8/17 **7. CONNEXIONAL ALLOWANCES COMMITTEE**
The Conference adopted Resolutions 7/1 and 7/2.
- 8/18 **9. THE TRUSTEES FOR THE BAILIWICK OF GUERNSEY METHODIST CHURCH PURPOSES**
The Conference adopted Resolution 9/1.
- 8/19 **10. TRUSTEES FOR JERSEY METHODIST CHURCH PURPOSES**
The Conference adopted Resolution 10/1.
- 8/20 **11. METHODIST FORCES BOARD**
The Conference adopted Resolutions 11/1 and 11/2.
- 8/21 **12. METHODIST HOMES (MHA)**
The Conference adopted Resolution 12/1.
- 8/22 **16. MANAGING TRUSTEES OF THE NEW ROOM/JOHN WESLEY'S CHAPEL AND CHARLES WESLEY'S HOUSE, BRISTOL**
The Conference adopted Resolutions 16/1 and 16/2.
- 8/23 **17. ACTION FOR CHILDREN**
The Conference adopted Resolutions 17/1 and 17/2.
- 8/24 **18. JOINT ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON THE ETHICS OF INVESTMENT (JACEI)**
The Conference adopted Resolution 18/1.
- 8/25 **19. ECUMENICAL REPORT**
The Conference adopted Resolutions 19/1, 19/2 and 19/3.

- 8/26 **21. TRUSTEES FOR METHODIST CHURCH PURPOSES (TMCP)**
The Conference adopted Resolutions 21/1, 21/2, 21/3 and 21/4.
- 8/27 **22. METHODIST SCHOOLS**
The Conference adopted Resolutions 22/1, 22/2, 22/3, 22/4, 22/5, 22/6, 22/7 and 22/8.
- 8/28 **23. COMMITTEE ON METHODIST LAW AND POLITY (1)**
8/28/1 The Conference adopted Resolutions 23/1, 23/2, 23/3, 23/4 and 23/5.
8/28/2 The Conference adopted Resolution 23/6,
p 227, Section F, *deleting* all of part v. **Standing Order 945(2)(i) - Investment Property**, and thereby not amending Standing Order 945
- 8/29 **25. METHODIST COUNCIL, PART 2, Sections M, O, Q**
8/29/1 The Conference adopted Resolution 25/4, 25/5, 25/6, 25/7 and 25/8.
8/29/2 The Conference adopted Resolution 25/11,
p 268, section heading:
for **SECTION I REVIEW OF PART 11**
reading **SECTION O REVIEW OF PART 11**
- 8/29/3 **ADDITIONAL SECTION Q: SCRUTINY AROUND EDI AND STATIONING**

At the Conference of 2020, as a result of Notice of Motion 101, resolution 2/2a was passed asking the Council to monitor the extent and effectiveness of the implementation of three directions in the Council's report to that Conference and to report to the Conference of 2021.

The relevant paragraph (5) from Section B of the 2020 Council report reads:

The Council engaged in discussion of these issues with the chair of the Stationing Committee and the Secretary of the Conference, and, in recognising the importance of the issues highlighted by the notice of motion:

- Directed that all members of Circuit Invitation Committees should be alerted to these issues and to the content of the EDI toolkit;
- Recorded its expectation that every member of a Circuit Invitation Committee will have completed training in unconscious bias; and
- Mandated the Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Committee to ensure that resources to enable this are available to Circuits.

The Council has continued to oversee all work relating to EDI (now presented as Report 56. A Strategy for Justice, Dignity and Solidarity by the Inclusive Church Implementation Group). The work mentioned in the three directives above was assigned to the Learning Network who provided and delivered training material for Circuit Invitations Committees and, in conjunction with the Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Officer, produced video material which has been used from April this year. The Learning Network continues to develop this material for optimum accessibility and effectiveness.

Some data are being collected, and a full report of the take up of the training across the Connexion will be available from the Conference Office in due course. In

summary, reports have been received from sessions in 21 Districts, with other reports pending. In places sessions have also been attended by representatives from other denominations, countries and organisations.

Whilst some regions have reported a reluctance amongst individuals to engage with the training, feedback received so far has been universally positive, including such comments as:

- I think everyone should do the training. We all have an unconscious bias but are often not aware of this.
- I think it is extremely important that we are aware of unconscious bias and hope that this awareness will help us make our churches more inclusive.
- It was accessible to everyone, and applicable to all of us!
- The event raises important issues and ideas about which all those on the church council should be aware.
- This is a really important issue that everyone would benefit from engaging with. It is handled very well with great sensitivity in this session. There is a lot of content for people to grapple with and think that this is a really good introduction to the topic and that perhaps a follow up on the implications locally may be useful for some.
- Will work on the 3 strategies at the end. Will look at the EDI toolkit.
- The careful handling by the facilitators of a potentially sensitive subject. I am expecting to facilitate these sessions in the future and this was one of the reasons I attended. I also found it personally helpful too in recognising areas of my own potential bias.

8/29/4 The Conference adopted as Resolution 25/13:

The Conference receives the Report.

8/30 **33. RELIEF AND EXTENSION FUND FOR METHODISM IN SCOTLAND**

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

8/31 **37. FAITH AND ORDER COMMITTEE REPORT**

The Conference adopted Resolution 37/1.

8/32 **42. STATIONING COMMITTEE**

The Conference adopted Resolution 42/1.

8/33 **43. MANAGING TRUSTEES OF THE METHODIST CENTRAL HALL, WESTMINSTER**

The Conference adopted Resolutions 43/1 and 43/2.

8/34 **44. REFERRED MEMORIALS AND NOTICES OF MOTION**

The Conference adopted Resolution 44/1.

