

1/1 The Conference in its Ministerial Session assembled in the Southport Theatre and Convention Centre at 14.30, The Revd Alison Tomlin, the President of the Conference, in the Chair.

1/2 **MEMBERSHIP OF THE CONFERENCE**

The Conference adopted the membership of this Session of the Conference, being those ministers who are listed in the Agenda (pp 889-896) 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 ministers listed in the Agenda (pp 896-897) 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:

p 891 **Representatives of Connexional and Other Bodies**
deleting The Revd Julie Hulme (to be replaced in the Representative Session by a lay person)

p 893 **East Anglia District**
The Revd Mark R Booth *vice* The Revd Barbara Garwood

Nottingham and Derby District
The Revd Ian P Kemp *vice* The Revd Christine Perry

p 894 **Southampton District**
The Revd Paul Martin (Bolton and Rochdale District) *vice* The Revd Lesley S Martin

p 895 **London District**
The Revd Samuel E McBratney *vice* The Revd Nigel Cowgill

Associate Members (a) Ecumenical
confirming that the representative from The Church in Wales is The Revd Martin K Snellgrove

pp 896-7 **Additional Members of the Ministerial Session**
adding:
The Revd John P Barnett
The Revd Philip Barnett
The Revd J Trevor Dixon
The Revd R Martin Evans-Jones
The Revd Armstrong K Fummey
The Rev Mark P Hammond
The Revd Nicholas R Holt
The Revd Lynda Hughes
The Revd Michael Hughes
The Revd Christine Jones (B)
The Revd James W Jones
The Revd Barry Lotz
The Revd Nicholas A Oborski

The Revd Yvonne J Pearson
The Revd Baroness Kathleen M Richardson
The Revd Dr Angela J Shier-Jones
The Revd Roger Stubbings
The Revd Andrew P Turner
The Revd Terence J Young

and deleting
The Revd Mark Pengelly
The Revd D Darlene McCarley

1/3 **LETTERS**

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

The Revd Albert J Ball (1941)
The Revd Dr C Kingsley Barrett (1939)
The Revd S John Batson (1935)
The Revd Kenneth Broadhurst (1941)
The Revd S John Dain (1941)
The Revd F Rodham Dowson (1936)
The Revd G Thackray Eddy (1936)
The Revd Norman B Fishburn (1938)
The Revd John J B Hudson (1941)
The Revd William J Palmer (1938)
The Revd R Keith Parsons (1938)
The Revd R Wilfrid Pile (1941)
The Revd George W Sails (1941)
The Revd Robert W Salmon (1941)
The Revd Arthur S Valle (1940)

1/4 **HOURS OF SESSION**

The Conference agreed that these should be 14.30-16.30 and 17.00-18.30 on Thursday, 30 June; 09.15-10.30, 11.15-12.45, 14.00-14.30, 14.45-16.30 and 17.00-18.15 on Friday, 1 July, with a celebration of Holy Communion at 18.15.

1/5 **APPOINTMENT OF SCRUTINEERS**

The Conference appointed the Committee of Scrutineers as follows:

The Revd Emmanuel Aggrey-Ogoe
The Revd Rosemarie E G Clarke
The Revd Christine Gillespie
The Revd M Susan E Lawler
The Revd Michael J Redshaw
The Revd Ajay Singh
The Revd Monwabisi R Vithi

1/6 **APPOINTMENT OF ATTESTORS**

The Revds Stephen J Radford and Margaret Barnes were appointed to attest the 'written portion' of the Daily Record of the Ministerial Session.

1/7 **63. CONFERENCE ARRANGEMENTS**

The Conference adopted Resolutions 63/3, 63/4 and 63/5.

- 1/8 **PASTORAL ADDRESS**
The President of the Conference, The Revd Alison Tomlin, addressed the Conference, and led the Conference in discussion.
- 1/9 The Conference adjourned at 16.25.
- 1/10 The Conference reassembled at 17.00.
- 1/11 **2. CONTEMPORARY METHODISM: A DISCIPLESHIP MOVEMENT SHAPED FOR MISSION [THE GENERAL SECRETARY'S REPORT]**
A discussion took place about this Report.
- 1/12 The Conference went into closed session at 17.38.
- 1/13 The Conference accepted a report on behalf of the Conveners of Connexional Discipline and Pastoral Committees, and of Appeal Committees.
- 1/14 The Conference noted that Philip J Barker had ceased to be a presbyter in full connexion with the Conference, retaining the status of member.
- 1/15 **LETTERS**
- 1/15/1 The Conference directed that a letter of thanks be sent to the The Revd Philip McR Beuzeval for his work as Convener of Appeals Committees.
- 1/15/2 A letter of greeting was sent in the name of the Conference to The Revd Professor C Kingsley Barrett.
- 1/15/3 A letter of concern was sent in the name of the Conference to The Revd Malcolm J Grills.
- 1/16 The Conference adjourned at 18.06.

- 2/1 The Conference assembled at 09.15 and went into closed session at 09.24.
- 2/2 **78. MINISTERIAL CANDIDATES SELECTION COMMITTEE**
- 2/2/1 The Conference concurred with the recommendations of the Candidates Appeals Committee.
- 2/2/2 The Conference recommended, with the required majority, acceptance by the Representative Session of the following candidates, to proceed immediately into pre-ordination training:
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| Christopher James Blackshaw | Deborah Humphries |
| Gabriele Elisabeth Britton-Voss | Kate Elizabeth Konrad |
| Audrey Delores Browne | David Lawton |
| Hannah Mary Bucke | Katherine Anne Leonowicz |
| Susan Margaret Burton | Catherine Louise Lewis |
| Ruth Helen Childs | Deborah Cooke Mallett |
| Christopher John Collins | Jennifer Avrille Matthews |
| Naomi Cooke | Mary Mawonera |
| Victoria Elizabeth Davidson | Neil Andrew Maynard |
| Edson Dube | Helen Margaret Millward |
| Alexandra Claire Dunstan | Timothy Colin Nicholls |
| Christine Margaret Dutton | Katherine Jill Pickering |
| Simon Christopher Edwards | Jarel Adrian Robinson-Brown |
| Patrick Michael Evans | Simon Andrew Rose |
| Nathan Stuart Falla | Bruce Jonathan Sawyer |
| William Edward Fletcher | Suzanne Lesley Shortman |
| Christine Anne Margaret Fox | Ruth Simpson (previously known as
Ruth Buchanan) |
| Timothy John Francis | Eleanor Janet Smith |
| Caroline Hague | Sharon Jane Thraves-Pennington |
| Tracey Jayne Harris | Rosalind Watson |
| Gordon William Hay | Karen Webber |
| Lorette Jayne Hinson | Denise Elaine Williamson |
| Helen Hooley | David John Leslie Willis |
| Jemima Elizabeth Howe | |
- 2/2/3 The Conference, by a Standing Vote, resolved as Resolution 78/1 to recommend to the Representative Session for training those persons whose names have been duly presented to it.
- 2/3 **69. MINISTERIAL CANDIDATES AND PROBATIONERS OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE**
- 1. SPECIAL REPORTS (Agenda pp 811-812)**
- 2/3/1 The Conference recommended to the Representative Session that the following candidates conditionally accepted at previous Conferences be adjudged to have fulfilled their conditions:
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| Margaret Elizabeth Dudley | Imran Bobby Malik |
| Anna Louise Flindell | Richard Ormrod |
| Saidu Kanu | Thomas John Osborne |

2/3/2 The Conference agreed the following changes in expected date of Reception into Full Connexion:

To an earlier date:

Christine Mary Howe	2011 (from 2012)
Susan Levitt	2011 (from 2012)

To a later date:

Gillian Baalham	2014 (from 2013)
Patrice Jackson	2012 (from 2011)
Greg Obong Oshotse	2014 (from 2013)
Joseph Ribeiro	2012 (from 2011)
Alison Richardson	2012 (from 2011)
Estwar Sanichar	2017 (from 2015)

2/3/3 The Conference received a report in relation to a student minister, Debra Mina Chidakwa.

