

1/1 The Conference in its Presbyteral Session assembled in Nottingham at 14.15, The Revd Loraine N Mellor, the President of the Conference, in the Chair.

1/2 **HOLY COMMUNION**

The Conference shared in a service of Holy Communion, during which the sermon was preached by Ms Ann Morisy.

1/3 The Conference adjourned at 15.28.

1/4 The Conference reassembled at 15.45.

1/5 **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 612-619) 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 620) 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:

Chairs of District

The Revd Richard M Andrew *vice* The Revd Ian Howarth
for The Revd David Hinchliffe *reading* The Revd Dr David Hinchliffe
for The Revd David P Easton *reading* The Revd Dr David P Easton

Lancashire

The Revd Barbara S Pettitt *vice* The Revd Katharine J Bland

Yorkshire North and East District

for The Revd Keith R Albans *reading* The Revd Dr Keith R Albans

London

The Revd David I H Hardman *vice* The Revd Rachel A Bending

PRESBYTERS ATTENDING AT THEIR OWN EXPENSE

deleting The Revd Patricia Christopher
adding The Revd Mary Jones
deleting The Revd Delyth A Liddell
adding The Revd Samuel E McBratney

1/6 **LETTERS**

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

The Revd Charles Banks (1946)
The Revd Dr Owen E Evans (1947)
The Revd William Farrell (1945)
The Revd John Garfoot (1942)
The Revd Antony M Hearle (1947)

The Revd Arthur H Howell (1946)
The Revd Dr Albert W Mosley (1948)
The Revd Ronald H Rich (1946)
The Revd Gordon F Simmons (1947)
The Revd George W Simons (1947)
The Revd John E Stanfield (1948)
The Revd Reginald E Tansey (1947)

1/7 **HOURS OF SESSION**

The Conference agreed that these should be 14.15-15.15 and 15.45-18.30 on Thursday, 28 June; 09.15-11.00, 11.30-12.45, 14.15-14.45, 15.30-16.30 and 17.00-18.30 on Friday, 29 June.

1/8 **APPOINTMENT OF SCRUTINEERS**

The Conference appointed the Scrutineers as follows:

The Revd Iain M Ballard	The Revd Eleanor G Jackson
The Revd Andrew W Fyall	The Revd Philip J Jackson
The Revd David W Hookins	The Revd Rachael M Wilson

1/9 **APPOINTMENT OF ATTESTORS**

The Revds Simon J Clarke and Faith M Nyota were appointed to attest the 'written portion' of the Daily Record of the Presbyteral Session.

1/10 **4. THE REPORT OF THE PRESBYTERAL SESSION BUSINESS COMMITTEE**

The Conference adopted Resolution 4/1.

1/11 **5. CONFERENCE ARRANGEMENTS**

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

1/12 The Conference was led in *Theological Reflection on Fresh Expressions* by The Revds Graham Horsley and Elaine M Lindridge, and by Major Andrew Vertigan of the Salvation Army.

1/13 The Conference heard good *news stories about episcopally and non-episcopally ordered Churches relating together*, in the light of the *Mission and Ministry in Covenant* proposals:

from South India, told by The Rt Revd Ravikumar J Niranjani;
from Sark, told by The Revds Dr David Hinchliffe and Karen A V Le Mouton;
and
from Cumbria, told by The Revds Richard J Teal and Nicola Reynolds.

1/14 The Conference shared in worship, and adjourned at 18.27.

- 2/1 The Conference assembled at 09.15, and shared in worship.
- 2/2 The Conference went into closed session at 09.36.
- 2/3 **47. MINISTERIAL CANDIDATES' AND PROBATIONERS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE**
- 2/3/1 **1. Candidates for Presbyteral Ministry**
- The Conference recommended, with the required majority, acceptance by the Representative Session of the following candidates, to proceed unconditionally into pre-ordination training:
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| Susan Joan Baker | Sarah Elizabeth Lamb |
| Nicholas Biggar | Sarah Louise Lenton |
| Yanyan Case | Margaret Anne Newman |
| Ian Richard Couchman | Matthew Barrie Smith |
| Jonathan Garde | Stephen John Spain |
| Louisa Jayne Haynes | Marcia Yvonne Tull |
| George Victor Heinz | Emily Rosalind Young |
| Helen Elizabeth Hickson | |
- 2/3/2 The Conference adopted Resolution 47/2.
- 2/4 **2. Special Reports**
- 2/4/1 The Conference agreed that two accepted candidates, Philip Cotton and Ruth Arce Rosales, be allowed to delay for one further year before commencing training.
- 2/4/2 The Conference agreed the following changes in the expected date of Reception into Full Connexion:
- To a later date:*
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| Susan Barbara Taylor | 2021 (from 2020) |
| Penelope Jane Thorne | 2021 (from 2018) |
| Laurent Robert Vernet | 2020 (from 2019) |
- 2/4/3 The Conference received a report regarding the withdrawal under SO 727 of student presbyters Rebekah Mary Blyth, Peter Williams and Simon Young; and probationer presbyter Alison Mares.
- 2/4/4 The Conference adopted Resolution 47/1,
p. 565 1.10 for 'Lindsey Philpot' reading 'No case'.
- 2/5 **3. Preachers Recommended for Continuance on Trial**
- The Conference adopted Resolution 47/4.

2/6 **4. Preachers on Trial presented to the Conference for Reception into Full Connexion**

2/6/1 The Conference accepted the recommendation of the Ministerial Candidates' and Probationers' Oversight Committee that the following are fit to be admitted into Full Connexion with the Conference as presbyters:

Moses Kweku Agyam	Christopher Andrew Jackson
Victoria Jane Atkins	Sarah Louise Lowe
Stephen John Boxall	Charity Dambudzo Madenyika
Jane Elizabeth Braund	Angela Louise Makin
Deborah Lee Caulk	Farai Mapamula
Ping Ting Chen	David McAloon
Charles Daniel James Connor	Nancy Nazi Ndoho
Liam Benjamin Dacre-Davis	Charity Nzegwu
Jacob Henry Donkoh	Greg Obong-Oshotse
Robert John Drost	Jill Margaret Pullan
Alexandra Claire Dunstan	Christopher Lindon Alusine Sandy
Ann Fox	John Charles Schofield
Ruth Gillian Sarah Fry	Helen Julie Shallow
Jacqueline Ann Goaten	Kimberley Shorley
Philip John Griffin	Timothy Paul Simms
Susan Guénault	David John Speirs
Jeremy Harry Arthur Hackett	Christine Sutherby
Elizabeth Mary Harris	Lorna Elizabeth Valentine
Peter William Hibberts	Yangsun Yi

2/6/2 The Conference, by a Standing Vote, adopted Resolution 47/5.

2/7 **49. PRESBYTERAL TRANSFERS AND REINSTATEMENTS**

1. Recommendations of the Ministerial Candidates' Selection Committee acting as a Transfer Committee (under S.O.730)

2/7/1 The Conference concurred with the recommendations of a Candidates' Appeals Committee hearing an appeal by an applicant for transfer.

2/7/2 The Conference recommended, with the required majority, acceptance by the Representative Session of the following applicants for transfer to be received into Full Connexion in 2018:

Jimione Kaci (The Methodist Church of Fiji)
Adam Nyawo (The Methodist Church in Zimbabwe)
Romeo Regardo Pedro (The Methodist Church of Southern Africa)
Robert Llewelyn Roberts (The United Methodist Church)

2/7/3 The Conference recommended, with the required majority, acceptance by the Representative Session of the following applicant for transfer to be received into initial training and probation:

Wendy Walker (The Methodist Church of Southern Africa)

2/7/4 The Conference recommended, with the required majority, acceptance by the Representative Session of the following applicant for transfer to proceed to probation prior to Reception into Full Connexion:

William Edmund Davis (The Methodist Church Ghana)

- 2/7/5 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):
- Bruce James Anderson [*as corrected by 5/14/1*]
 (The Methodist Church of New Zealand)
 Charles Aaron Ekuban (The Methodist Church Ghana)
 Francis Mitiiri (The Methodist Church in Kenya)
 Eroni Vulavata Kaibau Moce (The Methodist Church of Fiji)
- 2/7/6 The Conference accepted the recommendation of the Ministerial Candidates Selection Committee that Solomon Joseph (The Church of South India) who has formerly held the status of being recognised and regarded as a presbyter in Full Connexion with the Conference, be reinstated to that status.
- 2/7/7 The Conference concurred with the recommendations of Reinstatement Committees.
- 2/7/8 The Conference adopted Resolution 49/1,
noting the matters in 2/7/4 and 2/7/6 above as additions to the report, and p. 581, Bruce James Anderson, for 'New Zealand' *reading* 'New Zealand'.
- 2/7/9 **4. Recommendations for reinstatement of local preachers**
 The Conference adopted Resolution 49/3.
- 2/7/10 The Conference, by a Standing Vote, adopted Resolution 49/2,
deleting from the wording of the resolution 'or reinstatement as the case may be'.
- 2/8 **45. PERMISSIONS TO SERVE**
 The Conference adopted Resolution 45/1,
4. Permission to serve abroad, in the draft of the stations,
deleting Pamela Garrud (United States of America)
5. Permission to reside abroad in the draft of the stations
adding Susan D M Howe (United States of America)
- 2/9 **RESIGNATIONS**
- 2/9/1 The Conference accepted 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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| Tania J Brosnan | No status |
| Stanley Jackson | Member only |
| T Neil Thompson | No status |
- 2/10 The Conference received a report on behalf of the Convenors of Connexional Discipline, Pastoral and Appeal Committees.
- 2/11 The Conference reassembled in open session at 10.23.

2/12 **OBITUARIES**

2/12/1 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.

2/12/2 **Eric Ball:** Born in Kirkby-in-Ashfield on 10 December 1929. Eric grew up in Mansfield. He gave his life to the Lord at a Covenant Service at the age of twenty-three, when he realised he was renewing a promise he had never made in the first place. Eric was a senior draughtsman working with the Coal Board and later in mechanical engineering companies. As a youth club leader, he took his club to a camp at Harlech in 1955 where he met Jean. They married in 1956 and became members of Chesterfield Road South Methodist Church in Mansfield. They were blessed with three children, Timothy, Alison and Martin. Eric became a local preacher in 1955 as well as serving as youth leader. He and Jean were members of the Lay Witness Movement and led several missions. They moved to Lincoln in 1984 because of Jean's work. Later that year Eric was invited to apply for the post of lay pastor and was appointed to look after two churches as well as being a circuit evangelist, working alongside the Revd Dr Mark Wakelin, then a probationer. Later, he was invited to test a call to ordained ministry and was accepted as a minister in local appointment. He served throughout in the Lincoln Circuit. On sitting down, he and Jean returned to the Chesterfield Road South church where they had worked and worshipped in their early years and he continued to be active in the life of that church up until his death. Eric had a lively and engaging personality as well as a deep and infectious faith that touched many people. He died on 10 May 2018 in the eighty-ninth year of his age and the twenty-sixth year of his ministry.

Margaret Amy Elizabeth Meakin-Collins: Born in Hemel Hempstead on 3 March 1930, the eldest child of Alex and Annie Smith. Margaret was very skilful and progressed to become senior seamstress and dressmaker in Watford. She had a lovely sense of humour and even in those early days talked of going into church ministry. The Revd Thomas Meakin was the minister of the church where the Smith family regularly worshipped, but it was much later in 1970 when Margaret, as a Deaconess, and Tom (now widowed) met again in ministry in Norfolk and shortly after married. Margaret was "adopted" lovingly into Tom's family but she had to give up her official diaconal ministry and became listed as 'married, without appointment.' Margaret cared for Tom in failing health until he died in 1975. The next year she was one of the first women to be ordained as a presbyter. She served in the following Circuits: Fenland and Hunstanton. She retired to her bungalow in North Walsham and visiting Walcott to enjoy the views of the North Sea and sky she met the recently-widowed Fred Collins walking his dog on the beach. They continued to meet and in 1994 decided to marry. Margaret moved to Fred's bungalow in Hoveton in the Norfolk Broads. She had a very happy life, enjoyed trips on Fred's small boat and walking on the coast. She remained active as a supernumerary working in her Local Church at Smallburgh *[as corrected by 5/14/1]* and across the local Circuit. Sadly, Fred developed Alzheimer's and once again Margaret's caring nature showed through as she looked after him until his death in 2005. Margaret's life and ministry will be remembered by many people with great warmth and affection for her deep-rooted faith in Christ. Finally needing full-time nursing care, Margaret moved to Haywards Heath, Sussex where she died on 24 February 2018 in the eighty-eighth year of her age and the fifty-sixth year of her ministry.

Colin Manley Morris: Born near Bolton on 13 January 1929 and called to the ministry while doing national service in the marines. From Hartley Victoria College he was stationed in the Doncaster District Coalfields Mission, followed by a period of study at Nuffield College, Oxford. He was asked by the Missionary Society to go to Northern Rhodesia as minister of Chingola Free Church on the Copperbelt. His forthright preaching, especially on Christianity and race, provoked heated debate. He became a close friend of Kenneth Kaunda who in 1964 became the first President of independent Zambia; he himself was elected the first President of the United Church of Zambia, inaugurated a few months later. Returning to Britain as minister of Wesley's Chapel, he faced the challenge of a tiny membership and a crumbling fabric. The Chapel was declared unsafe and closure threatened. He proposed an imaginative rescue operation which demanded instant decisions more massive than the Conference could make; nonetheless his speech secured the mission of the Chapel for future generations. He moved to the newly-named Overseas Division (MMS) in 1973 as its General Secretary. In 1976 he was President of the Conference. He was a prolific writer and persuasive speaker, and was renowned for his incisive contributions to Thought for the Day on Radio 4. In 1978 he joined the BBC as Head of Religious Television, becoming Head of Religious Broadcasting in 1979 and Controller in Northern Ireland from 1987 to 1991, where he rigorously defended journalistic freedom at the height of the Troubles. It was at the BBC that he met his wife Sandy, with whom he retired to Lewes. For five years he commuted to Westminster College, Oxford as director of the Centre for Religious Communication. He continued writing and broadcasting until well into retirement. His writings revealed a profound theological analysis of the issues with which he grappled: race relations, communications, ethics and apologetics. Both within church circles and in his engagement with the socio-political arena he exercised a prophetic ministry. He died on 20 May 2018 in the ninetieth year of his age and the sixty-sixth year of his ministry.

William James Brian Skinner: Born in the village of Langore near Launceston in Cornwall on 6 March 1935. In later years, Brian fictionalised his mischievous antics as a young man in the village to entertain his granddaughter with stories. A conversion experience led him to consider serving in the Church and took him away from Cornwall. He studied at Cliff College and engaged in several evangelistic enterprises before a short time in retail in London while he candidated for the ministry. After Hartley Victoria College, Brian served as a probationer in the Kirby Stephen, Appleby and Tebay Circuit from 1960 and was received into Full Connexion in 1963. He served in the following Circuits: Bolton (Wesley), London Mission (Walham Green and Fulham), Ashton-under-Lyne, Lancaster, Wallasey (for a year while on the President's List), Reading and Silchester, Nottingham (South) and Sutton (Surrey) before becoming supernumerary in the same Circuit in 2000. In Tebay he regarded Rendezvous, an after-church Sunday evening meeting for young people, as one of his great achievements, and in Fulham, where he oversaw the move from the old Walham Grove church to a new building next to Chelsea's Stamford Bridge ground, he helped many families trace children who had gone missing in the burgeoning drug scene. He took great care over the preparation of his sermons, chose at least one Charles Wesley hymn in every service, and was, above all, a much appreciated pastor. He was a man of the people who developed a busy funeral ministry as a supernumerary, to the extent that he was well-known around Carshalton, and much loved by his carers in his later years. Brian showed courage, cheerfulness and deep faith during his final illness and died on 18 April 2018 in the eighty-fourth year of his age and the fifty-eighth year of his ministry.