8/35 **45. CENTRAL FINANCE BOARD OF THE METHODIST CHURCH**

8/35/1 The Conference adopted Resolution 45/1,

p 693, Table 3:

splitting the header for columns 4 and 5 such that column 4 is labelled 'Abstain' and column 5 is labelled 'Against or abstain'

- 8/35/2 The Conference adopted Resolution 45/2.
- 8/36 **46. COMMITTEE ON METHODIST LAW AND POLITY (2)**
- 8/36/1 The Conference adopted Resolutions 46/1 and 46/2.
- 8/36/2 The Conference adopted Resolution 46/3,
p 699, *indenting* the fourth and fifth paragraphs of Section H
- 8/36/3 The Conference adopted Resolution 46/4.
- 8/36/4 The Conference adopted as Resolution 46/5A:
p 701, Section I,
The Conference receives the Report.
- 8/36/5 The Conference adopted Resolutions 46/5 and 46/6.
- 8/37 **58. METHODIST DIACONAL ORDER GENERAL REPORT**
The Conference adopted Resolutions 58/1 and 58/2.
- 8/38 **5. CONFERENCE ARRANGEMENTS (continued)**
- 8/38/1 The Conference adopted Resolutions 5/1 and 5/2.
- 8/38/2 The Conference adopted Resolution 5/7,
moving 'Yorkshire West' from the first list to first place in the Reserves list
- 8/39 **47. AUTHORISATIONS COMMITTEE**
- 8/39/1 The Conference adopted Resolution 47/1.
- 8/39/2 The Conference adopted Resolution 47/2,
pp 704-706, List A
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|---------------|------|------------|----------------------|-----|
| <i>adding</i> | 20/8 | Tynedale | Gareth Sherwood | (P) |
| <i>adding</i> | 36/6 | Wey Valley | Sydney Samuel E Lake | (P) |
- pp 706-708, List B
- | | | | | |
|-----------------|------|------------------------|----------------|-----|
| <i>deleting</i> | 23/7 | Leicester (Trinity) | Jo Kay | (L) |
| <i>deleting</i> | 23/7 | Leicester (Trinity) | Sue Moore | (L) |
| <i>deleting</i> | 28/3 | Shropshire and Marches | Jacob Molyneux | (L) |
| <i>deleting</i> | 34/9 | Chelmsford | Esther A Hume | (L) |
- 8/40 **54. PRESBYTERS AND DEACONS BECOMING SUPERNUMERARY OR RETURNING TO THE ACTIVE WORK (continued)**
- 8/40/1 The Conference adopted Resolution 54/3,
noting the corrections listed at 2/15/1 and *adding* an asterisk before the name of Shamela Chowdhury
- 8/40/2 The Conference adopted Resolution 54/4.

- 8/41 **48. MINISTERIAL CANDIDATES' AND PROBATIONERS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE (continued)**
The Conference, by a Standing Vote, adopted Resolution 48/3.
- 8/42 **28. REPORT TO THE REPRESENTATIVE SESSION OF BUSINESS CONDUCTED BY THE CONFERENCE DIACONAL COMMITTEE (continued)**
The Conference, by a Standing Vote, adopted Resolution 28/2.
- 8/43 **53. PRESBYTERS AND DEACONS FROM OTHER CHURCHES**
8/43/1 The Conference, by a Standing Vote, adopted Resolution 53/1,

pp 745-746, (2) **Presbyters of other autonomous Methodist Conferences**
deleting Henry Chilemeze Ohaka 25/1 Methodist Church Nigeria
adding Josefa Mairara 26/FC Methodist Church of Fiji
for Elizabeth C C van Aardt
reading Elizabeth C C van Aardt Goddess
- 8/43/2 The Conference, by a Standing Vote, adopted Resolution 53/2,

p 746, (3) **Presbyters of other communions applying to be recognised and regarded**
adding Albert Jackson 26/FC
- 8/43/3 The Conference adopted Resolutions 53/3, 53/4 and 53/5.
- 8/44 **51. DESIGNATIONS FOR APPOINTMENT OF DISTRICT CHAIRS AND THE WARDEN OF THE METHODIST DIACONAL ORDER**
- 8/44/1 The Conference adopted Resolutions 51/1, 51/2 and 51/3.
- 8/44/2 The Conference, with the required majority, adopted Resolutions 51/4, 51/5, 51/6, 51/7, 51/8, 51/9, 51/10, 51/11, 51/12 and 51/13.
- 8/44/3 The Conference adopted Resolutions 51/14 and 51/15.
- 8/45 **52. COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS**
- 8/45/1 The Conference adopted Resolutions 52/1, 52/2, 52/3 and 52/4.
- 8/45/2 The Conference adopted Resolution 52/5,

p 733 **Ministerial Candidates' Selection Committee,**
deleting Stephen Dunn
- 8/45/3 The Conference adopted Resolutions 52/6 and 52/7.
- 8/45/4 The Conference adopted Resolution 52/8,

p 735 **Stationing Committee,** North-West,
for 'Name to follow' *reading* Mr Malcolm Aspey

Malcolm Aspey is the lay stationing representative for the Manchester and Stockport District.
- 8/45/5 The Conference adopted Resolution 52/9,

p 736 **Ecumenical bodies**, *adding*:

(f) General Assembly of the United Reformed Church: The Revd Dr David M Chapman

David Chapman is the Methodist Co-Chair of the Methodist and United Reformed Church Liaison Group.

8/45/6 The Conference adopted Resolution 52/10.