2/3/4 The Conference concurred with a recommendation that Anne Sanderson's probation be discontinued.

2/3/5 The Conference noted that Keith Bucknall had withdrawn from probation.

2/3/6 The Conference adopted Resolution 69/1,

p 811,

moving Anne Sanderson from **1.3 Special cases** to **1.5 Discontinuance**,

moving Debra Mina Chidakwa from **1.5 Discontinuance** to **1.3 Special cases**, and

deleting Keith Bucknall from **1.8 Transfers to other Conference or Churches** and inserting 'no case'.

2/4 **2. PREACHERS RECOMMENDED FOR CONTINUANCE ON TRIAL** (Agenda pp 812-816)

The Conference adopted Resolution 69/2,

p 812, *adding* 'Asif, Rohama 2012' and *for* 'Catford, Elizabeth' *reading* 'Kirova, Elizabeth (previously known as Elizabeth Catford)'[*as corrected by 5/28/1*],

p 813, *for* 'Hill, Rachel Marie' *reading* 'Parkes, Rachel Marie (previously known as Rachel Marie Hill)',

and *deleting* 'Ilunga, Charles M 2012',

p 815, *for* 'Widdowson, Rachel Louise' *reading* 'Williams, Rachel Louise (previously known as Rachel Louise Widdowson)'.

2/5 **3. PREACHERS ON TRIAL PRESENTED TO THE CONFERENCE FOR RECEPTION INTO FULL CONNEXION** (Agenda pp 816-817)

2/5/1 The Conference accepted the recommendation of the Ministerial Candidates and Probationers Committee that the following are fit to be admitted into full connexion with the Conference as ministers:

Andrew P Biggs
John M L Boardman
Dawn R Carn
Andrew Checkley
Nigel J Clements
Sally A Coleman
Christine W Coram
Nicholas Cutts
David M Goodall
Christine M Howe
Philip J Jackson
Anne R Jeffrey
Helen E Jenkins
Felicity J Jepson-Randall

Ian M Kent
Kim W Kerchal
Julie A Letts
Susan Levitt
John R Marriott
Janet I Pybon
Mark D Roberts
Mark Rowland
Margaret C M Slingo
Janice Trimble
Rachel A Ward
Robert J Weir
David G Wynd

2/5/2 The Conference, by a Standing Vote, adopted Resolution 69/3.

2/6 **79. RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE MINISTERIAL CANDIDATES SELECTION COMMITTEE ACTING AS TRANSFER COMMITTEE (under S.O.730)**

2/6/1 The Conference concurred with the recommendations of the Appeals Committee for Ministerial Transfer between Churches.

2/6/2 The Conference accepted, with the required majority, the recommendation of the Ministerial Candidates Selection Committee that the following be received into full connexion by transfer in 2011:

The Revd Dr Mark Andrew Jason, an ordained presbyter of the Church of South India

The Revd Devadas Matcha, an ordained presbyter of the Baptist Church, India

The Revd Manivasagan Narainsamy Pillay, an ordained presbyter of the Church of the Nazarene, Southern Africa

2/6/3 The Conference accepted the recommendation of the Ministerial Candidates Selection Committee that the following be recognised and regarded as ministers in full connexion with the Conference under Standing Order 732(2) and (3):

The Revd Luiz Fernando Cardoso of the Methodist Church, Brazil

The Revd Susan Dorothy May Howe of the Arkansas Conference of the United Methodist Church

The Revd Norman Keith Lowder of the Western North Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church

The Revd David Alan Markay of the West Ohio Conference of the United Methodist Church

The Revd Kristin Chiles Markay of the West Ohio Conference of the United Methodist Church

The Revd Merika Alpheus Nkwana of the Methodist Church Southern Africa

The Revd Seung-Wook Jung of the Korea Evangelical Holiness Church

2/6/4 The Conference adopted Resolution 79/1.

2/7 **REINSTATEMENT**

2/7/1 The Conference concurred with a report of a Reinstatement Committee that it be recommended to the Representative Session that George A Quarm be reinstated to full connexion.

2/7/2 The Conference adopted as Resolution 79/2:

The Conference adopts the report on reinstatements to full connexion.

2/8 The Conference, by a Standing Vote, adopted as Resolution 79/3:

The Conference resolves by a Standing Vote that those persons whom the Conference has duly adjudged as fit to be received by transfer or reinstatement as the case may be as ministers be now presented to the Representative Session to be received into Full Connexion with the Conference.

2/9 **73. MINISTERS RECOMMENDED FOR TRANSFER OUT OF FULL CONNEXION OR TO BE PERMITTED TO SERVE ANOTHER CONFERENCE OR CHURCH OR TO SERVE ABROAD OR RESIDE ABROAD** (Agenda p 827)

2/9/1 The Conference adopted Resolution 73/1,

p 827, in **5. PERMISSION TO RESIDE ABROAD** *adding* Suzanna Bates (Canada) and *deleting* Peter C Graves (United States) and Kingsley Halden (Lithuania).

2/10 **80. STATIONING ADVISORY COMMITTEE: PERMISSIONS GRANTED DURING THE YEAR**

Recommendations made since May 2010:

1. Permission to serve another Conference or Church under Standing Order 735

Paul S R Chesworth
C James Gorringer
Jonathan W Kerry
Ermal B Kirby
G Howard Mellor

2. Transfer to another Conference

No case

3. Permission to reside abroad under Standing Order 772

Suzanna Bates
Inderjit S Bhogal

4. **Permission to study under Standing Order 773**
John D Anderson
Andrew D Holmes
Jennifer A Hurd
Carole Irwin
James N Tebbutt
5. **Application under Standing Order 790(3) to become Supernumerary**
No case
6. **Permission to be without appointment under the relevant sections of Standing Order 780(1)(xi)**
Linda Bandelier
Brenda E A Gutberlet
Derek M Boswell
Patricia M Horton
Claudia Lupi
Janice A Morgan
Graham J Peaden
Sharon Read
7. **Resuming circuit ministry**
Bryan Ashberry
John C A Barrett
Christopher P Brown
Robert C Cotton
Keith Hopper
John C Hilton
Christine E H Kettlety
Rose A S Westwood
Gwendoline Wills
8. **Permission to change type of appointment under the remaining clauses of Standing Order 780(1)**

Chaplaincy posts
Elizabeth M Allison
Katie McClelland
Carole Natton

Academic posts
Stephen J Plant
9. **Permission to change type of appointment under the remaining clauses of Standing Order 780(1)**
Clive R Fowle – permission to serve half time from September 2011

The Conference adopted Resolution 80/1.