Alan James Triffitt: Born in the Officers' Quarters of 12 Camp Larkhill on 9 March 1924. At the age of eleven Alan was awarded a scholarship to Bishop Wordsworth School in Salisbury where he developed a lifelong interest in politics, history and

religion. He was also a keen all-round sportsman but broke his leg very badly playing rugby. He was taken to Bath for a bone graft and, after catching tuberculosis, spent a year in isolation in Warminster. This ended his hopes of joining an RAF bomber crew. He spent the rest of the war as a bank clerk and ARP Warden. By the time the war was over Alan had decided to offer himself for the Methodist ministry. Following a pre-collegiate year at Lydney in the Forest of Dean he went to Didsbury College where he was elected head of college in his final year. He served in the following Circuits: Southampton, Sutton (Surrey), Leeds, Stroud and Cirencester, West Wight, Portland, Weymouth and Aylesbury. In Southampton he met June through the youth club at Totton and they were married in 1955. They had two sons, Paul and John. Alan had a health problem from the beginning of his ministry that often robbed him of his confidence. He only served as Superintendent when Portland became a single-minister Circuit, but other Circuits told him he was the best Superintendent they never had. He was an inexhaustible pastor who loved spending time with people in their homes. He was also a prison chaplain for twenty years of his ministry. In Aylesbury, Alan suffered a throat condition which left him with no voice and whilst June offered great support it was time to retire to Bemerton in the Salisbury Circuit where Alan, his voice returned, kept on preaching for many further years. He felt he had come home. For the last few weeks of his life he moved to Hampton Lodge in Southampton and died in Southampton General Hospital on 28 April 2018 in the ninety-fifth year of his age and the seventieth year of his ministry.

- 2/13 The Conference engaged in discussion of a Notice of Motion that will be brought to the Representative Session proposing a review of models of managing trusteeship.
- 2/14 The Conference adjourned at 10.58.
- 2/15 The Conference reassembled at 11.30.
- 2/16 The Rt Revd Dr Alastair Redfern, Bishop of Derby, addressed Conference on the subject of *Human Trafficking*.
- 2/17 The Conference adjourned at 12.47.
- 2/18 The Conference reassembled at 14.15.
- 2/19 **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:

Alan Ashton	Eric Gordon Capstack
Eric Ball	Richard Hubert Chapple
James Bamford Bates	Ronald Stanley Charlton
Malcolm John Beech	David Alfred Clarkson
Eric Blennerhassett **	Geoffrey Cooke
Peter Harold Bolt	John Darrel Davies
Howard Booth	David Eric Robert Deacon
Carol Leslie Braithwaite	Robert Delap *
Victoria Oluremilekun Oluwaropo	Tom Duerden
Bravette	James William Errington *
Michael David Burch *	John Reginald Girling
Alan Stanley Burgess	John Beverley Glover **
Joyce Butcher	William Hewison **

Philip Hodgson
 Stuart Holmes
 Michael Frederick Hucker
 Allan Hughes **
 Harry Johnson
 Eric Jones
 Christopher Kirkman**
 Lawrence Richard Lambrick
 Pamela Rita Le Poidevin
 Ivor Frank Mann
 Kenneth Mondon Marsh **
 Margaret Amy Elizabeth Meakin-
 Collins
 James Mills
 Robinson Alansworth Milwood *
 John Edward Minor
 Colin Manley Morris
 Keith Ivor Munns
 John Charles Peak
 Ross Peart
 Anthony Thomas Pepper
 John Arthur Perkins

Carrol Ann Popley
 Eric Clifford Prichard
 Sheila Purdy
 Brian Ridley
 Derek Brian Russell
 Douglas Frank Savill
 William James Brian Skinner
 Alan Skipsey **
 Thomas Mervyn Smith
 Gordon Spittlehouse
 Gordon Squire
 John Spratt Stephens **
 Derek Thorpe **
 Alan James Triffitt
 Charles Watson **
 Brian White
 Edna Wicks
 John Yuk-Lun Wong **
 David Andrew Woosley
 Eileen Muriel Wragg
 George Hatton Yates
 Ian Dexter Young

* 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.

- 2/20 The Conference adjourned at 14.48.
- 2/21 The Conference reassembled at 15.15.
- 2/22 The Conference gave permission for an obituary to be drawn up for The Revd Clive Scott, who had died before the Conference of 2017, and published in the Minutes of Conference.
- 2/23 The Revd Drs Jane V Craske and Jonathan Dean facilitated the Conference in theological reflection on *the presbyteral role in officiating at marriage services and the nature of pastoral responsibility*.
- 2/24 The Conference adjourned at 16.24.
- 2/25 The Conference reassembled at 17.00.
- 2/26 **PASTORAL ADDRESS**
 The President of the Conference addressed the Conference.
- 2/27 **53. PRESBYTERS BECOMING SUPERNUMERARY OR RETURNING TO THE ACTIVE WORK**
- 2/27/1 The Conference adopted Resolution 53/1,
 p 600,
 in **1. Recommended to return to the active work**
 for 'Harold Stuteley' reading 'No case'.

in **3. Presbyters requesting permission to become supernumerary**

<i>adding</i>	*	Nigel Clements	(9)
<i>adding</i>	*	Julyan Drew	(20)
<i>adding</i>		Wendy M Evans-Wood	(13)
<i>adding</i>	*	Jean C Fletcher	(34)
<i>adding</i>		Christine Griffiths	(23)
<i>adding</i>		Ian P Hamilton	(40)
<i>adding</i>		John D Howard	(36)
<i>adding</i>	*	Elizabeth A McDowell	(13)
<i>adding</i>		Jennifer M McKenzie	(30)
<i>adding</i>	*	Janet K Pillinger	(10)
<i>adding</i>		Peter J Pillinger	(41)

2/27/2 The Conference adopted Resolution 53/2, noting the corrections under **3.** above.

2/28 **PRESBYTERAL SESSION BUSINESS COMMITTEE**

The Conference elected the Revd Christopher J Collins to serve on the Presbyteral Session Business Committee for the Conferences of 2019-2021.

2/29 **THANKS TO THE PRESIDENT**

The Revd Dr Roger L Walton expressed the thanks of the Conference to the President of the Conference.

2/30 **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.

2/31 The Conference resolved by a Standing Vote to adjourn to 14.15 on Saturday 30 June for the Representative Session.

2/32 **LETTERS**

2/32/1 Letters of condolence were written in the name of the Conference to The Revds Paul J Clapham, Dr David and Elizabeth Dunn-Wilson and Joseph Tembo; letters of concern to The Revd Ian Howarth and The Revd J Derrick and Mrs Mary Leach; a letter of encouragement to The Revd Amos S Cresswell; and a letter of congratulation to The Revd Dr Ralph Waller.

2/32/2 Letters of thanks were written in the name of the Conference to those who had spoken to or facilitated the Presbyteral Session or led the Session in worship.

2/33 The Conference adjourned at 18.01.

3/1 The Conference in its Representative Session assembled in Nottingham at 14.15, The Revd Loraine N Mellor, the President of the Conference, in the Chair.

3/2 **PRAYERS**

The President of the Methodist Church in Ireland, The Revd William A Davison, led opening prayers.

3/3 **WELCOME TO THE CONFERENCE**

The Secretary welcomed the Conference.

3/4 **MEMBERSHIP OF THE CONFERENCE**

3/4/1 The Conference adopted the membership of this session of the Conference as set out in the Agenda (pp 612-619), as amended by Daily Record 1/5 and the following substitutions and corrections:

Record Secretary

for 'to be confirmed' reading Mr Andrew Maxfield

Chairs of District

for The Revd Jongikaya Zihle reading The Revd Dr Jongikaya Zihle

Concerns of Equality, Diversity and Inclusion

Ms Tamzin Murray *vice* Ms Whitney K Addow

Southampton

Mrs Elizabeth Britton *vice* Mrs Christine Hatton

Yorkshire West

Mr Colin Ride *vice* Dr John Hargreaves

Mr Matthew Burland *vice* Mr John Watmough

Yorkshire North and East District

Deacon Ruth M Richey *vice* Deacon Denise A Creed

London District

Ms Marcia Tull *vice* Ms Marion Gaima

Mrs Sheila Platt *vice* Ms Monica Pryce-Ross

South East District

Mr Ian Haggarty *vice* Miss Victoria Lawrence

Associate Members

The following are unable to attend:

The Revd Dr Kponjesu Hounsa (Eglise Protestante Méthodiste du Bénin)

The Revd Próspero-David Sharpe (Iglesia Metodista de Guinea Ecuatorial)

The Revd Juan de Dios Peña (Iglesia Evangélica Metodista en El Salvador)

3/5 **APPOINTMENT OF SCRUTINEERS**

The Conference appointed the Scrutineers as follows:

The Revd Iain M Ballard	The Revd Philip J Jackson
Ms Jenny Cornell	Dr Stephen Leah
Dr Geoffrey J Dickinson	Mrs Anna Malnutt
Mr Chris Finbow	Mr Giles Richards
The Revd Andrew W Fyall	Miss Emily Roe
The Revd David W Hookins	Ms Caroline Warrey
The Revd Eleanor G Jackson	The Revd Rachael M Wilson

3/6 **PRESIDENT AND VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE CONFERENCE**

3/6/1 The Revd Michaela Anne Youngson, 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).

3/6/2 Mr Balachandren Muthuvaloe Gnanapragasam, 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).

3/6/3 The Induction of the President and the Vice-President took place.

3/7 **THE LOYAL ADDRESS**

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

3/8 **WORLD CHURCH AND ECUMENICAL REPRESENTATIVES AND GUESTS**

3/8/1 The Conference welcomed full members and Associate members of the Conference from The Methodist Church in Ireland, The United Methodist Church, Igreja Evangelica Metodista Portuguesa, L'Opera per le Chiese Evangeliche Metodiste in Italia, The United Methodist Church Germany Central Conference, The Methodist Church The Gambia, The Methodist Church Nigeria, The Methodist Church of Southern Africa, Iglesia Evangélica Metodista Unida del Ecuador, Iglesia Metodista de Columbia, The Methodist Church of the Caribbean and Americas, The Methodist Church, Hong Kong, The Church of South India, The Church of Pakistan, The Methodist Church of Samoa, The United Church in the Solomon Islands and from among our Mission Partners, and noted that Associate members would be arriving on Sunday, 1 July from The United Methodist Church Central and Southern Europe Central Conference and Igreja Metodista em Brasil.

3/8/2 The Presiding Bishop Hannah Faal-Heim of the Methodist Church The Gambia responded on behalf of the World Church representatives.

3/8/3 The Conference welcomed the ecumenical Associate members of the Conference from The Church of England, The United Reformed Church, The Baptist Union of Great Britain, The Church in Wales, The New Testament Church of God and The Salvation Army, and ecumenical guests from the East Midlands Baptist Association and the Roman Catholic Diocese of Nottingham.

3/8/4 The Rt Revd Patrick J McKinney, the Bishop of Nottingham, responded on behalf of the ecumenical guests.

3/9 **PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS**

The President of the Conference delivered her inaugural address.

- 3/10 The Conference adjourned at 16.00.
- 3/11 The Conference reassembled at 17.00.
- 3/12 **VICE-PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS**
The Vice-President of the Conference delivered his inaugural address, in the form of an interview conducted by past Vice-President Ms Rachel J Lampard.
- 3/13 **2. FIRST REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE BUSINESS COMMITTEE**
The Conference adopted Resolution 2/1.
- 3/14 **SECOND REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE BUSINESS COMMITTEE**
- 3/14/1 The Business Committee brings this update to its Report printed in volume 1 of the Agenda (item 2, page 22).
1. As set out in paragraph 8 of that report (page 26), the Conference is required to elect two members of the Business Committee, both ministers, to serve on the Committee for three years (the Conferences of 2019, 2020 and 2021). Nomination forms are available from the Helpdesk and should be placed in the ballot boxes by 14:00 on Tuesday 3 July, with voting taking place on Wednesday 4 July.
 2. Nomination forms for Conference-elected representatives are available from the Helpdesk. This year, of the three Conference-elected representatives to serve from 2019-2021, one will be diaconal and two will be lay, thus fulfilling SO 103(2A). Nominations must be submitted by 14:00 on Tuesday 3 July, with voting taking place on Wednesday 4 July.
 3. The schedule of business has been available on the Conference website and regularly updated. It now shows the current situation. Any Conference member wishing to have a hard copy can obtain one from the Helpdesk.
 4. The Conference is advised that, in the event of a counted vote on Saturday, the count will be conducted by the scrutineers who are presbyters and the Chair of the Conference Business Committee. Normal scrutineering arrangements will begin on Monday morning.
 5. Nominees for President and Vice-President of the Conference for 2019 and as Conference-elected representatives 2019-2021 are kindly asked to have their photographs taken, for use in the visual projection during breaks. Would they please see June Howard-Norman in the Conference Arrangements Team office as soon as possible and no later than the respective closing times for nominations given in the Agenda page 26. In the event that nominees are not present at the Conference, it would be most helpful if those making the nominations could arrange for nominees' photos to be sent electronically to asc@methodistchurch.org.uk
 6. There are two ballot boxes on each 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 26 of the Agenda. Please do not place your envelope with your completed Trustee Declaration Form and Register of Interest form in these boxes; they should be deposited in the box by the Helpdesk.

7. All Memorials will either be taken with existing business to which they relate or placed in en bloc as shown in the table below. *[list not included in the Record]*.

8. The list of en bloc items of business (page 28) has since been updated and is as printed below *[list not included in the Record]*.

3/14/2 The Conference adopted as Resolution B/1:

The Conference receives the Report.

3/15 **54. REPORT TO THE REPRESENTATIVE SESSION FROM THE CONFERENCE
DIACONAL COMMITTEE**

The Conference adopted Resolutions 54/1 and 54/3.

3/16 Mr Douglas Swanney, The Revd Dr Sheryl M Anderson, The Revd Ruth M Gee and Prof Peter D Howdle led the Conference in a presentation about ***the reaffirmation of Our Calling***.

3/17 The Conference engaged in worship and adjourned at 18.31.