8/45/7 The Conference adopted Resolution 52/11,

p 736 **Methodist Council**, (ix) Two representatives of concerns of equality, diversity and inclusion,

for 'to be confirmed' reading The Revd Ermal B Kirby, Mr Bala Gnanapragasam

8/45/8 The Conference adopted Resolutions 52/12, 52/13 and 52/14.

8/45/9 The Conference adopted Resolution 52/15,

p 737 **Ministries Committee**,

adding Mrs Caroline E L Dobinson, Mr Iain S A Henderson, Ms Angharad (Anna) Herriman, Deacon Lemia Nkwelah, Deacon Andrew C Packer.

Caroline Dobinson – A local preacher with experience of chaplaincy.

Iain Henderson – A lay stationing representative and member of the Stationing Committee.

Anna Herriman – A local preacher in training.

Lemia Nkwelah – A serving deacon in the East Anglia District, she has served on the District Candidating Committee and the Religious Order Advisory Committee.

Andrew Packer – A serving deacon in the London District whose experience includes local preacher mentoring. He has served on the District and Connexional Candidates Committee, the District Vocations Committee, the Ministerial Candidates and Probationers Oversight Committee, the Religious Order Advisory Committee and the Student Oversight Committee at Wesley College, Bristol.

8/45/10 The Conference adopted Resolutions 52/16, 52/17 and 52/18.

8/45/11 The Conference adopted Resolution 52/19,

p 738 **Churches Together in England Forum**,

for Mr Daoud Irfan

reading Mr Daoud Irfan

(the same correction to be made on p 740)

deleting The Revd Michaela A Youngson

adding The Revd Dr Peggy Mulambya Kabonde

The Revd Dr Peggy Mulambya Kabonde is a presbyter in the United Church of Zambia, currently serving in the Wiltshire United Area (Methodist/URC). Dr Kabonde has served as the first woman General Secretary of the United

Church of Zambia, an Executive Member of the World Alliance of Reformed Churches. She is a theologian and an experienced and committed ecumenist with a pastoral heart.

8/45/12 Election of new Trustees to the board of Westminster College Oxford Trust Ltd.

1. Having served as trustees to the Westminster College Oxford Trust Ltd for several years the Revd Dr Martin Wellings and Dr Cliff Marshall will be standing down at the end of the academic year 2021.
2. Therefore, the board of Trustees are asked to agree the nominations to fill the two vacant positions and ask the Conference to make the appointments as set out in the resolution below.

8/45/13 The Conference adopted as Resolution 52/20:

The Conference appoints Professor David Matthews and Alderman Alison Gowman as Trustees of Westminster College Oxford Trust for a period of three years commencing in September 2021.

Professor David Matthews

David Matthews is Emeritus Professor of Diabetic Medicine at the University of Oxford. He has wide experience in clinical medicine, teaching and research. Professor Matthews will bring to the trust a wide knowledge of higher education.

He was the Founding Chairman of the Oxford Centre for Diabetes, Endocrinology and Metabolism, having fundraised for its construction and set up its research and teaching infrastructure. Having been responsible for erecting a large medical building he has valuable experience which will be helpful to the trust. David has chaired many grant-giving bodies and committees – both charitable and pharmaceutical; he is the immediate past President of the European Association for the Study of Diabetes (EASD); he is currently the chair of the Trustees of the Oxford Hospitals.

David has been a Local Preacher of the Methodist Church since 1984, and has a deep interest in the craft of communicating faith. He was the Chair of the Trustees of the MRDF, now All We Can; and he is currently a member of the Strategy and Resources Committee (SRC) of the Methodist Church and on the Methodist Council.

Alderman Alison Gowman

Alison Gowman has practised as a solicitor in the City of London all her working life specialising in commercial property at international law firm DLA Piper. Alison Gowman would bring to the trust important insights on legal matters concerning property as well as a good understanding of the Methodist Church and of civic life. Alison also has a wide experience in serving on committees and trusts. She is an elected Alderman of the City of London and is on track to become one of the two Sheriffs in September 2021. She has served on numerous City Corporation committees, including as Chair of the City Bridge Trust (the City's charity and 7th largest endowed fund in England and Wales). She is a Governor of the Museum of London and Museum of London Archaeology. Alison is also a Director of the Green Finance Institute, promoting green finance funding a fair transition to net zero carbon emissions. She is an active member of Hinde St Methodist Church and is a trustee of the Aldersgate Flame.

8/45/14 The Conference adopted as Resolution 52/21:

The Conference appoints The Revd Ruth M Gee as the Methodist co-Chair of the *Life in Covenant* group.

Ruth Gee is the Assistant Secretary of the Conference and the Connexional Ecumenical Officer, and was President of the Conference in 2013/2014.

8/45/15 The Conference adopted as Resolution 52/22:

The Conference appoints the Connexional Panel on Deliverance Ministry as follows: Mrs Gillian M Dascombe (Chair), Mrs Sarah Chadwick, The Revds I Neil Cockling, William E Davis and Kate Strange, with a further member of the Panel to be appointed by the Methodist Council.

8/46 **55. APPRECIATIONS**

The Conference adopted Resolutions 55/1 and 55/2.

8/47 **REPORT OF THE LAW AND POLITY CONFERENCE SUB-COMMITTEE**

8/47/1 The Law and Polity Conference Sub-Committee has met twice during the Conference and has, where appropriate, brought proposals in the Order Paper at the relevant points during the business. For matters which have not yet been dealt with in the Conference's business, the Sub-Committee now brings this final report.

8/47/2 **1. Standing Order 138(7) - Memorials Committee**

The Memorials Committee did not meet in London either in 2020 nor in 2021 (it met online), and has proposed that a permanent amendment is made to Standing Order 138(7) to remove the requirement that its annual meeting should be in London.