2/11

RESIGNATIONS

The Conference accepted a report that the President had received the resignation of a the following ministers in full connexion, according them the status indicated:

Garry A Dawson-Jones
David W Hall

no status
member and Local Preacher

Philip Hilstrop	member
Alan Hinton	none, at his request
Philip R Mason	member
Mark C Reasbeck	member
Gavin C Rogers	member

2/12 The Conference adjourned at 10.50.

2/13 The Conference reassembled in open session at 11.30.

2/14 The Revd Dr Jane V Craske was elected to the Business Committee of the Ministerial Session.

2/15 Connexional Team members Ms Rachel Lampard and Mr Paul Morrison led the Conference in discussion on the theme *The Calling of the Church: Reading the Signs of the Times*.

2/16 The Conference adjourned at 12.45.

2/17 The Conference reassembled at 14.00.

2/18 **MEMORIAL SERVICE**

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

1. In Great Britain

Mary Bailey	James Leslie James
Donald Charles Langley Barber	Gordon Walker Jebson
Keith Maylott Beck	Eric Sidney Joselin
Michael Birnie Begg	John Alexander Lakin
John Martin Boakes	Margaret Alice Lawday
Brenda Jean Bourton	David Livingstone
Albert Brown-Lawson**	Ian Carmichael Lunn*
Dwin Capstick	Reginald Mallett
Sarah Louise Charlton	Derrick Ronald Marsland**
John David Clapham	Charles Denis Graham Marston
James Leonard Clough	Peter Alexander McKay
Frank William Cooke	Roger Geoffrey Moore
James Edmund Cooper	Gerald Day Needham
Frederick Ronald Crewes	David William Nicholson
Richard Matthew Davison	Leonard Charles Jesse Oakley
Peter Robert Dennett	Norman Percy Owen
Norwyn Ephraim Denny	David Stanley Owens
Ernest Dickenson	Frank Thomas Pagden
Allen Edward Fisher	David Norman Smith Patchett **
Elizabeth Ann Godden	Royston Leslie Hines Peacock
Edward Reuben Golding	Raymond John Pearce
Kenneth Griffin	Philip Chisholm Pearson
Kingsley Halden	John Horace Kenneth Porter
Ernest Leslie Hammond	Gerald Frederick Henry Pursehouse
Edward George Hawton	Gillian Riley**
David Arthur Hewitt	Edward Sainsbury
Frank Henry Howatt	David Henry Kingsley Sheriff
Alan William Hunt	Raymond Arthur Short
George Egemba Igwe	Kenneth Skidmore

Harold Slater**
Stanley James Slater
Anthony Alletson Taylor
Kenneth Tibbetts
Charles Herbert Venn
William Evan Watkin
James Welch

Derek Wheelhouse
Robert Glyn Williams
Thelma Lea Williams
Cledwyn Wood
Harry Wood
Leslie Edward Wyatt

2. In Ireland

Wilfred Arthur Agnew
Charles Henry Bain
Henry Alexander Gilpin

William John Wesley Gray
Thomas David Turtle

3. Overseas

None

* Ministers who had died before the previous Conference but whose Obituaries were presented to this Conference.

** Ministers whose Obituaries will be presented to the next Conference.

- 2/19 The Conference adjourned at 14.32.
- 2/20 The Conference reassembled at 15.00.
- 2/21 The Revds Dr Roberta R Topham [*as corrected by 8/28/1*], Dr Jane V Craske and Neil A Stubbens led the Conference in discussion on the theme ***What is fulfilling and exciting about presbyteral ministry?***
- 2/22 The Conference went into closed session at 16.28.
- 2/23 The Conference adjourned at 16.33.
- 2/24 The Conference reconvened in open session at 17.00.
- 2/25 **72. MINISTERS BECOMING SUPERNUMERARY OR RETURNING TO THE ACTIVE WORK** (Agenda pp 823-824)
- 2/25/1 The Conference adopted Resolution 72/1,
p 823,
in **1. Recommended to return to the active work** adding John C A Barrett [*see further amendment at 8/51/2*]
and in **3. Ministers requesting permission to become supernumerary:**
adding
Roger O Bayliss (34)
Christine Jones (B) (15)
Christine Leech (8)
and deleting Gillian Riley (19)
- 2/25/2 The Conference adopted Resolution 72/2, noting the above amendments.

2/26 **ANNUAL INQUIRY**

The Chairs of the Districts gave to the Conference the assurances as to the character and discipline of the ministers and ministerial probationers required by Standing Order 154.

2/27 **OBITUARIES**

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

in the Obituary for Edward Sainsbury, *deleting* the list of circuits in which he served and *substituting* the following: 'Grays, Barrow-in-Furness, Keswick & Cockermouth, Manchester & Salford Mission, Burnley, Hoylake & West Kirby, Fleetwood, retiring to Leamington in 1985',

and the following Obituaries,

directing that, if the list of circuits in which The Revd Roger Geoffrey Moore served is incorrect, the Secretary of the Conference be authorized to amend it before the Obituary is published in the Minutes of the Conference.

2/27/1 **FRANK WILLIAM COOKE** Born in Cooling, Rochester on 5 January 1928. He served in the following circuits: Frome & Shepton Mallet, West Bromwich, Coventry, Sleaford, Cradley Heath, Dudley & Netherton, and Mid-Lincolnshire. Frank died on 31 May 2011 in the eighty-fourth year of his age and the forty-sixth year of his ministry. At his own request there is no further obituary.

2/27/2 **ROGER GEOFFREY MOORE** Born in Lyndhurst, Hampshire on 20 June 1945. He trained as a history teacher and later taught in a Primary School in West Bromwich which is where, at a church youth group, he met Margaret and they were married in 1969. Their two daughters Becki and Teresa were both born in Birmingham and family life was important to him as he began itinerant ministry in 1977. He served in the following circuits: Accrington & Haslingden, Dudley, Skelmersdale, York (South), Leigh & Hindley and Lancaster. Throughout his ministry Roger had a deep commitment to being alongside young people. He and the family went on many Boys' Brigade camps whilst in Dudley and in almost every circuit he was active in church plays and musicals, seeing this as a way for those on the edge of church to become more involved. Roger was always willing to try new things in worship and encouraging the churches under his care to reach out and discover fresh ways of challenging people with the gospel of Christ. He was passionate for a fairer world and whilst in Accrington he walked the Pennine Way to raise funds for Christian Aid. This was the beginning of a love of walking and many a time he would need to ring Margaret for a lift back from the middle of nowhere! Throughout his ministry Roger walked alongside many people who found they could talk to him about their life and faith. This caring grew out of his own experiences of brokenness as Roger's two brothers both died tragic deaths. When he arrived in Lancaster there were concerns over his health and he retired early in 2007. He settled into life in the Morecambe & Heysham Circuit where he responded to a real need in September 2011 to work part-time. Roger gave himself fully to this work and despite worsening health he was determined to serve his God with humour and deep pastoral care. He died on 16 May 2011 in the sixty-sixth year of his age and the thirty-seventh year of his ministry.