- 4/1 The Conference assembled at 10.45.
- 4/2 The Conference shared in worship, during which the President preached, and 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 appropriate, for ordination:
- 4/3/1 The preachers on trial:
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| Moses Kweku Agyam | Christopher Andrew Jackson |
| Victoria Jane Atkins | Sarah Louise Lowe |
| Stephen John Boxall | Charity Dambudzo Madenyika |
| Jane Elizabeth Braund | Angela Louise Makin |
| Deborah Lee Caulk | Farai Mapamula |
| Ping Ting Chen | David McAloon |
| Charles Daniel James Connor | Nancy Nazi Ndoho |
| Liam Benjamin Dacre-Davis | Charity Nzegwu |
| Jacob Henry Donkoh | Greg Obong-Oshotse |
| Robert John Drost | Jill Margaret Pullan |
| Alexandra Claire Dunstan | Christopher Lindon Alusine Sandy |
| Ann Fox | John Charles Schofield |
| Ruth Gillian Sarah Fry | Helen Julie Shallow |
| Jacqueline Ann Goaten | Kimberley Shorley |
| Philip John Griffin | Timothy Paul Simms |
| Susan Guénault | David John Speirs |
| Jeremy Harry Arthur Hackett | Christine Sutherby |
| Elizabeth Mary Harris | Lorna Elizabeth Valentine |
| Peter William Hibberts | Yangsun Yi |
- 4/3/2 The following people to be received by transfer:
- Jimione Kaci
Adam Nyawo
Romeo Regardo Pedro
Robert Llewelyn Roberts
- 4/3/3 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 first day of July 2018, at:
- The Parish Church of St John the Evangelist, Derby
The Parish Church of St Mary and All Saints, Chesterfield
Barnbygate Methodist Church
St Oswald's Church, Ashbourne

(Resolution 47/6)

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:

Linda Brown
Jacqueline Abigail Patricia Onike Esama-John
Elizabeth Harfleet
Sarah Louise Wickett
Jacqueline Linda Wright

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, if not already ordained, be ordained by prayer and the laying on of hands and be received into full membership of the Methodist Diaconal Order on the afternoon of this day, the first day of July 2018, at Southwell Minster.

(Resolution 54/4)

4/5 The Conference adjourned at 12.28.

- 5/1 The Conference assembled at 9.15 and shared in worship.
- 5/2 **APPOINTMENT OF ATTESTORS**
- 5/2/1 Mr Ralph W Dransfield and Miss Jasmine J Roberts were appointed to attest the Daily Record and related documents.
- 5/2/2 The Revd Beverly Hollings and Deacon Jonathan Miller were appointed to attest the Journal and related documents.
- 5/3 **26. UNIFIED STATEMENT OF CONNEXIONAL FINANCES**
- 5/3/1 The Conference adopted Resolution 12/1,

Page 88, Fixed Assets, replacing the first section with the following:

	The Methodist Church in Great Britain		The Connexional Funds		
	Notes	2017 £000	Restated 2016 £000	2017 £000	Restated 2016 £000
Fixed assets					
Intangible Assets	13c	178	171	176	171
Tangible fixed assets	13a,b	96,210	93,101	88,853	85,931
Investments	14a,b	181,424	166,509	158,694	151,022
		277,812	259,781	247,723	237,124

- 5/4 **3. METHODIST COUNCIL, PART 1**
- 5/4/1 The Conference adopted Resolution 3/1.
- 5/4/2 The Conference adopted Resolution 3/5 in the following form:
- The Conference receives the Report.
- 5/4/3 The Conference declined Resolutions 3/6 and 3/8.
- 5/4/4 The Conference adopted Resolutions 3/7 and 3/9.
- 5/4/5 **Memorial M7**
- The Conference received Memorial M7 and adopted as its reply that recommended by the Memorials Committee, the Memorial and the reply appearing on pp 11-14 of the Supplement to the Agenda entitled 'Memorials to the Conference' (hereinafter 'the Agenda Supplement').
- 5/4/6 The Conference adopted Resolutions 3/10, 3/11, 3/12, 3/13 and 3/14.

- 5/4/7 **Memorial M13**
The Conference received Memorial M13 and adopted as its reply that recommended by the Memorials Committee, the Memorial and the reply appearing on pp 22-23 of the Agenda Supplement.
- 5/5 **6. SPECIAL RESOLUTION**
The Conference adopted Resolution 6/1, with the required majority.
- 5/6 The Conference adjourned at 11.00.
- 5/7 The Conference reassembled at 11.30.
- 5/8 **33. MISSION AND MINISTRY IN COVENANT**
- 5/8/1 The Conference heard reflections on this matter from The Rt Revd Anne E Hollinghurst, the Bishop of Aston and The Rt Revd James W S Newcome, the Bishop of Carlisle.
- 5/8/2 The Conference adopted Resolutions 33/1 and 33/2.
- 5/9 The Conference adjourned at 12.50.
- 5/10 The Conference reassembled at 14.15.
- 5/11 **27. MARRIAGE AND RELATIONSHIPS TASK GROUP: INTERIM REPORT**
The Conference received a presentation and engaged in workshops on this Agenda item.
- 5/12 The Conference adjourned at 16.15.
- 5/13 The Conference reassembled at 16.45.
- 5/14 **DAILY RECORD**
- 5/14/1 The Daily Record of the Presbyteral Session on Thursday, 28 June and Friday, 29 June was presented, taken as read, and adopted as printed,
at 2/7/5 for 'Bruce James' reading 'Bruce James Anderson'
at 2/12/2 in the obituary for Margaret Amy Elizabeth Meakin-Collins for 'Smallborough' reading 'Smallburgh'
- 5/14/2 The Daily Record for Saturday, 30 June and Sunday, 1 July was presented, taken as read, and adopted.
- 5/14/3 The Written Portion of the Daily Record of the Presbyteral Session was presented in headings only and adopted.
- 5/15 **11. 3GENERATE 2017 – METHODIST CHILDREN AND YOUTH ASSEMBLY**
- 5/15/1 The Conference adopted Resolution 11/1.
- 5/15/2 The Conference adopted Resolution 11/2,
for 'encourages' reading 'directs' in the wording of the Resolution.

- 5/15/3 The Conference adopted Resolution 11/3,
adding after 'local MP' the words 'or equivalent' in the wording of the Resolution.
- 5/16 **33. MISSION AND MINISTRY IN COVENANT (continued)**
- 5/16/1 **Notice of Motion 2018/101**
 The Faith and Order report on Mission and Ministry in Covenant provides an update on work relating to the proposals and identifies concerns and further work required. It has, however, been noted that the report does not mention the progress around the interchangeability of deacons and it does not reflect the concerns raised at 2017 Conference on the status of deacons in this process. The Conference therefore seeks some clarification and assurances.
- First, the Conference seeks clarification as to the current status of conversations with the Church of England around the interchangeability of deacons.
 - Secondly, the Conference directs that the interchangeability of deacons is given as high a regard as presbyters in future conversations with the Church of England to reflect the fact that the Methodist Church in Britain has two equal orders of ordained ministry.
 - Finally, the Conference adopts an additional Resolution 33/3 *[as below]*.
- The Conference adopted the Motion.
- 5/16/2 The Conference adopted as Resolution 33/3:
 The Conference further directs the Faith and Order Committee to include progress on work relating to the interchangeability of deacons in any further reports.
- 5/17 **23. METHODIST MINISTERS' PENSION SCHEME**
 The Conference adopted Resolutions 23/1, 23/2, 23/3, 23/4, 23/5, 23/6 and 23/7.
- 5/18 **36. PENSION RESERVE FUND**
 The Conference adopted Resolutions 36/1, 36/2, 36/3 and 36/4.
- 5/19 **21. METHODIST COUNCIL, PART 3**
 The Conference adopted Resolution 21/3.
- 5/20 **3. METHODIST COUNCIL, PART 1 (continued)**
 The Conference adopted Resolutions 3/17 and 3/18. *[corrected after Conference]*
- 5/21 **21. METHODIST COUNCIL, PART 3 (continued)**
 The Conference adopted Resolution 21/2.

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LETTERS

Letters of thanks were written in the name of the Conference to those responsible for the Conference and Ordination Services, those who took part in them and to the Ordination venues.

5/23

The Conference engaged in worship and adjourned at 18.27.

- 6/1 The Conference assembled at 9.15 and shared in worship.
- 6/2 **FIRST REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE FINANCIAL COMMITTEE**
- 6/2/1 The Conference Financial Committee has considered the Notices of Motion printed yesterday and makes the following comments.
- In relation to Notice of Motion 2018/202A: Provision of Feedback for Ministers:
- As the existing proposal already asks for a substantial piece of work to be done, and this just ensures the inclusion of one particular piece of business, it will have minimal impact on budgets. However, it is noted that there are already considerable work pressures on these committees and the Secretariat so there will be knock on effects for other pieces of work.
- In relation to Notice of Motion 2018/201: Models of Trusteeship:
- Substantial additional piece of work utilising significant staff time with consequent cancellation or delay of other work.
- In relation to Notice of Motion 2018/102: Joint Work on Ministry:
- As the existing proposal already asks for a substantial piece of work to be done, and this just ensures the inclusion of one particular piece of business, it will have minimal impact on budgets. However, it is noted that there are already considerable work pressures on these committees and the Secretariat so there will be knock on effects for other pieces of work.
- 6/2/2 The Conference adopted as Resolution F/1: The Conference receives the Report.
- 6/3 **32. MINISTRY IN THE METHODIST CHURCH**
- 6/3/1 The Conference adopted Resolutions 32/1, 32/2, 32/3 and 32/4.
- 6/3/2 **Notice of Motion 2018/109: Church Stewards and Lay Leadership**
- The Conference notes that Part C, Section 3.3 of the Ministry in the Methodist Church report contains some reflections on the role of church stewards but does not constitute a review of the specific roles of church stewards as requested by M8 (2014).
- The Memorial made this request because, in many churches, some duties defined in SO 634 are no longer carried out by church stewards, there being alternative means of fulfilling them. Such churches are thus operating in breach of standing orders. Additionally, when church stewards are being trained in their roles and responsibilities it is helpful to have standing orders that are flexible enough to be useful in the training.
- The Conference therefore directs the Ministries Committee to conduct a review of Standing Orders pertaining to church stewards and to bring any proposed amendments to the Conference of 2019.

The Conference adopted the Motion.

6/3/3 The Conference adopted Resolution 32/5 in the following form:

The Conference directs the Secretary of the Conference to oversee joint work by the Faith and Order, Ministries, and Stationing committees to explore the aspects of changing patterns of ministry identified in paragraphs 2.3 to 2.6 of this report (particularly revisiting Releasing Ministers for Ministry, itinerancy and stationing, local pastoral ministry, and employed lay ministry), and, in consultation with the Authorisations Committee, to explore issues regarding lay employees being granted authorisations to preside at the Lord's Supper, and to report on such joint work to the 2020 Conference.

6/3/4 The Conference adopted Resolutions 32/6 and 32/7.

6/4 The Conference adjourned at 11.04.

6/5 The Conference reassembled at 11.30.

6/6 **24. CONNEXIONAL CENTRAL SERVICES BUDGET for three years commencing with 2018/19**

The budget was presented.

6/7 **21. METHODIST COUNCIL, PART 3 (continued)**

6/7/1 The Conference adopted Resolution 21/1.

6/7/2 The Conference adopted Resolutions 21/7 and 21/8,

p 200, SO 213(1), for 'Other members of the senior management group of the Connexional Team may attend as the business of the Committee shall require. Staff so invited to attend shall have the right to speak but not vote.'

reading 'Other members of the senior management group of the Connexional Team may attend by invitation as the business of the Committee shall require. Staff so attending shall have the right to speak but not vote.'

6/7/3 The Conference adopted Resolutions 21/9, 21/10 and 21/11.

6/7/4 The Conference adopted Resolution 21/12,

p 219, SO 563, for (iii) 'To regularly review their preaching' reading (iii) 'to regularly review their ministry'

for '(ix) to attend the annual Service of Reaffirmation of their call to preach;' reading '(v) to attend an annual Service of Reaffirmation of their call to preach;'

6/7/5 The Conference adopted Resolution 21/13.

6/7/6 The Conference adopted Resolution 21/14, for 'section 7' reading 'section 3' in the wording of the Resolution.

6/7/7 The Conference adopted Resolution 21/15.

- 6/7/8 The Conference adopted Resolution 21/17, for **'section 9'** reading **'section 5'** in the wording of the Resolution.
- 6/7/9 The Conference adopted Resolution 21/18 in the following form:
- The Conference amends Standing Order 710(1) as follows:
 (1) (a) A candidate for the diaconate or the presbyterate in the Methodist Church shall have been baptized and shall have been a member of the Church in good standing for at least three years **as at 30 September in the connexional year in which the candidate's offer is made.**
 (b) and (c) [unchanged]
(d) The requirements in sub-clauses (b) and (c) above must be met by 1 February in the connexional year in which the candidate's offer is made.
- 6/8 **15. METHODIST HOMES (MHA)**
- 6/8/1 Mr Sam Monaghan, the Chief Executive Officer of Methodist Homes, addressed the Conference.
- 6/8/2 The Conference adopted Resolutions 15/1 and 15/2.
- 6/9 The Conference adjourned at 12.47.
- 6/10 The Conference reassembled at 14.15.
- 6/11 **22. METHODIST MINISTERS' HOUSING SOCIETY**
- 6/11/1 Ms Mairi Johnstone, the Chief Executive Officer, and Mr Alexander Campbell, the chair of the Board, addressed the Conference.
- 6/11/2 The Conference adopted Resolution 22/1.
- 6/12 The Conference was led in **Scriptural Reasoning** by Professor David F Ford, Emeritus Regius Professor of Divinity at the University of Cambridge, and guests from the three Abrahamic faiths.
- 6/13 The Conference adjourned at 16.07.
- 6/14 The Conference reassembled at 16.45.
- 6/15 **DAILY RECORD**
- The Daily Record for Monday, 2 July was presented, taken as read, and adopted as printed.
- 6/16 **13. CONNEXIONAL ALLOWANCES COMMITTEE**
- 6/16/1 The Conference adopted Resolutions 13/1 and 13/2,
- p 100, for '2,000' reading '2000'.
 p 105, replacing footnote 5 with: 'This amount includes £102,000 contributed towards the purchase of retirement properties by MMHS where the minister's household had special and specific location needs. The Committee and MMHS express their gratitude to TMCP for arranging to make trust funds available to participate in such purchases, thereby giving MMHS, a TMCP trust and the FSPD a shared equity arrangement.'
- 6/16/2 The Conference adopted Resolution 13/3,

p 116, 4.26, for 'in certain extreme circumstances it is not always 100% achievable' *substituting* 'in certain extreme circumstances it may be necessary to make particular provisions in order to achieve this.'

p 117, 4.33, for 'recommends that the Stationing Committee reviews how the principle of ministerial itinerancy can be realistically sustained in the long term in the light of the practical and financial constraints the working party has exposed.' *substituting* 'recommends that the Stationing Committee reviews how the principle of ministerial itinerancy can be safeguarded in the long term and what measures will need to be put in place in order to deal with the practical and financial constraints the working party has exposed.'

6/16/3 The Conference adopted Resolution 13/4.

6/16/4 **Memorial M14**

The Conference received Memorial M14 and adopted as its reply that recommended by the Memorials Committee, the Memorial and the reply appearing on pp 24-25 of the Agenda Supplement.

6/17 **34. CONNEXIONAL ALLOWANCES COMMITTEE – care of supernumerary ministers and their dependants**

The Conference adopted Resolutions 34/1, 34/2 and 34/3.

6/18 **21. METHODIST COUNCIL, PART 3 (continued)**

6/18/1 The Conference adopted Resolution 21/19.

6/18/2 **Memorials M1 and M3-M5**

The Conference received Memorials M1, M3, M4 and M5 and adopted as its replies those recommended by the Memorials Committee, the Memorials and the replies appearing on pp 3-4 and 6-9 of the Agenda Supplement.

6/18/3 The Conference adopted Resolutions 21/22, 21/23 and 21/24.

6/18/4 The Conference adopted Resolution 21/25,

SO 210(2)(a), for '**having regard to age, sex and ethnic origin, and**' reading '**having regard to concerns for equality, diversity and inclusion,**'

6/18/5 The Conference adopted Resolutions 21/26 and 21/32.

6/19 The Conference went into closed session at 18.25.