8/47/3 The Conference adopted as Resolution LP/17:

The Conference amends Standing Orders as follows:

138 Memorials Committee ... (7) The committee shall meet ~~in London~~ shortly before the meeting of the Conference ... *[the remainder of the clause remains unchanged]*

8/47/4 **2. Online meetings – extension of Resolution LP/5 (2021)**

In accordance with the Sub-committee's report on page 57 of the Order Paper, the Sub-committee proposes the following resolution.

8/47/5 The Conference adopted as Resolution LP/18:

The Conference resolves that if the public health restrictions on physical gatherings are lifted before the close of the Conference of 2022 such that resolution LP/5 of the Conference of 2021 shall cease to apply to the general conduct of the business of the Methodist Church in any jurisdiction forming part of the Methodist Church in Great Britain, the provisions of resolution LP/5 relating to the construction of Standing Orders shall continue to apply where it is desirable for the effective and efficient conduct of such business that they should do so, notwithstanding the fact that the holding of a physical meeting has become practicable.

8/47/6 **3. Committee on Methodist Law and Polity (1) – Section F pp. 225-228**

The Committee's report on item v. Standing Order 945(2)(i) – Investment Property proposes deleting SO 945(2)(i). However, on reconsideration, it appears that what was originally thought to be a tidying-up point actually turns out to be a policy point. The Sub-committee therefore withdraws the proposal to delete SO 945(2)(i), which should remain as it currently appears in Standing Orders [see 8/28/2]. The Law and Polity Committee will consider during the next connexional year whether further clarity is required as to the meaning of the phrase 'land held as an investment'.

8/48 **THE STATIONS**

8/48/1 The Stations were presented to the Conference in the form of the Draft previously circulated with the following amendments:

SYNOD CYMRU

1/1 Cymru

Supernumeraries:

deleting: Patrick Slattery

THE WALES SYNOD

2/9 Cardiff

adding: Laura J Evans (D) (WA)

2/12 Conwy and Prestatyn

adding: Rydal Penrhos School

adding: Robert L Beamish (AP) (*Chaplain*)

2/24 Swansea and Gower

deleting: Neil S Riches (AP)

THE BIRMINGHAM DISTRICT

5/1 Birmingham

adding: Christine M Dutton (*Connexional Team*)

5/4 Birmingham (Sutton Park)

adding: Irene N Tafirenyika (D) (WA)

Supernumeraries:

adding: Freddy Y Z Takavarasha

5/9 Tamworth and Lichfield

deleting: Crispian T Acher (*MHA Chaplain*)

5/12 South Warwickshire

for: Mark Rowland (*Permission to Study*)

reading: Mark Rowland (*Permission to Study, also Chaplain – University of Warwick*)

Supernumeraries:

adding: Rosamy Murphy

5/18 Bromsgrove and Redditch

for: Latika Singh *reading:* † Latika Singh

THE BOLTON AND ROCHDALE DISTRICT

6/2 Bolton Mission

for: Darren J Holland

reading: Darren J Holland (*Pioneer Missioner*)

6/5 Wigan

Supernumeraries:

adding: Sheila H MacInally

6/14 Rossendale

Supernumeraries:

adding: John R Bolton

THE BRISTOL DISTRICT

7/13 North East Somerset and Bath

adding: Denise Harding (WA)

***adding:* Kingswood School**

adding: Kathryn Thomas (*Chaplain*) who shall act in respect of ministerial duties under the direction of the Chair of District

7/15 Gordano Valley

Supernumeraries:

adding: Brian J Hunt

7/16 Somerset Mendip

Supernumeraries:

adding: Alastair V C Bolt

THE CUMBRIA DISTRICT

9/1 North Cumbria

adding: Tokunbo E O Asogbon (RR)

9/7 Kirkby Stephen, Appleby and Tebay

for: † Andrew J Sterling *reading:* Andrew J Sterling

9/9 Penrith

for: David Milner (S) *reading:* David Milner

THE CHESTER AND STOKE-ON-TRENT DISTRICT

11/18 Stoke-on-Trent Mission

adding: Ruth Jeffries

deleting: Denise Harding

THE CORNWALL AND ISLES OF SCILLY DISTRICT

for: Simon J Clarke, Secretary of the Synod

reading: Iris R Bray, Secretary of the Synod

12/4 Truro

adding: Clare Anderson

Supernumeraries:

deleting: E Peter G Pomery

for Jane M Willcock *Truro School reading* Jane M Willcock

for Aubin de Gruchy (Chaplain)

reading **Truro School** Aubin de Gruchy (Chaplain)

12/5 Newquay, Perranporth and St. Agnes

adding: Mark Dunn-Wilson

12/12 St. Ives (Fore Street)

adding: Edwin T Myers (S)

adding: Steven J Wild

12/19 Liskeard and Looe

Supernumeraries:

adding: Anita M Hart

adding: David J Hart

THE DARLINGTON DISTRICT

13/3 Stockton

for: Sarah Ramsden (*Hospice Chaplain*) *reading:* Sarah Ramsden (WA)

THE EAST ANGLIA DISTRICT

14/2 Ipswich

deleting: Helen D Gardner

Supernumeraries:

adding: Helen D Gardner

14/22 The Fens

Supernumeraries:

deleting: Peter K McNeill

14/25 St Neots and Huntingdon

Supernumeraries:

adding: Kathryn E Pawlett

14/26 Cambridge

adding: Carole Irwin (WA)

deleting: Rachel D Deigh (*Overseas service training, Wesley House*)

deleting: Sylvester O Deigh (*Overseas service training, Wesley House*)