2/27/3 **LESLIE EDWARD WYATT** Born in Liverpool, on 31 October 1925. He served in the following circuits: Barnstable, Durham, Leeds (Richmond Hill), Stockton, Stockport, Romiley and Middlesbrough & Eston. He retired with his wife Joyce to Burley in Wharfedale in the Otley and Aireborough Circuit where they both continued to be

very active in the life of the local church. Leslie was a man of great faith and strong convictions who was dearly loved by his family, friends and colleagues. Throughout his years in ministry he was valued as a great encourager of others whilst being typically modest about his own attributes and gifts. He was a wise and reflective Christian and frequently recorded his words, thoughts, poems and prayers in his own personal journals. This wisdom was resourced by his voracious appetite for reading that was sustained throughout the whole of his life. He died on the 11 April 2011, in the eighty-sixth year of his age and the fifty-sixth year of his ministry.

2/28

REPORT OF THE MINISTERIAL SESSION CONFERENCE BUSINESS COMMITTEE

2/28/1

1. The Ministerial Session proceeds for much of its business by way of conversation. Under Clause 23(m) of the Deed of Union the Ministerial Session may discuss any subject in the Agenda of the Representative or any subject within the jurisdiction of the Conference and communicate its views thereon to the Representative Session by resolution or otherwise.

2. It is judged that there is only one item of business this year that counts as shared business between the Ministerial Session and the Representative Session in the terms of Clause 24(c) of the Deed of Union [ie the business affects the procedure of the Ministerial Session of the Conference or the continuation, composition, functions or procedure of the Ministerial Session of the Synods]. That item is the matter of the membership of the Business Committee set out below as resolution M1/2.

3. The Business Committee has discussed how we might best confer together about our presbyteral vocation, identity and practice. Time in the order of business has been allocated for this, and there will be some discussions in small groups. The hall will be set out in café style for some of the time.

4. Members of the Ministerial Session of the Conference may submit Notices of Motion for the Conference to consider (see below for the procedures). They may also ask that the Session be able to confer from a presbyteral perspective about particular items in the published Agenda of the Conference. All such requests will be considered by the Business Committee and time found for them where possible. So far the following have been mentioned:

- Item 2 the General Secretary's Report
- The JIC report "Moving Together in Covenant"
- Item 49 Supporting Ministers who Experience Ill Health.

Copies of these can be found on the Methodist Church Conference website Some hard copies of the JIC report are available from the Assistant Secretary of the Conference.

5. The Ministerial Session of the Conference will meet in closed session from 17.45 until the adjournment on Thursday and from 9.30 to 11.00 on Friday.

The Ministerial Session defines by resolution who may normally be present at closed sessions. Attendance when it sits as a court of appeal is governed by Standing Order 1145(7).

The Conference is reminded of a distinction made in Section G of the Law and Polity Committee report to the 2008 Conference entitled *Attendance at the Closed Session of the Ministerial Session of the Conference*. There is a difference between the Conference's conferring on general questions of policy and principle on the one

hand, and its decision-making on particular cases to do with identifiable individuals on the other. Because of the need for confidentiality and for other legal reasons, the latter need to be dealt with in closed session, and only those who will bear the responsibility for the decisions that are made should hear or otherwise receive the information about the cases concerned. This means that those ministers (presbyters) who are not members of the Representative Session of the Conference but are attending the Ministerial Session of the Conference with the permission of a Ministerial Session of a Synod and at their own expense are not able to be present in the closed sessions of the Ministerial Session of the Conference: in other words, they do not participate in the decision-making in those closed sessions, nor do they hear the information that is shared within them.

At an appropriate point Resolution 63/3 (Agenda page 784) will therefore be moved.

6. Details about candidates, probationers, those proposed for transfer and other permissions and authorisations will be made available to members of the Conference in the Closed Session on Thursday. They contain information that is confidential to those who are present in those Closed Sessions. The business will be dealt with in the Closed Session on Friday. Because they are confidential the booklet of details will be collected in at the end of that Closed Session. If there are any questions, please see the Revd Howard Mellor, the Revd Sheryl Anderson or Mr Doug Swanney as soon as possible in advance in order that any necessary information can be collated in time for when the business is dealt with.

7. **The Record** For the sake of accuracy it is desirable that the Ministerial Session delegates to the Representative Session the responsibility for adopting the Record of its session, thus allowing time for members to check its details.

8. Notices of Motion

8.1 Standing Order 132 reads as follows.

132 Notices of Motion.

(1) Any two members may upon notice of motion complying with this Standing Order bring before the Conference any lawful resolution within the competence of the Conference.

(1A) Every notice of motion shall be handed to the Secretary in written form and signed by the following persons:

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

(ii) where such a proposal to amend is not accepted by those responsible, the proposer and seconder and four other persons;

(iii) in all other cases, the proposer and seconder and eight other persons.

(2) Only on matters of urgency, so judged by the President, shall notices of motion in the Representative Session be accepted after lunch time on the fourth day of the session, except that a notice of motion proposing to amend a resolution circulated or materially altered on or after the first day of the session shall be accepted if

lodged before the close of business on the day before the resolution is to be dealt with.

(3) Resolutions arising from notices of motion shall not without the leave of the Conference be moved until they have been printed and circulated.

8.2 With regard to the **number of signatories** required for a Notice of Motion that proposes to amend a resolution or otherwise relate to business in the Agenda, those proposing a Notice of Motion should consult with those presenting the business to ascertain whether the Notice of Motion will be accepted or not, and should seek out the appropriate number of signatories in the light of the outcome of those consultations. The Notice of Motion should be handed in as soon as possible. It may be handed in signed just by a proposer and seconder in the first instance, and further signatories added if required by the time that the item is taken in the business of the session.

9. Membership of the Business Committee of the Ministerial Session of the Conference

9.1 The Business Committee of the Ministerial Session of the Conference has considered the provisions for its membership. It recognises a need to ensure that the Ministerial Session is not divorced from the business of the Representative Session, but also a need to guard the autonomy of the Ministerial Session and the contribution to its life and conferring of those who are given permission by the Synods to attend at their own expense.

9.2 The Business Committee therefore proposes that in addition to the ex officio members, its membership consist of those ministers elected to be members of the Business Committee of the Representative Session (currently a maximum of three) plus two members elected by the Ministerial Session. A resolution to this effect can be found at M1/2 below.

2/28/2 The Conference adopted as Resolution M1/1:

The Conference adopts the report.