6/20 The Conference received a report on behalf of the Convenors of Connexional Discipline, Pastoral and Appeal Committees.

6/21 The Conference resumed in open session at 18.29.

6/22 **LETTERS**

Letters of thanks were written in the name of the Conference to external speakers who have addressed the Conference, and to the youth representatives who have led worship each morning and the schools they have involved.

6/23 The Conference shared in worship and adjourned at 18.40.

- 7/1 The Conference assembled at 9.15.
- 7/2 The Conference shared in a celebration of Holy Communion, in which the following, who have died in the last year, were remembered:
- (a) the presbyters remembered in the Presbyteral Session and listed at 2/19, with the addition of The Revds John Michael Adams and Graham Leaman who have died during the Conference.
- (b) the deacons remembered in the Conference Diaconal Committee:
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| Brenda Fuller | Joan Mary Stockley |
| Susan Mary Jackson | Greta Marion Wainwright |
| Linda Judith Ireland | Helen Merle Wilde |
- (c) the following lay person especially remembered as a servant of the Church:
- [as corrected by 8/55/1]*
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| Mark Westhead | A member of the Disability Stakeholder Forum of the Equality, diversity and Inclusion Committee, and a member of the group who prepared the EDI Tool Kit. |
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- (d) those who have served as Mission Partners:
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| Miss Gwen Cushing | India |
| Mr Geoffrey Crawford | Sierra Leone |
| Mrs Ellen Denny | Jamaica |
| Miss Joy Fletcher | Nigeria |
| Dr David Goodall | India |
| Mrs Constance Hall | Sierra Leone |
| Miss Irene Jefferson | Papua New Guinea and The Gambia |
| Mrs Enid Johnson | Nigeria |
| Mrs Margaret Jones | China |
| The Revd Lawrence Lambrick | Kenya |
| Sister Christine M MacQueen | India |
| Mr Robert Mann | The Gambia |
| The Revd Dr Colin Morris | Zambia |
| The Revd Dr John A Newton <i>[as corrected by 8/55/1]</i> | Kenya |
| The Revd Tony Pepper | Burma |
| Mrs Moira Robinson | Nigeria |
| Mrs Jo Snaith | West Africa |
| Sister Merle Wilde | Kenya <i>[corrected after Conference]</i> |
| The Revd Eileen Wragg | Nigeria |
- (e) 352 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.

- 7/3 The Conference adjourned at 10.25.
- 7/4 The Conference reassembled at 10.35.
- 7/5 **DESIGNATION OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE CONFERENCE**
The Revd Dr Barbara C Glasson was designated for appointment as President of the Conference of 2019.
- 7/6 **DESIGNATION OF THE VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE CONFERENCE**
Professor Clive Marsh was designated for appointment as Vice-President of the Conference of 2019.
- 7/7 **CONFERENCE BUSINESS COMMITTEE**
The Conference elected the following to serve on the Representative Session Business Committee at the Conferences of 2019-2021:

The Revd Thomas J Osborne
The Revd John L Simms
- 7/8 **SECOND REPORT FROM THE CONFERENCE FINANCIAL COMMITTEE**
- 7/8/1 The Conference Financial Committee has considered the following Notices of Motion and makes the following comments :
- In relation to Notice of Motion 2018/112: Marriage and Relationships:
There are potentially significant costs both in terms of third party legal costs and the time required by the Connexional Team to fulfil the consequences of the Notice of Motion.
- In relation to Notice of Motion 2018/210: Fasting:
Although in theory the Conference would only be donating monies which would otherwise be spent on meals, there would be some cost in administering this.
- 7/8/2 The Conference adopted as Resolution F/2: The Conference receives the Report.
- 7/9 **31. FAITH AND ORDER COMMITTEE**
- 7/9/1 The Conference adopted Resolution 31/1,

p 364, *adding*:

5.6.7 In its report to the 2016 Conference the Faith and Order Committee outlined a potential new piece of work on the theology of online life. The Committee is now in a position to take forward this work in order to support continued reflection on the particular questions relating to 'holy communion mediated through social media' and to enable theological exploration of the broader questions about the nature of online life and Christian experience (referred to in 5.6.3). In the coming months the Committee will work with Methodists who are already engaged in ministry in online spaces; firstly to identify the key areas for theological exploration and, secondly, to help shape a consultation day to be held during the 2018/19 connexional year. It is hoped that the consultation day will involve practitioners and theologians, enable a variety of perspectives to be expressed and discussed, and help

identify how the conversation might best continue. A report on the progress of this work will be brought to the 2020 Conference.

7/9/2 The Conference adopted Resolution 31/2.

7/10 The Conference adjourned at 11.04.

7/11 The Conference reassembled at 11.31

7/12 **20. METHODIST COUNCIL PART 2: THE RESPONSE TO THE TRAINING REVIEW**

7/12/1 The Conference adopted Resolution 20/1.

7/12/2 **Memorial M2**

The Conference received Memorial M2 and adopted as its reply that recommended by the Memorials Committee, the Memorial and the reply appearing on pp 4-6 of the Agenda Supplement, replacing the second paragraph with:

The Conference accepts the first of the requests and directs the Ministries Committee to consider a possible pilot or pilots for training on local common award scheme courses, and how such training may be integrated with the Queen's Connexional Course.

7/13 **30. SAFEGUARDING COMMITTEE**

7/13/1 The Revd Henry Lewis, chair designate of the Safeguarding Committee, addressed the Conference.

7/13/2 The Conference adopted Resolution 30/1,

p 359, Paragraph 5.1, *for* 'Joint Safeguarding Reference Group' *reading* 'Joint Safeguarding Working Group'.

7/14 **9. ALL WE CAN**

7/14/1 Mr Graeme Hodge, Deputy Chief Executive of All We Can, addressed the Conference.

7/14/2 The Conference adopted Resolution 9/1.

7/15 The Conference adjourned at 12:48.

7/16 The Conference reassembled at 14.15.

7/17 **27. MARRIAGE AND RELATIONSHIPS TASK GROUP: INTERIM REPORT**

7/17/1 The Conference adopted Resolution 27/1,

p339, Paragraph 5, *replacing* the text in brackets *with*: '(including issues of cohabitation, serial-monogamy, polyamory, understanding and relating well to bisexual and transgender people, to name but a few)'

p 342, Paragraph 17, *replacing* the last two sentences *with*: 'What is best if people identify as bisexual or trans? How do changing understandings of gender identity affect our understanding of others?'

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27A. ADDITIONAL REPORT FROM THE MARRIAGE AND RELATIONSHIPS TASK GROUP

1. The Task Group would like to thank the Conference for its reception of the Task Group's Presentation on Monday afternoon. It is also grateful for the quality of the conferring in the workshops, and the responses that it has received.
2. In addition, it has engaged in conversations with the Faith and Order Committee about how to facilitate the Task Group's work in bringing material to the 2019 Conference. Paragraph 9 of the Interim Report talked of inherent difficulties in the task that the group has been set. They are rooted in the distinction between a Report, on the one hand, and a draft Statement under Standing Order 129, on the other.
3. Paragraph 10 of our interim report describes the nature of a formal Statement of the Conference in accordance with Standing Order 129. As it says there, "such documents are by their very nature long, and often cannot be made easily accessible to the majority of the Methodist people". Such Statements are very complex, and hard to produce. Moreover, they are often theoretical rather than practical. For example, Item 32 in the Agenda includes a draft Statement which the Conference has now commended to the Connexion for study, discussion and response. It then includes a long report on matters, including practical matters, which flow out of it.
4. As Paragraph 9 of the Interim Report states, policy matters which have major practical implications are normally dealt with by means of "a report containing recommendations" with such recommendations "based on prayerful discernment; careful reading, interpretation and application of the Scriptures; and rigorous thinking" and "grounded in an agreed framework of the Methodist Church's theological understanding and teaching ("our doctrines")".
5. Of the matters referred to the Task Group the most pressing issues concern the Church's understanding of relationships and marriage. Such matters could be dealt with by a report to the Conference that sets out a number of theological arguments. A report would not be as detailed as a Conference Statement, but would enable the Conference to reach a view on how the church defines marriage and for that view to be the subject of connexion wide consultation. The same report could include any changes to standing orders were the definition of marriage to change. Such a report would be treated as provisional resolution under SO 122. It would be submitted to the Synods and the Law and Polity Committee for approval, disapproval, or approval with amendments. This would take place during the year 2019-2020. The Conference of 2020 would then be in a position to make a final decision with any provisions implemented with immediate effect. None of this prevents a Statement of the Conference being presented at a later stage.
6. Nothing would prevent Local Churches, Circuits and individual members of the Methodist Church feeding in opinions through their Synods. This process would allow for proper consultation, but also meet the sense of urgency being expressed by many in these matters. It would also make it easier for the Task Group to produce material of the highest quality.
7. The Task Group has promised to fulfil its obligations of bringing a draft Statement under Standing Order 129 to the Conference in 2019. That it will do, so far as it lies in its powers, if that is what the Conference requires. But the Conference may wish to change the Task Group's remit to that set out in paragraph 5 above. To test the mind of the Conference, the Group brings resolutions 27A/1

and 27A/2 as set out below. If they are approved, 27/2 in the Interim Report will be withdrawn. If they fall, the Group will present 27/2 in its original form.

- 7/17/3 The Conference adopted as Resolution 27A/1: The Conference receives the Report.
- 7/17/4 The Conference adopted as Resolution 27A/2: The Conference adopts the way of proceeding set out in paragraph 5 of this Additional Report.
- 7/17/5 The Conference agreed to the withdrawal of Resolution 27/2.
- 7/17/6 **Notice of Motion 2018/112: Marriage and Relationships**

The Conference expresses its thanks to the Marriage and Relationships Task Group for the care they have taken to reach this point. It is deeply disappointing that a draft statement could not be brought to the Conference this year as directed. The Conference recognises that the emerging theology of marriage and relationships does need full and careful consideration but that such consideration will not, in itself, address the specific question of whether some Methodist Churches could be venues for solemnising same-sex marriages and whether any Methodist ministers, members or probationers could officiate at such services.

The Conference believes that the missional imperative of this question, and the need to give a clear message of continued affirmation and love to LGBT+ members of the Methodist Church, require that this question be clearly answered before 2020 or 2021. It is already five years since legislation to allow Same-Sex Marriages was passed in England and Wales and legislation in Scotland was passed the following year. The Conference is aware that there are some ministers, members and probationers and churches who would gladly participate in the solemnisation of same-sex marriages as well as those who would not feel able in conscience to do so. The Conference believes we must try to honour the consciences of all in this area. This could be done by allowing those ministers and churches who feel so called by God to solemnise same-sex marriages, whilst protecting the right of those who do not wish to do so to refrain.

In the report “27. Marriage and relationships task group: Interim report” therefore:
Renumber existing Resolution 27/2 as Resolution 27/7
Add new Resolutions as follows:

27/2. The Conference resolves that the solemnisation of same-sex marriages may occur on Methodist premises and may be conducted by Methodist ministers, probationers or members authorised to conduct marriages. Accordingly, as the relevant governing authority of the Methodist Church, the Conference gives consent for the purposes of the Marriage Act 1949 as amended by the Marriage (Same Sex Couples) Act 2013 and authorises the managing trustees or other relevant trustee body of Methodist premises to register those premises for the solemnisation of same-sex marriages or to take such other steps (if any) as may legally be required to enable the solemnisation of such marriages to take place on those premises.

27/3. The Conference resolves, for the purposes of the Marriage (Scotland) Act 1977 as amended by the Marriage and Civil Partnership (Scotland) Act 2014, that Methodist ministers, probationers or members may be nominated by the Methodist Church in Scotland to the Registrar General in Scotland to be registered to solemnise same sex marriage.

27/4. The Conference resolves, as the relevant governing authority of the Methodist Church, that Methodist managing trustees of premises shared with other

denominations may consent to the registration of such premises for the solemnisation of same-sex marriage.

27/5. The Conference amends Standing Order 011A as follows:

011A Marriage. (1) The Methodist Church believes that marriage is a gift of God and that it is God's intention that a marriage should be a life-long union in body, mind and spirit of one man and one woman. The Methodist Church welcomes everyone, whether or not a member, who enquires about an intended marriage in any of its places of worship.

(1A) Some Methodists believe that God also gives the gift of marriage to same-sex couples, intending their marriage to be a life-long union in body, mind and spirit.

(2) Divorce does not of itself prevent a person being married in any Methodist place of worship.

(2A) Subject to the provisions of clause (2B) below, a minister, probationer or member who is authorised to conduct marriages may officiate at a same-sex marriage.

(2B) A same-sex marriage may only be solemnised on Methodist premises if the managing trustees so permit (where applicable) and all other relevant legal requirements have been satisfied.

(3) 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 or member to officiate at the marriage of a particular couple should it be contrary to the dictates of his or her conscience to do so.

(4) A minister, probationer or member who is authorised to conduct marriages but who 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, ***except that, whilst all couples seeking marriage should expect a respectful and welcoming response, there is no obligation to make a referral in the case of same-sex couples.***

27/6. The Conference directs that Resolutions 27/2, 27/3, 27/4 and 27/5 be treated as provisional legislation under Standing Order 122.

The Conference agreed that the Motion be not put.

7/17/7 **Memorial M12**

The Conference received Memorial M12 and adopted as its reply that recommended by the Memorials Committee, the Memorial and the reply appearing on pp 19-22 of the Agenda Supplement.

7/17/8 **Notice of Motion 2018/203: 'Direction of travel'**

The Conference acknowledges the disappointment of many Methodists – LGBT+ and others – that no draft updated statement on marriage and relationships could be brought this year. It recognises that this continues to be a source of frustration and pain to people in different parts of the Church, and will be seen as a further rejection of their relationships.

It has become clear over the last twenty-five years of debate, discussion and consultation that the Methodist people hold contradictory convictions over the theology of marriage and relationships and that no one position holds the confidence of the vast majority. The Conference re-affirms its previous decisions which seek to allow people of significant different perspectives to remain together in fellowship in the one Body of Christ.

Given the difficulties that the current Task Group has faced, the Conference now wishes to offer guidance about the direction of travel it seeks for the Methodist Church. The Conference, therefore,

- i) reiterates the Guidance on Requests for Services in Book VII Part 10 of CPD and affirms that this allows for Local Churches to allow their premises to be used to conduct public thanksgivings for same-sex couples who have solemnised a civil marriage or partnership, presided over by an appropriate minister, probationer or member.
- ii) directs the Task Group to ensure that proposals are brought before the Conference on a way forward that is consistent with the existing commitment to live with contradictory convictions, namely:
 - a) People with contradictory convictions to continue in fellowship and dialogue together;
 - b) Those who feel called by God to solemnise same sex marriages to do so;
 - c) Protection for ministers, probationers, members and churches prevented by conscience from participation in such services;
 - d) The Conference to receive reports on emerging practice which will inform ongoing theological reflection.

The Conference adopted the Motion. *[see also 8/53/1-2]*

7/17/9 **Notice of Motion 2018/204: Trans stakeholder group**

The Conference of 2016 directed the Methodist Council 'to ensure that work be progressed to identify the key issues for the Methodist Church to consider in order to ensure that people who are intersex or transgender are included in the life of the Church.'