THE ISLE OF MAN DISTRICT

15/1 Isle of Man

adding: Andrew G Fishburne (*Connexional Team*)

THE LINCOLNSHIRE DISTRICT

17/2 Lincoln

for: Peter G Reast (D) *reading:* Peter G Reast (D) (WA)

17/4 Mid-Lincolnshire

adding: Phillip R Greetham (WA)

17/6 East Lincolnshire

deleting: Phillip R Greetham (WA)

THE LIVERPOOL DISTRICT

18/19 Lancashire West

deleting: Richard Preston (AP)

THE MANCHESTER AND STOCKPORT DISTRICT

19/1 Manchester

Supernumeraries:

adding: Kim I Ratcliffe

deleting: Rosamy Murphy

19/3 Salford

Supernumeraries:

deleting: Kim I Ratcliffe

19/4 High Peak

for: Lorraine Brown (D) (Peak Park Rural Development Enabler (PPRDE))

reading: Lorraine Brown (D) (Peak Park Rural Development Enabler)

19/5 Glossop and Tameside

adding: Natalie J Hackett

19/6 Oldham

deleting: Natalie J Hackett

19/15 Bramhall and Wythenshawe

deleting: Kathryn Thomas

THE NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE DISTRICT

20/1 Newcastle upon Tyne (Central and East)

Supernumeraries:

deleting: Keith R Albans

20/2 Newcastle upon Tyne (West)

Supernumeraries:

adding: Keith R Albans

20/8 Tynedale

adding: H Barrie Morris (WA)

20/16 Sunderland

for: Michael P Holland (S) *reading:* Michael P Holland

for: Rosemary A E Nash *reading:* Rosemary A E Nash (S)

THE LANCASHIRE DISTRICT

21/11 Preston Ribble

Supernumeraries:

deleting: John R Bolton

21/16 North Lancashire

Supernumeraries:

adding: David P Philo

THE NOTTINGHAM AND DERBY DISTRICT

22/1 Nottingham (North East)

Supernumeraries:

adding: Gordon Morton

22/2 Nottingham (South)

Supernumeraries:

deleting: Andrew J M Barker

22/6 Derby

deleting: Gary D Watt

22/13 Borders Mission

for: Samantha M Taylor (D)

reading: Samantha M Taylor (D) who shall act in respect of ministerial duties under the direction of the Chair of District

22/16 East Staffordshire and South Derbyshire

for: David H Bonny *reading:* David H Bonny (S)

THE NORTHAMPTON DISTRICT

23/3 West Oxfordshire

adding: Andrew M D Wigley (WA)

23/13 Northampton

Supernumeraries:

adding: Wendy M Evans-Wood

23/19 Kettering and Corby

Supernumeraries:

deleting: Anthony W de Boltz

deleting: Fiona J de Boltz (D)

23/29 Vale of Aylesbury

deleting: Stephen Hill

THE PLYMOUTH AND EXETER DISTRICT

24/1 Plymouth and Devonport

adding: John D Mills (*Hospital Chaplain*)

24/8 Torbay

deleting: Gerald E Morris

24/11 Bude and Holsworthy

adding: Stephen Hill (WA)

THE SHEFFIELD DISTRICT

25/1 Sheffield

deleting: Christopher H Stebbing (AP)

Supernumeraries:

deleting: Elsie Littlewood (D)

adding: Christopher C Tomlinson

25/19 Trinity

Supernumeraries:

deleting: David Morris

THE SOUTHAMPTON DISTRICT

26/2 Winchester, Eastleigh and Romsey

deleting: Andrew D Wood (*Connexional Team*)

26/7 East Solent and Downs

deleting: Laura J Evans (D)

deleting: John D Mills

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

26/8 Dorset South and West

adding: Peter T Clark (AP)

26/9 Poole Bay

Supernumeraries:

adding: Peter K McNeill

26/10 Christchurch and Wimborne

Supernumeraries:

deleting: Wyndham H Kent

THE YORKSHIRE WEST DISTRICT

27/2 Leeds (North and East)

Supernumeraries:

adding: Fraser D Smith

27/15 Wharfedale and Aireborough

deleting: Jennifer Parnell (D)

27/34 Calderdale

adding: Michelle Petch (AP)

Supernumeraries:

deleting: Jennet E McLeod

27/35 Huddersfield

Supernumeraries:

adding: Jennet E McLeod

27/36 North Kirklees and Morley

adding: Nicholas Cutts

THE WOLVERHAMPTON AND SHREWSBURY DISTRICT

28/8 Cannock Chase

Supernumeraries:

deleting: Palo Tshume

28/21 Telford

adding: Rachel Parkinson (S)

deleting: Philip M Harrison

for: Hendry Ponniah (S) *reading:* Hendry Ponniah

THE YORKSHIRE NORTH AND EAST DISTRICT

29/8 Beverley

Supernumeraries:

adding: Robert Whitfield

29/23 Thirsk and Northallerton

adding: Denise E Williamson

Supernumeraries:

deleting: Denise E Williamson

29/31 North Yorkshire Coast

Supernumeraries:

deleting: Robert Whitfield

29/32 South Holderness

Supernumeraries:

adding: Andrew Orton

29/34 Ryedale

Supernumeraries:

adding: Anthony W de Boltz

adding: Fiona J de Boltz (D)

29/37 Hull (Centre and West)
adding: Ann Rigby-Jones (S)

THE SCOTLAND DISTRICT
31/2 Strathclyde
Supernumeraries:
deleting: Timothy J Thorpe