2/28/3 The Conference adopted the following Resolution, which is shared business with the Representative Session, as Resolution M1/2:

The Conference adopts the recommendations of the Business Committee concerning the membership of that Committee and amends Standing Order 150 as follows:

150 Business Committee.

(1) There shall be a Business Committee for the Ministerial Session of the Conference.

(2) The committee shall consist of:

(i) the ex-President;

(ii) ~~three~~ **two** other ministers appointed by the Conference in its Ministerial Session to serve for three years with power for the Methodist Council to fill casual vacancies-;

(iii) such ministers as are elected under Standing Order 136 to be members of the Business Committee of the Representative Session.

(3) The Secretary of the Conference shall be the convener, but without a vote.

(4) The committee shall meet before and during the sessions of the Conference as may be necessary and shall have the following responsibilities:

(i) to draw up the order of business in the Conference and to allocate time to each item;

(ii) to recommend topics for pastoral consideration or conversation under clause 23(f) of the Deed of Union and subjects in the Agenda of the Representative Session or other subjects within the jurisdiction of the Conference for discussion under clause 23(m) of the Deed of Union, and in that connection, where appropriate, to frame resolutions for debate;

(iii) to review at the end of each day the business allocated to the day but not completed and to advise the Conference how it should be dealt with.

[for adoption in the Representative Session, see 8/41]

- 2/29 The Conference engaged in discussion about how to encourage younger people to candidate for presbyteral ministry.
- 2/30 The Assistant Secretary of the Conference addressed the Conference on the subject ***Being Presbyters: Considering the Three Aspects of Word, Sacrament and Pastoral Responsibility.***
- 2/31 **THANKS TO THE PRESIDENT**
The Revd David Gamble expressed the thanks of the Conference to the President of the Conference.
- 2/32 The Conference resolved by a Standing Vote to adjourn to 10.30 on Saturday 2 July for the Representative Session.
- 2/33 The Conference adjourned at 18.07.

3/1 The Conference in its Representative Session assembled in the Southport Theatre and Convention Centre at 10.32, The Revd Alison Tomlin, President of the Conference, in the Chair.

3/2 **MEMBERSHIP OF THE CONFERENCE**

The Conference adopted the membership of this session of the Conference as set out in the Agenda (pp 889-896), as amended by Daily Record 1/2 and the following substitutions and corrections:

- p 891 **Representatives of Connexional and Other Bodies**
Mrs Alison Judd *vice* The Revd Julie Hulme
- p 893 **Lancashire District**
Mrs Wendy Bridgeman *vice* Mrs Helen Pilkington
- p 895 **Associate Members (b) Overseas**
deleting:
Bishop Javier Rojas Iglesia Metodista en Bolivia
The Revd Sayri Mate Iglesia Evangélica Dominicana

3/3 **APPOINTMENT OF SCRUTINEERS**

The Conference appointed the Scrutineers as follows:

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| The Revd Emmanuel Aggrey-Ogoe | The Revd M Susan E Lawler |
| The Revd Rosemarie Clarke | Dr Stephen Leah |
| Mr Christopher Collins | Miss Sophie Newsome |
| Mr Iain Dover | Mrs Diana Ogden |
| The Revd Christine Gillespie | Mrs Val Pownall |
| Mrs Annie Guy | The Revd Michael J Redshaw |
| The Revd Catrin Harland | Mr Jeremy Sansom |
| Mr Peter Holt | The Revd Ajay Singh |
| Ms Elizabeth Hudson | Mr Michael Valentine |
| Miss Emma Johnson | The Revd Monwabisi Vithi |
| | Mr Frank Watson |

3/4 **77. FIRST REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE BUSINESS COMMITTEE**

3/4/1 The Conference adopted Resolution 77/1,

p 883,

adding to paragraph 1: 'Since The Revd Nigel Cowgill has been substituted as a member of the Conference, the Conference appoints in his place The Revd Dr Sheryl M Anderson to serve on the Business Committee for 2011.'

3/4/2 The Conference adopted Resolution 77/2,

inserting 'with the exception of sub-paragraph 7.7' after 'paragraph 7'.

- 3/4/3 The Conference adopted Resolution 77/3,
p 885,
in line 14 of paragraph 8 for 'Monday 4 July' reading 'Tuesday 5 July'.
- 3/4/4 The Conference adopted Resolutions 77/4 and 77/5.
- 3/5 The Conference shared in three Hearings and two Workshops on the following themes:
- Hearings**
Resourcing Mission report
Fruitful Field
General Secretary's report
- Workshops**
MHA/Action for Children
MRDF
- 3/6 The Conference adjourned at 12.30.
- 3/7 The Conference reassembled at 14.34.
- 3/8 **WELCOME TO THE CONFERENCE**
The Secretary welcomed the Conference.
- 3/9 **CIVIC GREETINGS**
The Conference was pleased to receive Civic Greetings from Dr John Pugh, the Member of Parliament for Southport.
- 3/10 **CONFERENCE ADDRESS TO HM THE QUEEN**
The Conference directed that a letter of greeting be sent to Her Majesty the Queen.
- 3/11 **PRESIDENT OF THE CONFERENCE**
- 3/11/1 The Revd Lionel Edwin Osborn, having been nominated according to rule at the preceding Conference, was duly elected by a Standing Vote as President of the Conference of 2011 (Resolution 1/1).
- 3/11/2 The Induction of the President took place.
- 3/12 **VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE CONFERENCE**
- 3/12/1 Mrs Ruth Elizabeth Pickles, having been nominated according to rule at the preceding Conference, was duly elected by a Standing Vote as Vice-President of the Conference of 2011 (Resolution 1/2).
- 3/12/2 The Induction of the Vice-President took place.
- 3/13 **OVERSEAS REPRESENTATIVES AND GUESTS**
- 3/13/1 The Conference welcomed representatives from the Irish Conference, the General Conference of the United Methodist Church (UMC), the Methodist Church of Uruguay, the Methodist Church Ghana, and two Mission Partners as voting members of the Conference.

3/13/2 The Conference welcomed representatives from the Gereja Methodist (Indonesia), The Methodist Church in Malaysia, the Church of Pakistan, The United Church of Christ in Japan, The United Church in the Solomon Islands, Iglesia Metodista de Colombia, the Methodist Church in the Caribbean and the Americas, the Methodist Church in Nigeria, the Methodist Church in Zimbabwe, Iglesia Metodista de Guinea Ecuatorial, Eglise Méthodiste du Togo, the UMC Central Conference of Northern Europe and Eurasia, the UMC Central Conference of Central and Southern Europe, Evangelisch-methodistische Kirche (Germany), OPCEMI (Italy), and Igreja Evangelical Metodista Portuguesa as Associate Members of the Conference [as corrected by 6/17/2].

The Revd Otto Wade, the Secretary of the Conference and President Designate of the MCCA, responded on behalf of the Overseas representatives and guests.