The Conference recognises the vital importance of the work and that it is done well and resourced appropriately. It further notes the ongoing work on a relevant module of the EDI Toolkit in this area. Whilst there are possible implications for marriage and relationships, it is a distinctive piece of work that should be treated as such. It therefore directs:

- That the EDI trans stakeholder group be expanded by the Methodist Council, not later than its October 2018 meeting, so that it has members who identify as transgender, as well as others with relevant knowledge and expertise of transgender identity and gender diversity:
- That this group shall work with the EDI Committee to:
 - (i) Complete the EDI Toolkit module;
 - (ii) Bring a full report to the Conference, not later than 2021.
- That the particular focus of this work shall be the consideration of pastoral good practice to ensure the welfare of trans, intersex and non-binary people, the pastoral and liturgical issues relating to transition, the use of appropriate

language in CPD and other connexional documents, and theological reflection on the unique contribution trans and intersex people can and do make to the life of the Church.

The Conference adopted the Motion.

7/18 The Conference adjourned at 16:23.

7/19 The Conference reassembled at 16:50.

7/20 **DAILY RECORD**

7/20/1 The Daily Record for Tuesday, 3 July was presented, taken as read, and adopted as printed.

7/20/2 The Written Portion of the Daily Record of the Representative Session was presented and adopted.

7/21 **Notice of Motion 2018/201: Models of Trusteeship**

The Conference, mindful that the Circuit is the primary unit of mission policy and has a particular responsibility to ensure the faithful deployment of resources, directs the Methodist Council to explore alternative models of managing trusteeship and bring to the Conference no later than in 2020 proposals that would enable other bodies to more easily hold trusteeship of Local Churches, after due process.

The Conference adopted the Motion.

7/22 **Notice of Motion 2018/210: Fasting**

In the light of the President and Vice-President's addresses to the Conference, the Conference wishes to encourage representatives to forgo their evening meal on the Sunday of future Conferences. Such a fast would demonstrate the Conference's commitment to God and to those who are struggling with little resources. The fast would be voluntary. The Conference would donate the money saved to the nearest Methodist food bank.

The Conference referred the Motion to the Methodist Council.

7/23 The Connexional Secretary, the Secretary of the Conference and The Revd Dr Roger L Walton led the Conference in a presentation and discussion about ***Reaffirming Our Calling***.

7/24 **LETTERS**

7/24/1 Letters of thanks were written in the name of the Conference to the Conference Arrangements Team, the leaders of the Ordination Retreat, and The Revd Canon Hilary Barber the Vicar of Halifax; a letter of greeting to HH John Hicks QC; a letter of congratulation to Miss Ruth Yardy; a letter of sympathy to Deacon Denise A Creed; letters of concern to The Revds Katharine J Bland, Julia S Monaghan, Dr Daniel M Mwilu and Robert L Roberts; and a letter of encouragement to 3Generate.

7/25 The Conference shared in worship and adjourned at 18.43.

8/1 The Conference assembled at 9.15, and shared in worship.

8/2 **CONFERENCE-ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES**

The Conference elected the following to serve as Conference-elected Representatives at the Conferences of 2019-2021:

Mr Anthony Boateng
Ms Gilliam M Dascombe
Deacon Tracey J Hume

8/3 **THIRD REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE FINANCIAL COMMITTEE**

8/3/1 The Conference Financial Committee is conscious that the Conference has agreed four notices of motion which are judged to have both direct financial effects and consequences on Connexional Team staff time and priorities (Notices of Motion 106, 109, 201 and 204).

There are three further notices of motion with similar consequences which have not, at the time of meeting, been considered by the Conference (202B, 206, 207).

Further detailed work will need to be done to consider the full cost and effect of these additional pieces of work.

The Conference is therefore advised that, to ensure that existing work is not delayed any more than is necessary, it is likely that the expenditure detailed in the Connexional Central Services Budget (Agenda item 24) will be exceeded, and, in particular it is likely that the actual expenditure will be greater than the income, with a consequential net deficit on the Methodist Church Fund annual budget for 2018/19.

8/3/2 The Conference adopted as Resolution F/3: The Conference receives the Report.

8/4 **Notice of Motion 2018/211: Advance Special Projects of the United Methodist Church**

The Conference directs the Methodist Council, in formulating the policy of the Connexional Grants Committee, to study the "Advance Special Projects" of the Global Ministries of the United Methodist Church (our Concordat Partners), and to consider whether a similar scheme would be of value for the British Methodist Church.

Background information: "Advance Special Projects" of the Global Ministries of the United Methodist Church allow churches to select projects they would like to support for which due diligence has already been given to the governance and efficiency of the project in question. A.P's have to apply for this status and provide the church with regular publicity. No guarantee of funds is given to the projects. However funds raised are passed to the projects via the central accounting of the Global Ministries.

The value of the scheme is that churches have the freedom to support projects that they are interested in while being assured that these projects are appropriately governed and managed.

The Conference referred the Motion to the Methodist Council.

8/5 **14. COMMITTEE ON METHODIST LAW AND POLITY (1)**

The Conference agreed to the withdrawal of Resolutions 14/9 and 14/10.

8/6 **35. A RESPONSE TO THE CALL TO HOLINESS: FROM GLORY TO GLORY**

The Conference adopted Resolutions 35/1 and 35/2.

8/7 **18. JOINT ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON THE ETHICS OF INVESTMENT – SUMMARY REPORT**

The Conference adopted Resolution 18/1.

8/8 **48. CLIMATE CHANGE AND FOSSIL FUELS – AN UPDATE**

The Conference adopted Resolutions 48/1 and 48/2.

8/9 **Notice of Motion 2018/205: Stationing Matching**

The Conference directs the Stationing Committee to consider:

(a) how circuit profiles offered into the stationing matching process might be scrutinised so that those accepted for the process meet the needs of the wider Connexion, as well as those of the Circuit concerned.

(b) how the broader stationing issues that the Methodist Church is currently facing might be tackled - in particular, the funding of ministerial appointments and the needs of the most deprived parts of the Connexion, and report to the Conference of 2019.

The Conference further directs the Methodist Council to work with the Stationing Committee in consideration of part (b) so as to ensure coherence with the work being undertaken on a Connexional Financial Strategy.

Background

The number of circuit stationing profiles for ministers submitted to the Stationing Matching Group now significantly exceeds the number of ministers available to be matched to an appointment. This is making the work of the Stationing Matching Group challenging and demanding, as it seeks to deploy ministerial resources fairly across the Connexion.

The Conference adopted the Motion.

8/10 **Notice of Motion 2018/202B: Universal Credit**

In light of the recent National Audit Office Report (15th June 2018) on the failings of the Universal Credit Benefit system, of the Methodist Church's renewed emphasis on Our Calling, the resolutions of the 3Generate report regarding Districts and individuals acting on injustice and the Vice-President's Call to Action on Injustice, the Conference:

- directs the Methodist Council to continue to lobby Parliament about the injustices caused by the Universal Credit System.
- encourages Local Churches and individuals to challenge these injustices.
- directs the Methodist Council to provide resources to help Local Churches to engage with this issue including writing to their MP.
- mandates the President and Vice-President of the Methodist Conference to write a letter on behalf of the Conference to the Department of Work and Pensions which demands the cessation of the roll out of Universal Credit and an independent commission into the effects of the system (as recommended in the JPIT briefing June 2018).

The Conference adopted the Motion.

8/11 **Notice of Motion 2018/206: Homelessness**

The large rise in the number of men and women sleeping rough for seven years in a row and 169% since 2010 is shocking and a scandal.

The figures expose the worst pain afflicted by the housing crisis in the UK. We have failed as a society when so many people are forced to sleep rough. However, they are not alone as the scourge of homelessness extends far beyond our streets. Hidden away in emergency B&Bs, temporary bedsits and on friends' sofas are thousands of other homeless people, including families with children.

The Government must be urged to accelerate its commitment to eliminate rough sleeping and to increase its support for rough sleepers with the most complex needs.

Further, local authorities need to be given the powers and funding to adapt welfare reforms and begin building affordable homes again.

In Greater Manchester, a Homelessness Action Network has been established which sees the Faith Sector involved together with Public, Business, Voluntary and Community Sector partners and people with lived experience in a "whole society approach" to the issue, leading amongst other things to the preparation of cross-sector and co-produced alternative housing models.

In response to this issue, the Conference directs that:

- (i) a letter be sent by the President and the Vice-President of the Conference to the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government expressing the Conference's deep concerns at the sharp increase in rough sleeping and homelessness in the UK, requesting details of the actions being undertaken and the funding streams being made available to address the issue and the causes and urging an acceleration of the target dates and a significant increase in support.
- (ii) evidence be gathered from the Districts of the various responses that Methodist Churches and Methodist people are making on the ground across the connexion in the areas of reduction, respite, recovery and reconnection and a composite report be made available in time for Spring Synods as a focus for discussion.

- (iii) the work being undertaken in Greater Manchester to produce alternative housing models be shared via the Joint Public Issues Team to inform and to enable the models to be operated in other parts of the UK.

The Conference adopted the Motion.

8/12 **Notice of Motion 2018/207: Human Trafficking**

The Presbyteral Session of the Conference was privileged to welcome the Rt. Revd Dr Alastair Redfern, Bishop of Derby, who addressed the Conference on the theme of Human Trafficking and Modern Slavery.

Bishop Alastair spoke about the gospel imperative to 'proclaim release to the captives' and 'to let the oppressed go free' (Luke 4:18). He called on Christians to be informed, to raise awareness and to be involved in challenging the factors which have created the current environment in which 40 million people worldwide are living in conditions of modern slavery (which includes forced labour, debt bondage, forced marriage and human trafficking). Many of these are children.

In particular, six significant factors were highlighted:

- the desire within the corporate sector for cheap, flexible and unregulated labour;
- the desire on the part of consumers for inexpensive goods;
- the increase in the number of vulnerable people across the globe;
- the 'Globalisation of Indifference' (a term coined by Pope Francis);
- the growth of international criminal gangs (modern slavery is worth almost as much as the illegal drug industry and is soon set to overtake it);
- the perception that certain people are worth less than others, a perception which has contributed to the 'hostile environment'.

Members of the session told stories and shared experiences of people in their own contexts who had been trafficked and who had been helped by the Church. Attention was drawn to the work of The CLEWER initiative – an Anglican organisation which is working to raise awareness, challenge the situation and support those affected by Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking. We are also aware of other organisations working in this area, such as www.hopeforjustice.org www.slavefreealliance.org and www.stophetraffik.org and of the significant work already undertaken by Methodist Women in Britain.

During the opening of the Representative Session of the Conference, the President drew attention to Adavu, a Methodist project working to support survivors of modern slavery and to raise awareness.

In light of the above, the Conference:

- (i) re-affirms the belief that all human being are made in the image of God and as such, any practice which denies the humanity of any individual is sinful;

- (ii) expresses its outrage that 211 years after the Abolition of the Slave Trade Act, conditions still pertain, even in the UK, which allow human beings to be held in bondage and to be bought and sold as commodities;
- (iii) directs the President and Vice-President to write to the Home Secretary informing him of the concerns of the Conference in relation to Modern Slavery, and asking what actions the government is taking to raise public awareness of the reality of Modern Slavery, in particular as to how the general public can recognise signs and respond appropriately.
- (iv) directs the Methodist Council to appoint a task group in conjunction with the Joint Public Issues Team (JPIT), to review the existing available resources and, drawing upon them, produce a set of easily accessible theologically reflective and practical materials (to be made available via the Methodist Church website) which can be used to raise awareness among Methodists, to assist in individual and collective decision making, and to influence government policy at a local and national level in response to the reality of Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking.
- (v) the task group to report to the Conference of 2019.

The Conference adopted the Motion.

8/13 **Notice of Motion 2018/208: Displaced People**

The Conference notes the estimated 65.4 million forcibly displaced people around the world. The Conference recognises the work of Christian Aid, All We Can, Cities of Sanctuary and Community Sponsoring Programmes in prompting Local Churches to find ways to respond.

The Conference directs the Methodist Council to make available suitable online resources to enable churches to pray when the UN meets to discuss a global compact on refugees in September 2018.

The Conference adopted the Motion.

8/14 **Notice of Motion 2018/209: United Methodist Church**

1. The Conference stands in solidarity with more than 600 laity and clergy brothers and sisters in the United Methodist Church as they bring church charges, under Paragraph 2702.3 of the 2016 United Methodist Book of Discipline, against Jefferson Beauregard Sessions, Attorney General of the United States, a professing member and active participant of Ashland Place United Methodist Church (Mobile, Alabama), and Clarendon United Methodist Church (Alexandria, Virginia).
2. Following the example of our brothers and sisters in the UMC, the Conference commits to challenging ourselves, our ecumenical partners and our World Church partners to ensure that we do not use Scripture to justify the implementation of unethical or immoral policies.
3. As Christians, we call upon the Prime Minister, Theresa May, to enter into a conversation with President Donald Trump about the use of discriminatory and xenophobic policies that are fundamentally opposed to the message of love and acceptance shown through the teachings of Jesus Christ when he comes to the UK on the 13th July.

The Conference adopted the Motion.

8/15 **Notice of Motion 2018/212: Gaza**

The Conference expresses its extreme concern for the deteriorating conditions in the Gaza Strip and notes the widely recognised concern by NGOs, the United Nations and Government bodies that the two million residents of the area now face conditions that are inhumane. Water is unsafe to drink, sewage is untreated, food is insufficient for the population, eighty common medicines are unavailable and electricity is on for a maximum period of four hours a day.

In addition as a result of the huge number of casualties over the period of the “March of Return” medical facilities in Gaza – already under strain due to the blockade – are now unable to cope.

The Conference notes that the primary reason for this situation is the blockade of Gaza by the Israeli authorities, but notes also that Egypt and the Palestinian Authority also bear some responsibility for these deteriorating conditions. The Conference recognises that a violent response to this situation only makes the situation worse and therefore urges the leaders of Hamas to cease provoking Israel by its use of burning kites and rockets.

The Conference calls for the following actions:

- for a letter to be written to the Israeli Ambassador from the Conference demanding that the Israeli Army observe International Law by ceasing to fire on unarmed civilians.
- for British Methodists to contact their elected representatives and urge Her Majesty’s Government to:
- undertake concerted efforts to bring the blockade to an end.
- impress upon the Israeli Government the importance of adhering to International Law - especially in regard to protests on the borders of Gaza.
- for Methodists across the world to observe the World Methodist Council’s call for seven days of prayer for Gaza and the Holy Land, from the first to the seventh of July.

The Conference adopted the Motion.

8/16 **Memorial M26: Anti-Semitism**

The Conference received Memorial M26, appearing on pp 39-40 of the Agenda Supplement, and adopted the following as its reply, in place of that recommended by the Memorials Committee:

The Conference thanks the Lincolnshire District Synod for its memorial. It commends the continuing work of the Council of Christians and Jews (CCJ) in its work on promoting conversation and notes the award of a connexional grant to CCJ earlier this year for a project entitled “Listening and learning together”, aimed at promoting dialogue on difficult issues.

According to the Community Security Trust, 1,382 anti-Semitic incidents were recorded nationally in 2017. The Conference deplores all such attacks and absolutely condemns anti-Semitism as evil and wrong.

In accepting the Memorial and noting the definition of anti-Semitism that the EDI toolkit provides, and the context and guidance accompanying it, the Conference also joins with the Home Affairs Select Committee report of October 2016 in emphasising that “it is not antisemitic to criticise the Government of Israel, without additional evidence to suggest antisemitic intent.” As the EDI Toolkit expresses, the actions of the Government of Israel should be judged consistently with those of other nations and the political actions of a Government should not be attributed to the Jewish people or faith. The Toolkit further encourages Christians, together with Jews and people of neither faith, to consider how to promote understanding, community cohesion and peace between different communities.