31/5 Ayrshire and Renfrewshire
Supernumeraries:
adding: Clive J Larrett

31/11 Angus, Dundee and Perthshire
Supernumeraries:
adding: Timothy J Thorpe

THE BEDFORDSHIRE, ESSEX AND HERTFORDSHIRE DISTRICT
34/1 North Bedfordshire
Supernumeraries:
adding: Douglas J ford
deleting: Wendy M Evans-Wood
deleting: Kathryn E Pawlett

34/4 South Bedfordshire
for: Joanne Sherwood (WA) *reading:* Joanne Sherwood

34/12 Herts and Essex Border Ecumenical Area
adding: Ernest Bossé (AP)
Supernumeraries:
deleting: Caroline A Weaver

34/13 St Albans and Welwyn
deleting: Susan M Stilwell (AP)

34/14 West Hertfordshire and Borders
adding: Andrew D Wood (*Connexional Team*)
Supernumeraries:
adding: Caroline A Weaver

THE LONDON DISTRICT
35/24 Ealing Trinity
for: † Theresa E Sam *reading:* † Theresa E Simon-Sam

35/34 Enfield
for Timothy A Swindell (*Finance Manager*)
reading Timothy A Swindell (*Company Director*)
Supernumeraries:
deleting: Kathleen M Richardson

35/39 Sutton
adding: Crispian T Acher (*MHA Chaplain*)

35/40 Purley
deleting: John K Nyota (AP)

35/42 Bromley
Supernumeraries:
adding: David Morris

THE SOUTH EAST DISTRICT
36/4 Thames Valley
deleting: Carmel Ieraci

36/6 Wey Valley
for: Sydney Samuel E Lake *reading:* † Sydney Samuel E Lake

36/11 Redhill and East Grinstead
adding: Jennifer Parnell (D)
Supernumeraries:
adding: Asif Das

36/12 Brighton and Hove
Supernumeraries:
adding: Kathleen M Richardson

36/18 Kent College, Pembury
deleting: Ruth Jeffries (*Chaplain*) who shall act in respect of ministerial duties under the direction of the Chair of the District

36/27 Canterbury and East Kent
deleting: Peter A Cornish (AP)

SERVICE IN OTHER CONFERENCES AND CHURCHES
APPOINTED TO SERVE ABROAD
adding: Raymond Borg (France)
adding: Rachel D Deigh (Sierra Leone)
adding: Sylvester O Deigh (Sierra Leone)
for: Angleena J Keizer (Israel)
reading: Angleena J Keizer (D) (Israel)

PERMISSION TO SERVE ABROAD
deleting: Raymond Borg (France)
for: Marlene A Skuce (Ireland) *reading:* Marlene A Skuce (D) (Ireland)

PERMISSION TO RESIDE ABROAD
adding: Shamela M Chowdhury (Pakistan)
adding: Carmel Ieraci (Australia)
adding: Palo Tshume (South Africa)
for: Harriet P Bacon (Barbados) *reading:* Harriet P Bacon (D) (Barbados)
for: Gordon H Wallace (Ireland) *reading:* Gordon H Wallace (D) (Ireland)

THE CONNEXIONAL TEAM
for: Christine M Dutton *reading:* Christine M Dutton (5/1)
for: Andrew G Fishburne *reading:* Andrew G Fishburne (15/1)
for: Andrew D Wood (26/2) *reading:* Andrew D Wood (34/14)

FORCES CHAPLAINS
(b) Army
adding: Gary D Watt

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

deleting: Shamela M Chowdhury

deleting: Asif Das

deleting: Denise Harding (WA)

deleting: Carole Irwin

deleting: H Barrie Morris (WA)

deleting: Irene Tafirenyika (D)

deleting: Andrew M D Wigley

Supernumeraries:

deleting: Alastair V C Bolt

deleting: Douglas J Ford

deleting: Anita M Hart

deleting: David J Hart

deleting: Brian J Hunt

deleting: Clive J Larrett

deleting: Sheila H MacInally

deleting: Gordon Morton

deleting: Andrew Orton

deleting: David P Philo

deleting: Fraser D Smith

deleting: Freddy Y Z Takavarasha

deleting: Christopher C Tomlinson

ASSOCIATE PRESBYTERS

adding: Kevin Watson (13/10)

deleting: Mercy A Bedu-Addo (19/1)

deleting: Kwadwo A Boateng (18/3)

8/48/2 The Conference, by a Standing Vote, adopted the Stations.

8/49 **DAILY RECORD**

8/49/1 The Daily Record for Wednesday 30 June was presented, taken as read, and adopted.

8/49/2 The Conference, with the required majority, corrected the Daily Record for Saturday 26 June at 3/5 as follows:

for 'Pastor Alfredo Abas' reading 'Pastor Alfredo Abad Heras'

8/49/3 The Daily Record for Thursday 1 July was presented in headings only and adopted.

8/50 **EXPRESSIONS OF THANKS**

8/50/1 The ex-President, The Revd Richard J Teal, and the ex-Vice-President, Mrs Carolyn J Lawrence, expressed the thanks of the Conference to the President and Vice-President of the Conference.

8/50/2 The Conference expressed its thanks to the Record Office staff, the Conference Business Committee, Sharon Hassanali and the Conference Arrangements Team, the staff of the conference centre, the Conference volunteers, the technical team, the worship team, the connexional media team, the Conference letter writer, the Convenor of the Memorials Committee, the Journal Secretary and the Record Secretary.

8/51 **ATTESTATION**

The Daily Record of the Presbyteral and Representative Sessions and associated documents were signed by the President, the Vice-President and the Secretary of the Conference, and were duly attested.

8/52 **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 24 June 2021, be duly entered in the Journal of the Conference, subscribed by the President, the Vice-President and the Secretary, and shall be taken as, and shall be, the Acts of the Conference to all intents and purposes whatsoever.