3/14 **ECUMENICAL REPRESENTATIVES AND ECUMENICAL AND INTERFAITH GUESTS**

3/14/1 The Conference welcomed the ecumenical representatives and ecumenical and interfaith guests from the region.

3/14/2 Archbishop Patrick Kelly responded on behalf of the ecumenical representatives and ecumenical and interfaith guests.

3/15 **PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS**

The President of the Conference delivered his inaugural address.

3/16 The Conference adjourned at 16.31.

3/17 The Conference reassembled at 17.20.

3/18 **VICE-PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS**

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

3/19 **PROCLAMATION: CELEBRATION OF THE YEAR OF THE BIBLE AND SINGING THE FAITH**

The Conference shared in a celebration of the Year of the Bible and the forthcoming publication of *Singing the Faith*.

3/20 The Conference adjourned at 18.57.

- 4/1 The Conference assembled at 11.00.
- 4/2 The Conference shared in worship during which the following business was transacted.
- 4/3 **RECEPTION INTO FULL CONNEXION AS PRESBYTERS**
The following persons were presented for admission into Full Connexion, the Ministerial 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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|---------------------------|---------------------|
| Andrew P Biggs | Ian M Kent |
| John M L Boardman | Kim W Kerchal |
| Dawn R Carn | Julie A Letts |
| Andrew Checkley | Susan Levitt |
| Nigel J Clements | John R Marriott |
| Sally A Coleman | Janet I Pybon |
| Christine W Coram | Mark D Roberts |
| Nicholas Cutts | Mark Rowland |
| David M Goodall | Margaret C M Slingo |
| Christine M Howe | Janice Trimble |
| Philip J Jackson | Rachel A Ward |
| Anne R Jeffrey | Robert J Weir |
| Helen E Jenkins | David G Wynd |
| Felicity J Jepson-Randall | |
- 4/3/2 The persons to be received by transfer:
- The Revd Dr Mark Andrew Jason (*in absentia*)
The Revd Devadas Matcha
The Revd Manivasagan Narainsamy Pillay [*as corrected by 5/28/3*]
- 4/3/3 The persons to be received by reinstatement:
- George A Quarm
- 4/3/4 The Conference, by a Standing Vote, received into Full Connexion with the Conference as ministers the above named sisters and brothers and resolved that those not already ordained and not to be ordained elsewhere, be ordained by prayer and the laying on of hands on the afternoon of this day, the 3 July, at:
- Cathedral Church of Christ, Liverpool
Cathedral Church of Christ and the Blessed Virgin Mary, Chester
Leyland Road Methodist Church, Southport

(Resolution 71/1 on Agenda p 821)

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:

Victoria J Atkins
Michelle K Brocklehurst
Jane Paine
Lisa D Rathbone
Kina Saunders

Anita K Shaw
Annie Trembling
Paul Wayne *
G Carys Woodley

(* An ordained deacon of the Methodist Church of Southern Africa.)

4/4/2 The Conference, by a Standing Vote, received into Full Connexion with the Conference as deacons and into full membership of the Methodist Diaconal Order the above named sisters and brother and resolved that those not already ordained be ordained by prayer and the laying on of hands on the afternoon of this day, the 3 July, at Linacre Methodist Mission, Litherland.

(Resolution 71/2 on Agenda p 821)

4/5 The Conference adjourned at 12.30.

- 5/1 The Conference assembled at 9.00.
- 5/2 **HOURS OF SESSION**
The Conference agreed that these should be 09.00-10.45; 11.15-12.45; 14.00-16.30; and 17.00-19.00 on Monday, 4 July to Wednesday, 6 July and 09.00-10.45 and 11.15-12.45 on Thursday, 7 July.
- 5/3 **APPOINTMENT OF ATTESTORS**
- 5/3/1 Dr Edmund I Marshall and Deacon Myrtle Poxon were appointed to attest the Daily Record and related documents.
- 5/3/2 Mr Stephen Cooper and Mr Kenvyn Wales were appointed to attest the Journal and related documents.
- 5/4 **LETTERS**
- 5/4/1 The Conference directed that a letter of thanks be sent to Dr John Pugh MP.
- 5/4/2 The Conference directed that letters of thanks be sent to those responsible for the Conference and Ordination Services and those who took part in them.
- 5/4/3 The Conference directed that letters of thanks be sent to the signers and lip-speakers who had assisted the Conference.
- 5/5 **MEMORIALS**
The Convener of the Memorials Committee [*as corrected by 6/17/1*] presented the replies to Memorials.
- 5/6 **2. CONTEMPORARY METHODISM: A DISCIPLESHIP MOVEMENT SHAPED FOR MISSION [THE GENERAL SECRETARY'S REPORT]**
- 5/6/1 The Conference adopted Resolutions 2/1 and 2/2.
- 5/6/2 The Conference adopted Resolution 2/3 in the following form;

The Conference directs the Ministries Committee in consultation with the Faith and Order Committee to consider the issues raised in the section of the report entitled "Patterns of ministry: discipleship and mission" and "a fluid 'mixed economy'" and bring recommendations to the Conference as soon as proves possible.
- 5/6/3 The Conference adopted Resolution 2/4.
- 5/6/4 The Conference adopted Resolution 2/5 in the following form:

The Conference directs the Faith and Order Committee in consultation with the Ministries Committee to establish a working group to consider the issues raised in the section of the report entitled "God's 'worship' and our worship" and bring recommendations to the Conference as soon as proves possible.

- 5/7 **3. CONNEXIONAL TEAM REPORT**
The Conference adopted Resolution 3/1.
- 5/8 The Conference adjourned at 10.45.
- 5/9 The Conference reassembled at 11.15.
- 5/10 **33. UNIFIED STATEMENT OF CONNEXIONAL FINANCES**
The Conference adopted Resolution 33/1 in the following form:

 The Conference receives the Report as the Unified Statement of Connexional Finances required by Standing Order 360.
- 5/11 **4. CONNEXIONAL CENTRAL SERVICES BUDGET**
The Conference adopted Resolution 4/2.
- 5/12 **61. DISTRICT RESOLUTION: LINCOLN AND GRIMSBY**
The Conference adopted Resolution 61/1.
- 5/13 **MEMORIALS M24 AND M25**
The Conference adopted the following as its reply to Memorial M24 and, with a change in the name of the Circuit, Memorial M25:

 The Conference thanks the St Helens and Prescot Circuit for its Memorial. As it states, this question has been raised within the Methodist Council during this connexional year. The meetings of the Council in January and April 2011 considered papers MC/11/20 and MC/11/45 asking it to consider the interpretation of SO 973 with regard to replacement projects.