The Conference welcomes informed debate on the relationship between Israelis and Palestinians in order to encourage a just peace for all.

The Conference reiterates its opposition to anti-Semitism and encourages the continuing use of the EDI Toolkit (<http://www.methodist.org.uk/for-ministers-and-office-holders/guidance-for-churches/equality-diversity-and-inclusion/edi-toolkit/>) based as it is on the principle that all humankind is made in God’s image, and therefore worthy of dignity and respect.

8/17 Memorial M27: Plastic

The Conference received Memorial M27 and adopted as its reply that recommended by the Memorials Committee, the Memorial and the reply appearing on pp 41-42 of the Agenda Supplement, adding to the reply the following paragraph:

The Conference encourages all Conference representatives, and in particular future Conference Arrangements Teams, to take conscious practical steps to reduce the use of plastic and creation of waste. It encourages everyone to think reduce, reuse, recycle.

8/18 Memorial M10: Membership of Church Councils by presbyters

The Conference received Memorial M10 and adopted as its reply that recommended by the Memorials Committee, the Memorial and the reply appearing on pp 16-18 of the Agenda Supplement, replacing the third and fourth paragraphs of the recommended reply with the following:

The Conference recognises that in practice often only the presbyter in pastoral charge is in attendance, with other presbyters attending at the specific request of a colleague or a Superintendent exercising their right to attend, not always in the chair.

Recognising that the draft code of conduct is currently in a period of consultation, the Conference directs the Methodist Council to be aware of the impact under ‘leadership and collaboration’ in the ‘functioning’ column:

All ministers should (as set out in Standing Orders or as required in order to implement them):

- Attend and contribute to the meetings of which they are members.

The Conference is concerned that presbyters should not be further tied up in meetings, and directs that amendments to Standing Orders are considered.

This consideration should include exploration of whether further amendments to Standing Order 610(4) are required.

The Conference therefore declines the memorial, but directs the Council to consider the issues raised.

- 8/19 **Memorials M6, M8-M9, M11, M15-M17, M19-M20, M22-M25 and M28**
The Conference received Memorials M6, M8, M9, M11, M15, M16, M17, M19, M20, M22, M23, M24, M25 and M28 and adopted as its replies those recommended by the Memorials Committee, the Memorials and the replies appearing on pp 9-11, 14-16, 18-19, 25-28, 31-39 and 42 of the Agenda Supplement.
- 8/20 **3. METHODIST COUNCIL, part 1 (continued)**
8/20/1 The Conference adopted Resolution 3/2,
p 33, para 7, deleting the 2nd sentence.
- 8/20/2 The Conference adopted Resolutions 3/3, 3/15 and 3/16.
- 8/21 **7. TRUSTEES FOR THE BAILIWICK OF GUERNSEY METHODIST CHURCH PURPOSES**
The Conference adopted Resolution 7/1.
- 8/22 **8. TRUSTEES FOR JERSEY METHODIST CHURCH PURPOSES**
The Conference adopted Resolution 8/1.
- 8/23 **10. METHODIST DIACONAL ORDER GENERAL REPORT**
The Conference adopted Resolutions 10/1 and 10/2.
- 8/24 **14. COMMITTEE ON METHODIST LAW AND POLITY (1)**
8/24/1 The Conference adopted Resolutions 14/1, 14/2, 14/3 and 14/4.
8/24/2 The Conference adopted Resolution 14/5,
p 131, Section D, **243 The Wesley Trust**, *replacing* the proposed text of the Standing Order *with*:
The Methodist Conference shall exercise its powers contained in the articles of the Wesley Trust to appoint up to twelve directors nominated by the members of the company.
- 8/24/3 The Conference adopted Resolution 14/6 in the following form:
The Conference adopts Standing Orders 243 and 343A as set out in the Report,
noting the amendment above.
- 8/24/4 The Conference adopted Resolution 14/7.
- 8/24/5 The Conference adopted Resolution 14/8,

p 133, SO 991(1)(vi), between '**ecumenical**' and '**multi-partner**' deleting the comma and inserting '**and**'

SO 992(1)(i), for '**chairperson**' reading '**chair**'

p 134, SO 992(1)(iii), deleting '**or his or her delegate appointed under Standing Order 114(1E)**'

8/24/6 The Conference adopted Resolutions 14/11 and 14/12.

8/25 **16. ACTION FOR CHILDREN**

The Conference adopted Resolutions 16/1 and 16/2.

8/26 **17. FERNLEY HARTLEY TRUST**

The Conference adopted Resolutions 17/1 and 17/2.

8/27 **19. MANAGING TRUSTEES OF JOHN WESLEY'S CHAPEL, THE NEW ROOM, BRISTOL, AND 4 AND 5 CHARLES STREET**

8/27/1 The Conference adopted Resolutions 19/1 and 19/2.

8/27/2 The Conference adopted Resolution 19/3,

p 159, (iv), adding 'Mr Bob Wood'

8/28 **21. METHODIST COUNCIL, part 3 (continued)**

8/28/1 The Conference adopted Resolutions 21/4 and 21/5,

p 197, SO 340(3), deleting '**(ii) approving the purpose of the forums;**' and renumbering accordingly.

8/28/2 The Conference adopted Resolutions 21/20, 21/21 and 21/27.

8/28/3 The Conference adopted Resolution 21/28,

p 241, SO 232(2), for '(i) to (v) [no change]' reading:

(i) to (iii) [no change]

~~(iv) to carry out such other functions as the Conference by Standing Order or otherwise may direct or request;~~

(v) [no change]

.....

inserting:

(ix) to carry out such other functions as the Conference by Standing Order or otherwise may direct or request.

8/28/4 The Conference adopted Resolution 21/29.

8/28/5 The Conference adopted Resolution 21/30 in the form:

The Conference revokes SO 908 and 970(2)(vi).

8/28/6 The Conference adopted Resolution 21/31,

p 243, in the proposed wording of SO 973(1A), replacing '**replacement projects**' with '**a project as a replacement project**'.

8/29 **26. STATIONING COMMITTEE**

The Conference adopted Resolution 26/1,

p 334, para 5.1, penultimate line, for 'deplorability' reading 'deployability'.

8/30 **28. ECUMENICAL REPORT**

The Conference adopted Resolution 28/1.

8/31 **29. METHODIST SCHOOLS**

8/31/1 The Conference adopted Resolutions 29/1, 29/2, 29/3, 29/4, 29/5, 29/6, 29/7 and 29/8.

8/31/2 The Conference adopted Resolution 29/9,

for 'the Revd Sally Radcliffe' reading 'the Revd Sally Ratcliffe'.

8/31/3 The Conference adopted as Resolution 29/10:

The Conference appoints Jenny Clarke as a Trustee of the Methodist Academies and Schools Trust, for a period of three years concluding 31 August 2021.

Jenny Clarke has been the Headteacher of Aspull Church Primary School, a joint Anglican/Methodist school since 2009. She is the Methodist representative on the board of Wigan SACRE.

8/31/4 The Conference adopted as Resolution 29/11:

The Conference appoints Dr Lorraine Earps as a Trustee of the Methodist Academies and Schools Trust, for a period of three years concluding 31 August 2021.

Dr Lorraine Earps is Head of Queen's College, Taunton, a co-educational Methodist Independent school in Somerset.

8/31/5 The Conference adopted as Resolution 29/12:

The Conference appoints Dr Christopher Stephens as a Trustee of the Methodist Academies and Schools Trust, for a period of three years concluding 31 August 2021.

Dr Christopher Stephens is Head of Southlands College, the Methodist college of the University in Roehampton. Alongside holding a senior role within the university, Christopher established the Susanna Wesley Foundation, acting as its Director until 2018.

8/32 **37. WORLD COUNCIL OF CHURCHES CONFERENCE ON WORLD MISSION AND EVANGELISM**

The Conference adopted Resolution 37/1.

8/33 **38. TRUSTEES FOR METHODIST CHURCH PURPOSES**

8/33/1 The Conference adopted Resolution 38/1.

8/33/2 The Conference adopted Resolution 38/2 in the following form:

The Conference appoints the Revd Paul H Davies, the Revd Rodney Hill and Ms Alethea Siow as members of the Board of the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes.

p 519, **3. Nominations for appointment to the Board**, *adding* The Revd Rodney Hill.

Rodney Hill is the Mission Enabler for the Manchester and Stockport District.

8/33/3 The Conference adopted Resolution 38/3 in the following form:

The Conference, pursuant to clause 2 of the Trust Deed dated 4th September 1939, directs that the bequest from the residuary estate of the late Derek George Phillips be held upon the Model Trust as Connexional Property with the Methodist Council acting as Managing Trustees pursuant to SO 907,

replacing the last two paragraphs of the report *with*:

With Bequest 2, the Board has received an interim distribution of £1,700,000. It is preferable that the bequest from the estate of the late Derek George Phillips is available for the widest possible purposes. Therefore it is proposed that the Conference direct that the bequest be held upon the Model Trust as Connexional Property. Such property is then the responsibility of the Methodist Council as the appropriate Managing Trustees pursuant to SO 907.

8/34 **39. MANAGING TRUSTEES FOR THE METHODIST CENTRAL HALL, WESTMINSTER**

The Conference adopted Resolutions 39/1 and 39/2.

8/35 **40. RELIEF AND EXTENSION FUND FOR METHODISM IN SCOTLAND**

The Conference adopted Resolutions 40/1 and 40/2.

8/36 **41. JOINT COVENANT ADVOCACY AND MONITORING GROUP**

The Conference adopted Resolution 41/1.

8/37 **42. CENTRAL FINANCE BOARD**

The Conference adopted Resolutions 42/1 and 42/2.

8/38 **44. REFERRED MEMORIALS AND NOTICES OF MOTION**

The Conference adopted Resolution 44/1.

8/39 **46. COMMITTEE ON METHODIST LAW AND POLITY (2)**

8/39/1 The Conference adopted Resolutions 46/1, 46/2 and 46/3.

8/39/2 The Conference adopted Resolutions 46/4 and 46/5,

p 557, SO 019(3), line 3, *for 'if and only if' reading 'if and only if'.*

8/39/3 The Conference adopted Resolution 46/6.

8/39/4 The Conference adopted Resolution 46/7,

pp 558-560, replacing the proposed text for SO 1155A with:

1155A Repetitive Complainants. (1) In this Standing Order:

- (i) ***“a repeated complaint” means a complaint which is the same as or substantially similar to another complaint made by the same complainant against the same person or a different person or persons in respect of which consideration is being given or has been given in accordance with this Part and which is not a complaint of the type referred to in Standing Order 1155;***
- (ii) ***“a multiple complainant” means a person who has made two or more repeated complaints;***
- (iii) ***“a repetitive complainant” means a multiple complainant in respect of whom a declaration has been made under clause (6) below to the effect set out in that clause;***
- (iv) ***“the referee” means the person to whom a matter has been referred under clause (4) below.***

(2) This Standing Order shall apply when the relevant connexional Team member is aware or is informed that a person is or may be a multiple complainant.

(3) Any person receiving a complaint which he or she believes may be a repeated complaint shall, before taking any steps in respect of such complaint, inform the relevant connexional Team member of the details of the complaint and the grounds on which he or she believes it to be a repeated complaint.

(4) If the relevant connexional Team member considers that the complainant may be a multiple complainant he or she may refer the matter to a person falling within Standing Order 231(3) for consideration whether the complainant should be declared to be a repetitive complainant.

(5)(a) The relevant connexional Team member makes a reference under clause (4) above by writing to the referee setting out the reasons for which the reference is being made and supplying him or her with the relevant documents.

(b) If the relevant connexional Team member refers a matter to a referee, he or she must inform the complainant that the reference has been made and what would be the effect (as set out in clause (8) below) if the complainant is declared to be a repetitive complainant. A copy of the reference must be sent to the complainant, together with a list of the documents supplied. The relevant connexional Team member must also state that until the referee has reached a decision he or she will not communicate further with the complainant in relation to the complaints made.

(c) The relevant connexional Team member must further inform the complainant that if he or she wishes to make representations to the referee, those

representations must be sent in writing to the relevant connexional Team member within 14 days from the day on which the complainant is so informed.

(d) The relevant connexional Team member must pass any representations received to the referee, who must not make a decision until the time for making representations has expired.

(6) The referee must consider the documentary material supplied to him or her and decide whether to make a declaration that the complainant is a repetitive complainant. Any such declaration must be made on the ground specified in clause (7) below and will have the effect set out in clause (8) below. The referee must record the decision in writing, giving reasons, and send the record to the relevant connexional Team member for safe custody,

(7) The ground on which it may be declared that a complainant is a repetitive complainant is that the referee is satisfied that there is such a risk that the complainant will make one or more further repeated complaints that fairness requires that all his or her future complaints must be referred immediately to a team, convened from the connexional Complaints Panel, which is aware of the history of the complainant as respects the complaints and discipline process and which must, before taking any further steps, consider whether in all the circumstances of the case, including the apparent merits of the particular complaint, that complaint should or should not be allowed to proceed and must give a direction accordingly.

(8) The effect of a declaration that the complainant is a repetitive complainant is that:

- (i) a team must be convened from the Complaints Panel to consider the complaint referred to in clause (3) and to direct whether or not the complaint should be allowed to proceed. If the complaint does proceed, the provisions of this Part apply as if the complainant had referred the complaint to the connexional Complaints Panel and the team convened from the Complaints Panel had decided that the complaint was to be fully considered;*
- (ii) any future complaint by the complainant must be referred immediately to a team convened from the Complaints Panel to act as set out in paragraph (i) above.*

(9) The relevant connexional Team member must inform the complainant of the decision of the referee made under clause (6) above. If the decision is that the complainant should be declared a repetitive complainant, the relevant connexional Team member must also inform the Chair of the District and the Superintendent or other person who is the local complaints officer of the Circuit in which the complainant is stationed or a member or with which he or she (if not a member) appears to have the closest connection.

(10) Any person who becomes aware that a repetitive complainant is making a complaint under this Part must take all necessary steps to ensure that the complaint is dealt with in accordance with the provisions of this Standing Order.

(11) No appeal lies against a decision under clause (6) above to declare that a complainant is a repetitive complainant or a direction of a complaints team given under clause (8) above.

