

3. Appointment of officers of the Conference

Secretary of the Conference

*****RESOLUTION**

- 3/1. The Conference appointed the Revd Dr Jonathan R Hustler as Secretary of the Methodist Conference for a period of six years from 1 September 2020.**

The Revd Dr Jonathan R Hustler

Jonathan Hustler has served as Secretary of the Conference since June 2019, having been Assistant Secretary of the Conference since 1 September 2017. Dr Hustler brings a wide experience of circuit ministry to the role, gained over a period of 20 years in the Leighton Buzzard and Stewkley Circuit, the Redcar, Saltburn and Guisborough Circuit and as Superintendent of the Horncastle and Bardney Circuit. From 2011 to 2014, he served as Vice-Principal of Wesley House, and from 2014 to 2017 as Ministerial Coordinator for the Oversight of Ordained Ministries in the Connexional Team.

Dr Hustler is a theological thinker with a deep pastoral heart and an ability to enable and empower those around him. He inspires confidence in his calling to this role at this time, listening to others with sensitivity, openness and graciousness. The Council commends him to the Conference as someone who can undertake the role of Secretary of the Conference with energy and a desire to move the Church forward in new and exciting ways.

The Council, in accordance with Standing Orders 114 and 313, nominates the Revd Dr Jonathan R Hustler to the Conference for appointment as the Secretary of the Conference for a period of six years from 1 September 2020.

Assistant Secretary of the Conference

*****RESOLUTION**

- 3/2. The Conference appointed the Revd Ruth M Gee as Assistant Secretary of the Conference for the year 2020/2021.**

The Revd Ruth M Gee

The President in June 2019 stationed the Revd Ruth M Gee to serve as the Assistant Secretary in the wake of the curtailment of the Secretary's appointment. The Conference in July 2019 subsequently appointed Mrs Gee to serve as Assistant Secretary for one year from September 2019.

Mrs Gee has ably combined the duties of the Assistant Secretary with her responsibilities as Connexional Ecumenical Officer (CEO). The appointment of the Assistant Ecumenical Officer has enabled her to delegate some of the work and to expand areas of ecumenical engagement whilst at the same time fulfilling the responsibilities of the Assistant Secretary in relation to the Presbyteral Session of the Conference, relations with District Synods, oversight of our work on ministries and stationing, sharing in the senior leadership of the Connexional Team, and deputising as required for the Secretary. Her wisdom and calmness in all these areas are greatly appreciated.

The Council, in accordance with Standing Orders 116A and 313, nominates the Revd Ruth M Gee to the Conference for appointment as the Assistant Secretary of the Conference for the year 2020/2021.

Conference Officer for Legal and Constitutional Practice

*****RESOLUTION**

3/3. The Conference appointed Ms Joanne Anderton as Conference Officer for Legal and Constitutional Practice with immediate effect.

Joanne Anderton

Ms Joanne Anderton is a member of Sawtry Methodist Church and a qualified solicitor. She is a member of the Charity Law Association and has a wide range of experience in commercial practice as well as in charity and regulatory work (including work for Methodist Independent Schools). From 2008 to 2010 she was Senior Legal Officer for the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes so brings detailed knowledge of Methodist polity and Standing Orders to this role.

The Council, in accordance with Standing Orders 116C and 314, nominates Ms Joanne Anderton to the Conference for appointment as Conference Officer for Legal and Constitutional Practice.

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