 The Conference accepts the Memorial and directs the Connexional Grants Committee prepare and issue revised Guidelines, compliant with the plain meaning of SO 973, to allow for the proceeds of multiple dispositions to be included in a single replacement project without attracting the connexional levy, such revised Guidelines to come into operation with effect from 1 September 2011.
- 5/14 **5. CONNEXIONAL ALLOWANCES COMMITTEE**
The Conference adopted Resolutions 5/1 and 5/2.
- 5/15 **23. METHODIST HOMES FOR THE AGED (MHA)**
The Conference adopted Resolutions 23/2 and 23/3.
- 5/16 The Conference adjourned at 12.48.
- 5/17 The Conference reassembled at 14.02.
- 5/18 **77. FIRST REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE BUSINESS COMMITTEE (continued)**
The Conference adopted the following as Resolution 77/6:

 The Conference resolves that a ballot may be held if necessary to enable priorities to be indicated for dealing with Notices of Motion unrelated to existing Conference business.

5/19 **28. RESOURCING MISSION OFFICE – THE WAY FORWARD**

5/19/1 The Conference adopted Resolution 28/1.

5/19/2 The Conference adopted the following as Resolution 28/2:

The Conference acknowledges the hard work and commitment of staff within the Resourcing Mission Office and particularly thanks them for the professional way in which they have continued to support the work of the Church during the long review process. It assures them of its prayers as Conference's decisions are now implemented.

5/20 **59. METHODIST COUNCIL REPORT**

5/20/1 The Conference adopted Resolutions 59/1, 59/2, and 59/3.

5/20/2 The Conference adopted, with the required majority, Resolution 59/4.

5/20/3 The Conference adopted Resolutions 59/5 and 59/6.

5/21 **40. BOARD OF MANAGEMENT FOR METHODIST INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS**

5/21/1 The Conference adopted Resolution 40/1,

p 514, *replacing* the text of the 'Impact' statement with the following:

The incorporation of Methodist Independent Schools Trust will remove the personal liability of the individual members of the Board of Management to third parties (although they have some protection at present in the right of indemnity given by the Deed and the power to insure against personal liability).

p 522 paragraph 9, line 4, *for* 'as he may' *reading* 'as he **or she** may',

p 525 paragraph 15, line 2, *for* 'from his ~~Office~~. A Trustee of these Presents may resign from his ~~Office~~ **as a Trustee**' *reading* 'from his ~~Office~~. A Trustee of these Presents may resign from his ~~Office~~ **as a Trustee**',

p 525, paragraph 16,

line 2, *for* 'resigns his office' *reading* 'resigns his**from** office',

line 6, *for* 'in his place' *reading* 'in his **or her** place',

line 9, *for* 'executed by him' *reading* 'executed by him **or her**'.

5/21/2 The Conference adopted the following as Resolution 40/2:

The Conference appoints the Directors of the Methodist Independent Schools Trust as follows:

Chair:

The Revd Dr David G Deeks

Former General Secretary of the Methodist Church

Three persons nominated by the Trust on the recommendation of the Chairs of Governors of the schools:

Mr Geoff Rumbles	A member of Truro Methodist Church and Chair of Governors, Truro School
Professor Roy Swanston	A local preacher in the Harpenden Circuit and Chair of Governors, Culford School
Mr David Whitehead	A member of Harrogate Methodist Church and a governor of Ashville College

Up to five persons nominated by the Methodist Council:

Miss Margaret Faulkner	Former member of the Methodist Council and Chair of the Board of Management's Finance Committee
The Revd David Gamble	Former President of the Conference and Pastoral Visitor to the Schools
Dr Lois Louden	Chair of the Connexional Education Policy Committee and a member of the Education Commission
The Revd Dr Calvin T Samuel <i>[as corrected by 6/17/1]</i>	Director of the Wesley Study Centre, Durham
The Revd Graham Thompson	Chair of the East Anglia District

Up to five persons nominated by the Trust:

Mrs Maureen Bollard	Diocesan Director of Education for Bath and Wells
Dr Peter Briggs	Former Principal of Southlands College and a local preacher in the Harrow and Hillingdon Circuit
Mr Michael Crosby	Former Head of Ashville College and a member of Harrogate Methodist Church
Mr Brian Drury	Former District Formal Education Secretary for the London South-East District and Vice-Chair of the Board of Management
Mr John Robinson	A governor of Woodhouse Grove School and Chair of the Abbeyfield Society

5/22 The Conference was informed about the launch of **Methodist Women in Britain** on Friday, 1 July.

5/23 **6. FAITH AND ORDER COMMITTEE: PART 1**

5/23/1 The Conference adopted Resolutions 6/1 and 6/2.

- 5/23/2 The Conference referred the questions raised in Section C of the Report to the Faith and Order Committee.
- 5/24 The Conference adjourned at 16.11.
- 5/25 The Conference reassembled at 17.00.
- 5/26 **7. THE THEOLOGY OF PASTORAL CARE: A DRAFT CONFERENCE STATEMENT [FAITH AND ORDER COMMITTEE: PART 2]**
- 5/26/1 The Conference adopted Resolution 7/1.
- 5/26/2 The Conference adopted Resolution 7/2 in the following form:
- The Conference directs that the Statement on the Theology of Pastoral Care consisting of paragraphs 1-30 and the first two sentences of 31 be dealt with as a draft Conference Statement under Standing Order 129 and commends it to the Connexion for study, discussion and response.
- 5/26/3 The Conference adopted Resolutions 7/3 and 7/4.
- 5/27 **50. METHODIST MINISTERS PENSION SCHEME (MMPS)**
- 5/27/1 The Conference adopted Resolutions 50/1, 50/2, 50/3, 50/4, 50/5, and 50/6 [*as corrected by 6/17/1*].
- 5/27/2 The Conference adopted Resolution 50/7,
- p 621, for 'the 2012 Conference' reading 'a future Conference'.
- 5/28 **DAILY RECORD**
- 5/28/1 The Daily Record of the Ministerial Session was presented, taken as read, and adopted as printed,
- at 2/4, *adding* after 'p 812, ':

padding-left: 80px;'adding 'Asif, Rohama 2012' and ',

padding-left: 40px>at 2/21, for 'Roberta Topham' reading 'Dr Roberta R Topham'.
- 5/28/2 The Written Portion of the Daily Record of the Ministerial Session was presented in headings only and adopted.
- 5/28/3 The Daily Record for Saturday, 2 July and Sunday, 3 July was presented, taken as read, and adopted as printed,
- at 4/3/2, *adding* 'Pillay' after 'The Revd Manivasagan Narainsamy'.
- 5/29 **36. HOPE IN GOD'S FUTURE: PROPOSED STATEMENT OF CONFERENCE**
- 5/29/1 The Conference adopted Resolution 36/1,
- p 451, paragraph 2.6, lines 10 and 11, *deleting* 'other than'.
- 5/29/2 The Conference adopted, by the required majority, Resolution 36/2.

5/30 The Conference adjourned at 18.11 for the Annual General Meeting of the Methodist Missionary Society.

5/31 The Conference reassembled at 18.50.