- 8/39/5 The Conference adopted Resolutions 46/8 and 46/9,
p 561, SO 730(5), for '**clause (5A)**' reading '**clause (5B)**'
p 562, SO 322(4), for '**and it shall**' reading '**and shall**'.
- 8/40 **24. CONNEXIONAL CENTRAL SERVICES BUDGET for three years commencing with 2018/19 (continued)**
The Conference adopted Resolution 24/1.
- 8/41 **25. CONNEXIONAL CENTRAL SERVICES BUDGET 2018/19 - DISTRICT ALLOCATIONS**
- 8/41/1 The Conference adopted Resolution 25/1.
- 8/41/2 **Memorial M21: Standardised formula for assessments**
The Conference received Memorial M21 and adopted as its reply that recommended by the Memorials Committee, the Memorial and the reply appearing on pp 34-35 of the Agenda Supplement.
- 8/42 **5. CONFERENCE ARRANGEMENTS**
- 8/42/1 The Conference adopted Resolutions 5/1 and 5/2.
- 8/42/2 The Conference adopted Resolution 5/7,
for 'Synod Cymru, Birmingham, Liverpool, Newcastle upon Tyne, Lancashire, Northampton, Plymouth and Exeter, Southampton, London, South East. Reserves: Yorkshire West, Nottingham and Derby, East Anglia'

reading 'Synod Cymru, Birmingham, Cumbria, Liverpool, Newcastle upon Tyne, Lancashire, Northampton, Plymouth and Exeter, Southampton, Yorkshire West, London, South East. Reserves: Nottingham and Derby, East Anglia'
- 8/43 **43. AUTHORISATIONS COMMITTEE**
- 8/43/1 The Conference adopted Resolutions 43/1, 43/2, 43/3 and 43/4.
- 8/43/2 The Conference adopted Resolution 43/5,
p 546-548, **List A**
adding 5/1 Birmingham Adam Sanders M
for 27/2 Leeds (North and East) Rebecca Stennett P
reading 27/2 Leeds (North and East) Rebekah J Stennett P
adding 28/2 Brownhills and Willenhall Michael Smith L
adding 31/2 Strathclyde Laurent R Vernet P
deleting 31/2 Strathclyde Susan B Taylor P
adding 36/8 West Sussex Coast and Downs Daniel J Balsdon P
p 550, **List C**
deleting 2/3 Bangor and Holyhead Royce Warner L
deleting 2/3 Bangor and Holyhead Howard Jackson L

- 8/43/3 **Memorial M18: Authorisations for deacons to preside at communion**
The Conference received Memorial M18 and adopted as its reply that recommended by the Memorials Committee, the Memorial and the reply appearing on pp 28-31 of the Agenda Supplement.
- 8/44 The Conference adjourned at 11.35.
- 8/45 The Conference reassembled at 11.45.
- 8/46 **53. PRESBYTERS AND DEACONS BECOMING SUPERNUMERARY OR RETURNING TO THE ACTIVE WORK**
- 8/46/1 The Conference adopted Resolution 53/3,
noting the additional names listed at 2/27/1.
- 8/46/2 The Conference agreed to the withdrawal of Resolution 53/4.
- 8/46/3 The Conference adopted Resolution 53/5.
- 8/47 **47. MINISTERIAL CANDIDATES' AND PROBATIONERS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE**
The Conference by a Standing Vote adopted Resolution 47/3.
- 8/48 **54. REPORT TO THE REPRESENTATIVE SESSION OF BUSINESS CONDUCTED BY THE CONFERENCE DIACONAL COMMITTEE**
The Conference by a Standing Vote adopted Resolution 54/2.
- 8/49 **55. PRESBYTERS AND DEACONS FROM OTHER CHURCHES**
- 8/49/1 The Conference by a Standing Vote adopted Resolution 55/1.
- 8/49/2 The Conference by a Standing Vote adopted Resolution 55/2.
- 8/49/3 The Conference adopted Resolutions 55/3, 55/4 and 55/5.
- 8/50 **50. DESIGNATIONS FOR APPOINTMENT OF DISTRICT CHAIRS**
- 8/50/1 The Conference adopted Resolutions 50/1, 50/2 and 50/3.
- 8/50/2 The Conference, with the required majority, adopted Resolutions 50/4, 50/5, 50/6 and 50/7.
- 8/50/3 The Conference adopted as Resolution 50/8:

The Conference designates for appointment the Revd S Mark Slaney as Chair for the Scotland and Shetland Districts for a period of six years from 1 September 2019.

Reasoned Statement

Mark Slaney is the superintendent of the Preston Ribble Circuit in the Lancashire District. He is an engaging and energetic minister, with an obvious depth of faith. Prior to ordained ministry Mark had wide experience in Christian youth work. He is a reflective practitioner who listens and builds on other people's ideas. He has

training and experience in conflict resolution which he is willing to use to enable others.

Mark is passionate about the gospel and has a particular gift for communicating it beyond the walls of the church. This has found expression in much appreciated contributions to local radio. Within the church, Mark is passionate about theology and how it informs the way the church is and could be. He is engaged in exploring how the pattern of life, death and resurrection that we see in Jesus is also being lived out in our churches.

Ecumenical engagement has been part of Mark's ministry in many ways, particularly expressed through involvement in a Methodist-Anglican school and its place in the community, and he is looking forward to bringing distinctive Methodist emphases to ecumenical engagement in Shetland and Scotland.

Mark will bring energy and enthusiasm, and a desire to help the Districts engage with biblical literacy and social action.

The Synods recommend to the Conference that the Revd S Mark Slaney is appointed to serve as Chair for the Shetland and Scotland Districts for a period of six years from 1 September 2019.

8/51 **51. COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS**

8/51/1 The Conference adopted Resolutions 51/1, 51/6, 51/8, 51/10, 51/11, 51/13, 51/14, 51/16, 51/17, 51/18 and 51/19.

8/51/2 The Conference adopted Resolution 51/2,

p 588, **Panel for the Nomination of District Chairs**
adding Deacon Melanie Beaven

Melanie Beaven is serving in the North Cumbria Circuit, with experience of recruitment, selection and discernment.

8/51/3 The Conference adopted Resolution 51/3,

p 589, **Panel for Connexional Discipline, Pastoral and Appeal Committees and persons with associated functions**
deleting Deacon Marion Sharp, Miss Joan Charlesworth, Dr Mary Jefferson

8/51/4 The Conference adopted Resolution 51/4,

p 589, **Panel for Connexional Complaints Teams**
deleting The Revd Mary R Teed
deleting Deacon Deborah L Wilde

8/51/5 The Conference adopted Resolution 51/5,

p 590, **Ministerial Candidates' Selection Committee**
for Rachel A Burgess *reading* Rachel A Hextall
deleting The Revd Alan Combes
adding The Revd Ashley R Cooper, Ms Kate Paterson
for Deacon Sian M Street *reading* Deacon Sian M Street

Ashley Cooper is a presbyter, and the Principal of Cliff College.

Kate Paterson is a research microbiologist. She is a steward and worship leader in the St Neots and Huntingdon circuit, where she leads Café style worship services, youth and adult fellowship groups, nurture group and prayer breakfasts. She represents the Circuit at the District Synod.

Sian Street serves as a deacon in the Bailiwick of Guernsey Circuit, working in ecumenical situations through hospice chaplaincy, schools ministry and pastoral care. She is a member of the Chairs' Nomination Committee and district representative to the DMLN regional forum.

8/51/6 The Conference adopted Resolution 51/7,

p 591, **Faith and Order Committee**

deleting The Revd Simon C Sutcliffe

adding The Revd Dr George P Bailey, The Revd Lionel E Osborn

George Bailey spends half of his time as a Lecturer in Mission Wesleyan Studies at Cliff College and half of his time as a circuit presbyter. Before entering ministry he worked as a primary school teacher and for the Probation Service; but he began as a student of theology, and seeking a systematic, relevant, contextual theology to underpin and shape the mission of the Church and his own various roles within it is a consistent passion. He continues to develop research interests in Wesleyan theology, and theologies of sanctification and holiness across a spectrum of Christian traditions.

Leo Osborn is a past President of the Conference, currently stationed in the Stamford Circuit.

8/51/7 The Conference adopted Resolution 51/9,

p 592, (d) *Churches Together in England Forum*

deleting 'a lay vacancy', The Revd Ruth M Gee

adding The Revd Dr Jonathan R Hustler, The Revd Nicola Reynolds

Jonathan Hustler is the Assistant Secretary of the Conference.

Nicola Reynolds is the District Ecumenical Officer for the Cumbria District.

8/51/8 The Conference adopted Resolution 51/12,

p 593, **Methodist Council**

(vi) *for* 'to be confirmed' *reading* Professor David Matthews, The Revd

Michael D Parker

Michael Parker and David Matthews are nominated to the Council by the Strategy and Resources Committee.

(ix) *for* 'names to follow' *reading* The Revd Stephen J Poxon, The Revd Jarel A Robinson-Brown

Jarel Robinson-Brown is nominated to the Council by the Equalities, Diversity and Inclusion Committee.

8/51/9 The Conference agreed to the withdrawal of Resolution 51/15.

8/51/10 The Conference adopted as Resolution 51/20:

The Conference appoints the Methodist Diaconal Order Leadership Group:
Mrs Ruth Pickles (Chair), Mr Peter Baffoe, Deacon Dawn N Canham, Deacon Kathryn Lamb, the Revd Andrew Letby, the Revd Dr Claire R Potter, Dr Malcolm Stevenson

Andrew Letby is Superintendent of the Croydon Circuit. He has wide experience and a deep understanding of the contribution made by deacons to the life and ministry of a circuit. He is a member of the Ministerial Candidates Selection Committee.

Dawn Canham will shortly be moving from the Melton Mowbray Circuit to the Wimbledon Circuit. Dawn represented the Diaconal Order at the 2017 World Diakonia Assembly in Chicago, which greatly inspired her vision as part of the world-wide fellowship of deacons.

8/51/11 **ADDITIONAL REPORT: CONNEXIONAL TREASURERS**

Due to an oversight, the appointment of Mr Edward Awty as connexional treasurer has not been brought back to the Conference for an extension to be granted. Mr Awty was first appointed to the role of connexional treasurer under the provisions of SO 311 by the 2010 Conference, for an initial period of six years.

He has indicated that he is willing to be reappointed for a further period of five years from the end of his original term of office, that is, until 2021.

Before retirement, Ted Awty was a senior partner at KPMG. He is a member of Wimbourne Methodist Church in the Southampton District. He served as a church steward and senior steward at Bushey and Oxhey. He brings to the role of connexional treasurer wide experience of the Methodist Church as well as financial acumen and strategic thinking.

The Conference is therefore asked to reappoint Mr Edward Awty as connexional treasurer, serving until 2021.

8/51/12 The Conference adopted as Resolution 51/21:

Pursuant to SO 311(4), the Conference appoints Mr Edward Awty as connexional treasurer until 31 August 2021.

8/52 **52. APPRECIATIONS**

8/52/1 The Secretary of the Conference expressed the appreciation of the Conference for the work of the Chair of the Methodist Council, The Revd Ruth M Gee.

8/52/2 The Conference adopted Resolution 52/1.

8/53 **REPORT OF THE LAW AND POLITY SUB-COMMITTEE**

8/53/1 **Report**

Under Standing Order 131(25) the Law and Polity Conference Sub-Committee may move a resolution for any purpose considered by the Conference to be within the scope of the functions of the Law and Polity Committee. Following the debate yesterday on Notice of Motion 2018/203 [see 7/17/8], when clarification of the intention of the proposers was sought and given, it has emerged that the printed text inadvertently did not reflect the text that had previously been circulated amongst those that had been supporting the Notice of Motion.

The Law and Polity Conference Sub-Committee, having been provided with the original version, takes the view that it usefully explains the intention of the proposers as subsequently explained to the Conference. The Sub-Committee therefore proposes the following resolution.

8/53/2 The Conference adopted as Resolution LP/1:

For the purpose of formally recording the clarification of Notice of Motion 2018/203 which was given by the proposer and seconder to the Conference the Notice of Motion should be read as if it were in the following form:-

Given the difficulties that the current Task Group has faced, the Conference now wishes to offer guidance about the direction of travel it seeks for the Methodist Church. The Conference, therefore,

- i)
- ii) directs the Task Group to ensure that proposals are brought before the Conference ~~on~~ **including** a way forward that is consistent with the existing commitment to live with contradictory convictions, namely **enabling**:
 - a) People with contradictory convictions to continue in fellowship and dialogue together;
 - b) Those who feel called by God to solemnise same sex marriages to do so;
 - c) Protection for ministers, probationers, members and churches prevented by conscience from participation in such services;
 - d) The Conference to receive reports on emerging practice which will inform ongoing theological reflection.

8/53/3 The Conference adopted as Resolution LP/2:

The Conference delegates to the Methodist Council the making of any outstanding appointments and the completing of any outstanding business required to be made or done by the Conference of 2018, and directs that any such actions be reported to the Conference of 2019.

8/54 **THE STATIONS**

8/54/1 The Stations were presented to the Conference in the form of the Draft previously circulated with the following amendments:

THE WALES SYNOD

2/9 **Cardiff**

Supernumeraries:

deleting: Philip R Buckland (AP)

2/16 **Mid-Glamorgan Mission**

adding: † Philip J Osborne

2/19 **Newport and Lower Wye**

Supernumeraries:

deleting: Graham Leaman

THE BIRMINGHAM DISTRICT

5/1 **Birmingham**

for: Elaine C Russell (WA)
reading: Elaine C Russell (University Hospitals Birmingham NHS Trust)
Supernumeraries:
adding: Philip C Hoar

5/4 Birmingham (Sutton Park)
for: Kathryn R Darby (Chaplain)
reading: Kathryn R Darby (WA)

5/10 Coventry and Nuneaton
deleting: Rachel A Hextall (Spirituality and Holistic Healing)
Supernumeraries:
deleting: John M Adams

5/13 Mid-Warwickshire
adding: Rachel A Hextall (Spirituality and Holistic Healing)

5/5 Stratford and Evesham
Supernumeraries:
deleting: Rosamy Murphy

5/16 South West Worcestershire
Supernumeraries:
deleting: John B Glover
adding: Anthony B Martin (D)

THE BOLTON AND ROCHDALE DISTRICT

6/1 Bolton
Supernumeraries:
deleting: John Fisher

6/3 Farnworth and Worsley
deleting: Jane Greenhalgh (AP)

6/7 Leigh and Hindley
Supernumeraries:
adding: John Fisher

6/14 Rossendale
for: *Supernumerary:*
reading: *Supernumeraries:*
Supernumeraries:
adding: Christine Griffiths

THE BRISTOL DISTRICT

7/16 Somerset Mendip
Supernumeraries:
adding: Derek R House

7/20 Wiltshire United Area
adding: Tracey Lewis (AP)

7/23 Upper Thames
adding: Sarah C Simpson (AP)

THE CUMBRIA DISTRICT

9/5 Solway
for: Supernumerary
reading: Supernumeraries
Supernumeraries:
adding: Eric Wright

9/13 Kendal
for: Wendy A Thornton
reading: Wendy A Thornton (also permission to serve the Church of England)

9/14 South Lakes
adding: Deborah Wilde (D) (Site Team Leader at Furness General Hospital)
Supernumeraries:
deleting: J Brian Wright

THE CHESTER AND STOKE-ON-TRENT DISTRICT

11/8 Cheshire South
adding: Simon C Sutcliffe
deleting: **11/16 Kidsgrove**
deleting: Peter E Barber (S)

for: **11/18 Stoke-on-Trent (Burslem Mission)**
reading: **11/18 Stoke-on-Trent Mission**

deleting: **VentureFX Pioneer**
deleting: Simon C Sutcliffe who shall act in respect of ministerial duties under the direction of the Chair of the District

11/24 Staffordshire Moorlands
adding: Ashley R Cooper (Principal Cliff College)

THE CORNWALL DISTRICT

12/1 Camborne, Redruth and Hayle
adding: † Morwenna Wills (Charity Worker)

12/4 Truro
deleting: Susan M Golden (AP)

12/5 Newquay, Perranporth and St. Agnes
Supernumeraries:
deleting: Derek R House

12/8 Bodmin, Padstow and Wadebridge
Supernumeraries:
deleting: Ronald J Hockley

12/9 West Cornwall
deleting: Julyan Drew
deleting: † Morwenna Wills (Charity Worker)
Supernumeraries:
adding: Julyan Drew

12/14 **The Lizard and Mounts Bay**
for: Frances E Lane
reading: Frances E Johnson