8/53 **ADJOURNMENT**

The Conference, by a Standing Vote, resolved to adjourn to the Conference of 2022, which would meet in Telford on Thursday 23 June in its Presbyteral Session, and on Saturday 25 June in its Representative Session.

8/54 The Conference adjourned at 16.09.

8/55 **LETTERS**

8/55/1 A letter of greeting was written in the name of the Conference to The Revd Dr Andrew D Wood and Mrs Dawn Wood.

8/55/2 Letters of condolence were written in the name of the Conference to Mr John A Bell, Dr John A Vickers, and the family of The Revd Dr Joel Edwards CBE, former General Director of the Evangelical Alliance.

8/55/3 Letters of thanks were written in the name of the Conference to the Conference Chaplains The Revds David R Alderman and Carolyn Seaton; the Worship Coordinator The Revd D Paul Wood and other members of the Conference Worship Band The Revd Ian J Worsfold and Mr Adam and Mrs Stephanie Sanders; members of the Conference Arrangements Team; the Technical Manager Mr David Burton and nine other members of the technical team; and the officiants, preachers, Connexional Team representatives and local organisers at the ordination services on 19 and 27 June.

8/55/4 Letters were written in the name of the Conference to those ministers becoming supernumerary this year.

8/55/5 Letters were written in the name of the Conference to the following presbyters on the occasion of the 25th anniversary of their ordinations:

The Revd Sheila J Baldock
The Revd Dr David J Barker
The Revd Mark Barrett
The Revd Dr Philip Bee
The Revd David H Bonny
The Revd Catherine M Bowstead
The Revd Alan R Boyd
The Revd Alison J Brookes
The Revd Alexander Brown
The Revd David J Coppard
The Revd Dr Jane V Craske
The Revd Peter R Dudeney

The Revd Vivienne M Gasteen
The Revd David A Godfrey
The Revd Dr Richard O Griffiths
The Revd Jonathan Haigh
The Revd Andrew J L Hollins
The Revd Caroline M Homer
The Revd Phillip J Horner
The Revd Richard H Hunter
The Revd David Jeбанayagam
The Revd Mary Jones
The Revd Keith Jump
The Revd Christopher J Kirk

The Revd Enid M Knowles
The Revd Stephen J Lindridge
The Revd Howard D Long
The Revd June E Mallabon
The Revd Colin P Mark
The Revd Clive W McKie
The Revd Janet Morley
The Revd David Morris
The Revd David Nellist
The Revd Malcolm Peach
The Revd Graham J Peaden
The Revd Peter E Powers
The Revd Nan Pryde
The Revd Anne M Richardson
The Revd Stephen M Sankey

The Revd Noel H C Sharp
The Revd Philip A Sharpe
The Revd Dale S Sherriff
The Revd Angela J Singleton
The Revd Jeffrey I Smith
The Revd Huw J Sperring
The Revd Don Tuttell
The Revd Diana J Veitch
The Revd Stuart G Veitch
The Revd Joan M Verity
The Revd David R Westhead
The Revd David J Whitehouse
The Revd Jane S Wild
The Revd A Stephen Willey

8/55/6 Letters were written in the name of the Conference to the following presbyters on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of their ordinations:

The Revd Gordon Ashworth
The Revd Michael J Bowman
The Revd Mark Broadhurst
The Revd Donald H Burgess
The Revd Rodney S Fielding
The Revd Colin S Gardner
The Revd Peter R Gray
The Revd Norman A Grigg
The Revd Dr Stephen G Hatcher
The Revd Brian R Hoare
The Revd Carl Howarth
The Revd Roger C G Hutchings
The Revd Richard Jackson

The Revd Ian D Johnson
The Revd R David Laidler
The Revd Dr John S Lampard
The Revd Roger Lee
The Revd Charles T F New
The Revd Martyn A Newman
The Revd David A Ray
The Revd Malcolm E Richards
The Revd Edward C P Standhaft
The Revd Colin Vere
The Revd Michael S Wilson
The Revd G Ian Yates

8/55/7 Letters were written in the name of the Conference to the following presbyters on the occasion of the 60th anniversary of their ordinations:

The Revd Leslie Allaway
The Revd John R Barrett
The Revd Ivan G Brindley
The Revd R Raymond Brown
The Revd Geoffrey T Bruce
The Revd Vernon T Bullock
The Revd Arnold Clough
The Revd Colin S Cooper
The Revd Ian Haile
The Revd Eric J Locke
The Revd Jack Lucas
The Revd J Alan Mimmack

The Revd Harold E Moore
The Revd John H Morrell
The Revd Marcus A Pattern
The Revd John Peaden
The Revd Brian F Peters
The Revd Stanley Rudman
The Revd Jeffrey Spencer
The Revd W Arthur Spencer
The Revd Thomas N M Vidamour
The Revd William Wallbank
The Revd David G Weeks
The Revd Anthony Windsor

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7/6, 7/10, 7/14, 7/16, 7/18		- returning to active work.....	<i>none</i>
- oversight and trusteeship	6/17	President of the Conference	
Financial Committee	5/3, 7/2	- address	3/10
Forces Board	8/20	- designation	7/20
Full Connexion, reception into		- election	3/7/1
- as deacons.....	4/4	Reflective supervision	6/9
- as presbyters	4/3	Remembrance, act of	8/2
'God in Love Unites Us': see <i>marriage and relationships</i>		Safeguarding	
Guernsey, Bailiwick of.....	8/18	- Committee	7/23
Holy Communion and online worship ...	6/22	- theology	7/27
JACEI	6/21, 8/24	Schools	
Jersey, Trustees for MCP	8/19	- educational strategy	5/22
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- Conference sub-committee ..	3/3, 3/14,	Secretary's report	8/9
5/4, 8/47		Special Resolution	<i>none</i>
- part 1.....	8/28	Special Resolution, Deferred	5/24
- part 2.....	8/36	Stationing Committee.....	8/32
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7/9-11, 7/15-19		- address	3/13
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Methodist Homes (MHA).....	8/21		