12/22 **Saltash**
Supernumeraries:
deleting: Ruth A Goodland

THE DARLINGTON DISTRICT

13/1 **Darlington**
adding: Beverly Hollings (S)
adding: Solomon Joseph (RR)

13/2 **Middlesbrough and Eston**
for: Charity Hamilton (WA)
reading: Charity Hamilton

13/11 **Durham and Deerness Valley**
adding: Graham J Peaden (WA)
deleting: Kate Bruce (AP)

THE EAST ANGLIA DISTRICT

14/1 **Norwich**
for: Robert L Roberts (RR)
reading: Robert L Roberts

deleting: **Culford School**
deleting Simon C Compton-Battersby (AP) who shall act in respect of ministerial duties under the direction of the Chair of the District

14/2 **Ipswich**
deleting: Anthony Brookes (Chaplain, Ipswich Hospital)

14/20 **West Norfolk**
Supernumeraries:
adding: J Gordon Tonge

THE LINCOLNSHIRE DISTRICT

17/11 **Barton and Brigg**
Supernumeraries:
deleting: David Rushton

THE LIVERPOOL DISTRICT

18/13 **Sankey Valley**
Supernumeraries:
adding: Susan M Smith

18/17 **Southport**
adding: Peter J Lyth (AP)
for: Janette Fraser
reading: Janette Fraser (Hospital Chaplain)
Supernumeraries:
adding: J Brian Wright

THE MANCHESTER AND STOCKPORT DISTRICT

- 19/1 Manchester**
adding: Luiz F Cardoso
Supernumeraries:
adding: Rosamy Murphy
- 19/8 Altrincham**
adding: Rosalind Watson
- 19/13 Stockport**
adding: Paul Brewerton (AP)
adding: Luiz F Cardoso
- 19/14 Hazel Grove and Poynton**
deleting: Rosalind Watson
- 19/16 Romiley**
for: Rodney Hill (District Resourcing Mission Enabler)
reading: Rodney Hill (District Mission Enabler)
- 19/18 Buxton**
adding: Lorraine Brown (D) (Peak Park Rural Development Enabler (PPRDE))
- 19/20 High Peak**
Supernumeraries:
adding: Keith Bamford
- 19/22 Hyde and Denton**
deleting: Jocelyn F Bennett
Supernumeraries:
adding: George Hardman

THE NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE DISTRICT

- 20/5 North Shields and Whitley Bay**
adding: David Rushton
- 20/22 North West Durham**
adding: Kayla B Harward (AP)

THE LANCASHIRE DISTRICT

- 21/11 Preston Ribble**
deleting: Susan J Creighton
- 21/12 Blackpool**
Supernumeraries:
deleting: Laurence R Potter
- 21/14 South Fylde**
adding: Paul H Davis (S)
adding: Anthony M Davies (Prison Chaplain)
Supernumeraries:
adding: Laurence R Potter

21/16 **North Lancashire**
for: P Jane Gibson (D)
reading: P Jane Harper (D)

for: Kara S Cooper (Lancaster University and University of
Cumbria Chaplain)
reading: Kara S Cooper (Lancaster University Chaplain)

THE NOTTINGHAM AND DERBY DISTRICT

22/6 **Derby**
adding: Eroni V K Moce (RR)

22/23 **Sherwood Forest**
deleting: Eroni V K Moce (RR)
Supernumeraries:
deleting: Pamela J Webster

THE NORTHAMPTON DISTRICT

23/2 **Wantage and Abingdon**
deleting: Deborah L Wilde (D) (Hospital Chaplain)

23/3 **Witney and Faringdon**
adding: Rebecca Peters (AP)

23/5 **Banbury**
deleting: Jean C Fletcher (Hospital Chaplain)
Supernumeraries:
adding: Jean C Fletcher

23/11 **Hinckley**
Supernumeraries:
adding: Vivienne R D Atter

23/23 **Nene Valley**
adding: Michael G Alderson (AP)

23/29 **Vale of Aylesbury**
adding: Olufemi R W Cole-Njie (WA) who shall act in respect of
ministerial duties under the direction of the Chair of the
District

THE PLYMOUTH AND EXETER DISTRICT

24/1 **Plymouth and Devonport**
Supernumeraries:
adding: David P Martin

24/11 **Bude and Holsworthy**
adding: Stephen Hill (WA)

24/16 **Tiverton and Wellington**
deleting: Elizabeth A McDowell (WA)
Supernumeraries:
adding: Elizabeth A McDowell

24/18 South Petherton and Crewkerne

Supernumeraries:

adding: Ruth A Goodland

24/23 Torridge

adding: Mark A Nightingale (AP) (Chaplain Shebbear College) who shall act in respect of ministerial duties under the direction of the Chair of the District

THE SHEFFIELD DISTRICT

25/1 Sheffield

for: Jill Pullan

reading: Jill M Pullan

deleting: Ruth C Turner (AP)

25/11 Bolsover and Staveley

Supernumeraries:

adding: Pamela J Webster

25/13 The Peak

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

adding: David C Hunt (D)

Supernumeraries:

deleting: Keith Bamford

deleting: J Gordon Tonge

25/15 Barnsley

for: † Ben Scrivens

reading: † Benjamin Scrivens

THE SOUTHAMPTON DISTRICT

26/3 Kennet and Test Valley

for: Jennifer M Ellis (Permission to study)

reading: Jennifer M Ellis (WA)

26/5 Yeovil and Blackmore Vale

deleting: Bruce J Anderson (RR)

for: † Rebekah J Spinks (D)

reading: † Rebekah-Joy Spinks (D)

26/7 East Solent and Downs

for: Penelope J Thorne (WA)

reading: † Penelope J Thorne (WA)

26/8 Dorset South and West

for: Stephanie J Jenner (S)

reading: Stephanie J Jenner

deleting: Bruce J Anderson (RR)

adding: Jean A Quick

26/12 Salisbury

deleting: Rachel N Noël (AP)

26/21 Weymouth

deleting: Jean A Quick (S)

THE YORKSHIRE WEST DISTRICT

27/18 Skipton and Grassington

Supernumeraries:

adding: Margaret Christopher

27/31 Airedale

Supernumeraries:

deleting: Margaret Christopher

THE WOLVERHAMPTON AND SHREWSBURY DISTRICT

28/3 Shropshire and Marches

Supernumeraries:

adding: David F Lavender

28/9 Stafford

for: Jimione Kaci (RR)

reading: Jimione Kaci

deleting: Philip S Daniel (AP)

deleting: Shirley Miller (AP)

28/13 Dudley and Netherton

adding: Supernumeraries:

Supernumeraries:

adding: William H Anderson

adding: Gordon Morton

THE YORKSHIRE NORTH AND EAST DISTRICT

29/16 Tadcaster

deleting: Stanley Jackson (Training Consultant, URC)

29/24 Ripon and Lower Dales

Supernumeraries:

adding: Jennifer M Potter

29/26 Nidd Valley

adding: Christine Gillespie

Supernumeraries:

deleting: Jennifer M Potter

29/31 North Yorkshire Coast

Supernumeraries:

deleting: Chris Kirkman

deleting: Derek Thorpe

29/33 York

for: Linda Day

reading: Linda Day (WA)

deleting: Graham J Peaden (WA)

29/36 Goole and Selby

deleting: Christine Gillespie

29/37 Hull (Centre and West)

adding: Leslie M Newton (S)

adding: Anthony Brookes (Chaplain)

THE SCOTLAND DISTRICT

31/2 Strathclyde
adding: Janice H Aiton (AP)
Supernumeraries:
deleting: John K Clark (AP)

31/3 Forth Valley
adding: Pamela B Garrud (Hospital Chaplain)

31/10 North of Scotland Mission
for: Colin G J Plenderleith (S)
reading: Colin G J Plenderleith

THE BEDFORDSHIRE, ESSEX AND HERTFORDSHIRE DISTRICT

34/1 North Bedfordshire
deleting: Wendy M Evans-Wood
Supernumeraries:
adding: Wendy M Evans-Wood
deleting: Susan D M Howe

34/9 Chelmsford
adding: Calvin T Samuel (Principal, London School of Theology)

THE LONDON DISTRICT

35/2 West London Mission
adding: H Barrie Morris (WA) who shall act in respect of ministerial duties under the direction of the Secretary of the Conference
adding: Michael R Simpson (WA) who shall act in respect of ministerial duties under the direction of the Secretary of the Conference

35/4 Chelsea, Hammersmith and Fulham
deleting: Naison Hove (AP)
adding: Ayodeji E Okegbile (RR)

35/7 Southwark and Deptford
deleting: Edwina B Turner (AP)
deleting: Vivienne R D Atter (Freelance Social Worker, Attercare Ltd)

35/24 Ealing Trinity
deleting: Calvin T Samuel (Principal, London School of Theology)

35/25 Richmond and Hounslow
for: Adam Nyawo (S) (RR)
reading: Adam Nyawo (S)

35/30 Lesnes Abbey
for: Helen Watson
reading: Helen Watson (S)
Supernumeraries:
deleting: John S Stephens

35/36 Harrow and Hillingdon
adding: Ruth M Gee (Connexional Team)

for: M John Swarbrick (S)
reading: M John Swarbrick

35/42 Bromley
for: Karen M George (S)
reading: Karen M George
deleting: Raymond J Coster (AP)

THE SOUTH EAST DISTRICT

36/1 Hants-Surrey Border
adding: Michael Hopkins (AP)

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

36/8 West Sussex (Coast and Downs)
adding: John Scrivens (WA)
Supernumeraries:
deleting: William Hewison
deleting: Allan J Hughes
deleting: Kavula J John

36/10 Dorking and Horsham
adding: Jan Hofmeyr (AP)
Supernumeraries:
adding: Kavula J John

36/27 Canterbury and East Kent
adding: Lynda Russell (WA)

SERVICE IN OTHER CONFERENCES AND CHURCHES

APPOINTED TO SERVE ABROAD

for: Angleena J Keizer (Sri Lanka)
reading: Angleena J Keizer (D) (Jerusalem)

PERMISSION TO SERVE ABROAD

deleting: Pamela B Garrud (United States)

PERMISSION TO RESIDE ABROAD

adding: Susan D M Howe (United States)
for: Harriet P Bacon (Barbados)
reading: Harriet P Bacon (D) (Barbados)
for: Gordon H Wallace (Ireland)
reading: Gordon H Wallace (D) (Ireland)

PERMISSION TO SERVE ANOTHER CHURCH

for: Hannah C Heim (Methodist Church The Gambia)
reading: Hannah C Faal-Heim (Methodist Church The Gambia)

THE CONNEXIONAL TEAM

for Ruth M Gee
reading Ruth M Gee (35/36)
for Donna Ely (14/18)
reading Donna Ely (D) (14/18)

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

Deleting all the names of ministers in the active work

Supernumeraries:

deleting: David P Martin

deleting: Susan M Smith

ASSOCIATE PRESBYTERS

adding: Pete J M Stone (26/8)

adding: Richard Webb (36/25)

adding: Peter J Thomas (17/11)

8/54/2 The Conference, by a Standing Vote, adopted the Stations.

8/55 **DAILY RECORD**

8/55/1 The Daily Record for Wednesday, 4 July was presented, taken as read, and adopted as printed,

at 7/2(c), for 'as servants' reading 'as a servant'

at 7/2(d), for 'The Revd John Newton' reading 'The Revd Dr John A Newton'.

8/55/2 The Conference adopted the Daily Record for Thursday, 5 July in headings only.

8/56 **EXPRESSIONS OF THANKS**

8/56/1 The ex-President, The Revd Loraine N Mellor, and the ex-Vice-President, Mrs E Jill Baker, expressed the thanks of the Conference to the President and Vice-President of the Conference.

8/56/2 The Conference expressed its thanks to the Connexional Team, the Conference Arrangements Team, the Business Committee, the Conference Secretariat and the staff in the Record Office.

8/57 **LETTERS**

8/57/1 Letters were written in the name of the Conference to the following presbyters on the occasion of the 25th anniversary of their ordinations:

John M Adams
John J A Archer
John N Attwood
Denys H Bament
Gerald S Broadbent
Peter A Brown
David J Burrow
Phillip A E Challis
Paul S R Chesworth
Margaret M Christopher
Robert C Cotton
Marie G Dove
Paul N Dunstan
Christopher J Esgate
Jill A Flowers
Sylvia M Garrett

Charles R Gibbs
Michael G Giles
Andrew F Goodhead
Novette S Headley
Linda S Healey
Conrad J Hicks
Ronald M Hicks
Sonia M Hicks
F Russell Hilborne
Susan Hill
Kevin P Hooke
Malcolm D Hope
Martin P Hounsfeld
Christopher C Humble
Sylvia V I Jacquest
Frances E Johnson

Mary E Jolly
Graham R Jones
Margaret P Jones
M Jill Jones
Nasief Kawar
R J John Lear
Andrew Letby
Anthony G Malcolm
Andrew J Mashiter
Michael J Mason
Linda K McMurray
Donald Moxon
Michael A Neal
Margaret A Oxenham
Cynthia A Park
Dr Peter M Phillips
Marty Presdee
Colin A Reasbeck
Michael J Redshaw

Andrew M Roberts
Dr Judith A Rossall
Jonathan A Sharp
Jean E Simmonds
Billy Slatter
Gillian E Slaymaker
Colin A Smith
Shaun Swithenbank
Edward J Sykes
Philip J Taylor
Gwyn C Thomas
J Nicholas H Thompson
Anthony D Warren
Ralph S Webb
Peter E Whatton
Timothy Widdess
Stuart J Wild
Dr Andrew D Wood

8/57/2 Letters were written in the name of the Conference to the following presbyters on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of their ordinations:

Michael J Allen
Alan F Barker
Peter Bayley
Roger S Bidnell
R Martin Broadbent
Malcolm Brookes
Dr Stuart J Burgess
Roy P Crew
Graham V C Eddy
H J Royston Emms
Vernon J Godden
Dennis Griffiths
John Hainsworth
G David Hall
David Halstead
David R Hill
Peggy A P Hiscock
Terence Hurst
Robin E Hutt
Martin P James
Dr John Johnson
David W Le Poidevin

Trevor Lockwood
Derek C Lund
Kenneth Mankin
John A Palmer
Donald A Pickard
Dr Alan G Powers
Geoffrey W Revett
William F Seymour
Peter Sharrocks
E Gerald Stoddern
Ian Sumner
Dr John B Taylor
Geoffrey R Thorpe
W L Vaughan Tong
Graham W Tooth
Laurence J Turner
Michael J Walling
Peter J Went
J Neville Whitehead
David F Willie
Colin R Wilson

8/57/3 Letters were written in the name of the Conference to the following presbyters on the occasion of the 60th anniversary of their ordinations:

Harold R Bowes
Richard Davison
John M Edwards
John Farrimond
Brian W Goss
A Richard Heafield
Ronald W C Hoar

Michael Meech
E Michael Newman
John Peacock
C Irving Penberthy
Richard J Plant
John D Searle
Derek Shutter

C Hughes Smith
Frank W Smith
R G Gregory Stevenson
William H Tate

Ronald L Thomas
John Munsey Turner
David S Watkinson

8/58 **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.

8/59 **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, 28 June 2018, 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.

8/60 **ADJOURNMENT**

The Conference, by a Standing Vote, resolved to adjourn to the Conference of 2019, which would meet in Birmingham on Thursday, 27 June in its Presbyteral Session, and on Saturday, 29 June in its Representative Session.

8/61 The Conference adjourned at 12.43.

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