APPENDIX A NOTICES OF MOTION 2021

This Appendix lists Motions adopted, or agreed to be not put, other than those which are not specifically recorded because their substance appears in the Resolutions they amended. It also lists those that the Conference referred to other bodies. It does not list Motions lost or withdrawn, which do not appear in the Record. The figures in brackets are the numbers given to the Notices of Motion.

I. Motions

(a) adopted

COP26 Climate Change Conference (205)	7/33
Foreign Aid (203)	7/31
Immigration (204)	7/32
Justice, Dignity and Solidarity Report (118).....	8/4/9
Justice, Dignity and Solidarity Report (119).....	8/4/2
Methodist Homes (MHA) (201)	7/29
Myanmar (202)	7/30
Stationing Committee (111).....	8/4/11
Temporary exemption of Oxford Place Leeds from SO 970(2) (101).....	5/7/3
Theology of Safeguarding (106).....	7/27/2

(b) not put

none

(c) referred to the Methodist Council

none

II. Responses to Notices of Motion referred by previous Conferences

For a report about work done and work in progress on Notices of Motion brought to previous Conferences, see item 44 of the Agenda (adopted Daily Record 8/34).

See also:

8/29/3 for a response to Notice of Motion 2020/101 regarding concerns of equality, diversity and inclusion; and

8/25 for a response to Notice of Motion 2020/113 regarding ecumenical relations.

APPENDIX B MEMORIALS 2021

a. Listed numerically

M1	Connexional Priority Fund (CPF) Levy	6/7/2
M2	Stipends of Presbyters and Deacons.....	6/7/2
M3	Finances and the Pandemic.....	6/7/2
M4	Local Preachers.....	8/15
M5	Local Preachers Training Syllabus	8/15
M6	The impact of COVID-19 on Training of Local Preachers and Worship Leaders...	8/15
M7	Supernumerary Ministers	8/15
M8	Cry for Hope	8/12
M9	A Cry for Hope - Palestine	8/12
M10	Israel/Palestine – Cry for Hope	8/12
M11	Cry for Hope	8/12
M12	Fossil Fuels	8/15
M13	Fossil Fuels	8/15
M14	Farming Industry	8/15
M15	Single Use Plastic	8/15
M16	COVID-19 Vaccination Resources	8/15
M17	Online Holy Communion	6/22/2
M18	Oversight and Trusteeship.....	6/16/8
M19	All Year Round Conferring of Conference	6/16/8
M20	Conversion Therapy.....	8/4/13
M21	Equality, Diversity and Inclusion	8/4/14
M21A	Equality, Diversity and Inclusion	8/4/15
M22	Slave Trade	8/4/16
M23	Human Sexuality	5/12/4
M24	God in Love Unites Us	5/12/4
M25	God in Love Unites Us	5/12/4
M26	God in Love Unites Us.....	5/12/4
M27	Conference Voting - God in Love Unites Us	5/12/4
M28	God in Love Unites Us (2020)	5/12/4
M29	God in Love Unites Us (2020)	7/5/3
M30	God in Love Unites Us (2020)	7/9/2
M31	God in Love Unites Us and Church Buildings (2020)	7/9/2
M32	The ‘Annual Enquiry’ – Transitional Arrangements – Marriage and Relationships within the Methodist Church (2020).....	7/6/2
M33	God in Love Unites Us	7/6/2
M34	Marriage and Relationships and the Annual Affirmation	7/6/2
M35	Provisional Resolutions: God in Love Unites Us – Marriage and Relationships (2020)	7/17/1
M36	Marriage and Relationships (2020).....	7/9/2
M37	Remain Faithful	7/17/1
M38	God in Love Unites Us	7/11/1
M39	God in Love Unites Us	7/11/1
M40	God in Love Unites Us	7/19/2
M41	God in Love Unites Us	5/12/4
M42	God in Love Unites Us	5/12/4
M43	Marriage and Relationships Report (2020)	7/18/6

b. Listed alphabetically by title

M9	A Cry for Hope - Palestine	8/12
M19	All Year Round Conferring of Conference	6/16/8
M27	Conference Voting - God in Love Unites Us	5/12/4
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M25	God in Love Unites Us	5/12/4
M26	God in Love Unites Us	5/12/4
M33	God in Love Unites Us	7/6/2
M38	God in Love Unites Us	7/11/1
M39	God in Love Unites Us	7/11/1
M40	God in Love Unites Us	7/19/2
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APPENDIX C REPLIES TO MEMORIALS OF PREVIOUS CONFERENCES

For a report about work done and work in progress on Memorials sent to previous Conferences, see item 44 of the Agenda (adopted Daily Record 8/34).

See also:

2/25 for a further reply to Memorial M6 (2020) regarding the global climate emergency;

5/12/3 for a further reply to Memorial M12 (2018) regarding the registration of shared premises for same-sex marriage;

5/24/3 for a further reply to Memorial M32 (2016) regarding the use of church buildings by other churches;

6/21 and 8/16/1 for further responses to Memorial M32 (2017) regarding investment in fossil fuels; and

8/13 for a further reply to Memorials M7–M9 (2020) regarding Israel and Palestine.