5/32 **LETTERS**

5/32/1 Letters of greeting were sent in the name of the Conference to the following ministers on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of their ordinations:

The Revd Donald G Allan	The Revd Harold E Moore
The Revd Leslie Allaway	The Revd John Morley
The Revd John W Ansley	The Revd John H Morrell
The Revd John R Barrett	The Revd Gerald E Morris
The Revd Ivan G Brindley	The Revd Brian Hartley Norris
The Revd R Raymond Brown	The Revd Marcus A Pattern
The Revd Geoffrey T Bruce	The Revd Trevor H Payne
The Revd Vernon T Bullock	The Revd John Peadar
The Revd E Gordon Capstack	The Revd Brian F Peters
The Revd J Brian Chantler	The Revd James Platten
The Revd Kenneth E Chorley	The Revd Charles E Roos
The Revd Dr David F Clarke	The Revd Ronald Roper
The Revd John E Clarke	The Revd Stanley Rudman
The Revd John F Cook	The Revd Norman R Skinner
The Revd Colin S Cooper	The Revd Alan Skipsey
The Revd Kenneth Davy	The Revd J R Lakin Smith
The Revd John S Dolling	The Revd Roger H Smith
The Revd Christopher G Edwards	The Revd Jeffrey Spencer
The Revd Robert G Forrest	The Revd W Arthur Spencer
The Revd James Gartside	The Revd Joseph Stephens
The Revd Ian Haile	The Revd Peter W Trembath
The Revd Reginald Hancock	The Revd Malcolm F Trew
The Revd Michael A Hayman	The Revd Thomas N M Vidamour
The Revd Ronald J Hockley	The Revd Irvin J Vincent
The Revd Gordon H Lister	The Revd William Wallbank
The Revd Eric J Locke	The Revd Kenneth S Walters
The Revd Dr Eric J Lott	The Revd J Keith Webster
The Revd Jack Lucas	The Revd David G Weeks
The Revd Robert A Marsh	The Revd Anthony Windsor
The Revd J Alan Mimmack	

5/32/2 Letters of greeting were sent in the name of the Conference to the following ministers on the occasion of the 60th anniversary of their ordinations:

The Revd Eric W Blennerhassett	The Revd Fred King
The Revd Eric Challoner	The Revd Arthur Merritt
The Revd T Stanley Clayton	The Revd Norman R Neil
The Revd Dr Owen E Evans	The Revd Anthony T Pepper
The Revd Anthony H Gledhill	The Revd Hubert A Pitts
The Revd Brian A Greet	The Revd Arthur Robinson
The Revd Geoffrey Grice	The Revd Frank Rothwell
The Revd Antony M Hearle	The Revd Gordon F Simmons
The Revd George F Hesling	The Revd George W Simons
The Revd William H Hopkins	The Revd Ralph Waggett
The Revd Raymond B Jowett	

5/33 The Conference shared in a time of pastoral conversation and prayer.

5/34 The Conference adjourned at 19.02.

- 6/1 The Conference assembled at 9.00.
- 6/2 **47. METHODIST YOUTH ASSEMBLY REPORT 2010**
- 6/2/1 The Conference adopted Resolution 47/1.
- 6/2/2 The Conference agreed to the withdrawal of Resolutions 47/2 and 47/3.
- 6/2/3 The Conference adopted Resolution 47/4 in the following form:
- The Conference affirms that sporting activity plays an important part in young people's lives and encourages a healthy and holy lifestyle and, therefore, the Conference directs the Methodist Council to work with young people through the Youth Assembly and Regional Youth Advisory groups, and with youth workers, to develop strategies for promoting and supporting healthy lifestyles in churches, Districts and across the wider Connexion.
- 6/2/4 The Conference agreed to the withdrawal of Resolution 47/5.
- 6/2/5 The Conference adopted Resolution 47/6.
- 6/2/6 The Conference adopted Resolution 47/8 in the following form:
- The Conference notes the significance of fair access to education for all people, and directs the Education Commission to engage with the young people of the church through the Youth Assembly to establish this as a principle of education, with regard in particular to higher tuition fees and cuts to education sector funding.
- 6/3 The Conference adjourned at 10.45.
- 6/4 The Conference reassembled at 11.15.
- 6/5 **41. CREATING SAFER SPACE**
- 6/5/1 The Conference adopted Resolution 41/1,
- p 529, paragraph 3, line 3, *for* '2010' *reading* '2011',
- p 531, paragraph 9, line 5, *for* 'section 9' *reading* 'section 22',
- p 532, paragraph 15, penultimate line, *inserting* 'by the appointing body' after 'from their position',
- p 535, **Appendix, Core List – Required Attendance**, *inserting* 'with an active preaching or pastoral ministry' after both 'Presbyters' and 'Deacons'.
- 6/5/2 The Conference adopted Resolutions 41/2, 41/3, 41/4, 41/5, 41/6, and 41/7.

6/6

Notice of Motion 104: Update to the Methodist Council on Israel Palestine

The Conference notes, (Agenda p746), that the Methodist Council received an update on Israel-Palestine. The Conference is disappointed not to have been given sight of that update or more information on what the update contained. At, and since, the Conference 2010, the report "Justice for Palestine and Israel" was undoubtedly the one which gained most debate, within The Methodist Church in Britain and amongst religious communities both here and around the world. There was also considerable media coverage. This makes it all the more surprising that the Conference has not received detailed information on the content of the update. Therefore:

The Conference thanks the Connexional Team and the Methodist Council for the work undertaken during the last year in relation to the 2010 Conference report - Justice for Palestine and Israel.

1. The Conference directs that a hard copy of the report MC/11/65 "Justice for Palestine and Israel - update on the report of the Methodist Church" <http://www.methodist.org.uk/downloads/coun-MC1165-Israel-Palestine-250311.doc> be made available by the Daily Record Office to any member of the Conference who requests it this week.
2. The Conference further requests that this update be given some prominence on the Methodist Church website as soon as possible.
3. The Conference recognises that not all Council papers can or should become part of the Conference agenda. However, in the light of the above, the Conference asks that the Council ensures that the Conference is made aware of how to access updates which relate to reports originally prepared for the Conference.

The Conference adopted the Motion.

6/7

MORE THAN GOLD

6/7/1

The Rt Hon The Lord Mawhinney *[as corrected by 7/26/1]* addressed the Conference on the ***More than Gold*** initiative.

6/7/2

The Conference adopted the following Resolution:

The Conference encourages the Methodist people in local Churches, Circuits and Districts to support and engage with the *More than Gold* campaign as an expression of their discipleship.

6/8

The Conference adjourned at 12.52.

6/9

The Conference reassembled at 14.00.

6/10

34. LAW AND POLITY COMMITTEE – AMENDMENTS TO THE DEED OF UNION, THE MODEL TRUSTS AND STANDING ORDERS

6/10/1

The Conference adopted, with the required majority, Resolution 34/1,

p 405, Clause 29(a),

line 2, insert '***presbyteral***' before 'probationer',

line 3, insert '**presbyteral**' before 'probationer',

line 6, inset '**and diaconal probationers**' after 'deacons'.

[for direction as to consultation, see 8/53/3]

6/10/2 The Conference adopted, with the required majority, 34/2 [for direction as to consultation, see 8/53/3].

6/10/3 The Conference adopted Resolution 34/3.

6/11 **57. LEADING AND PRESIDING: DEVELOPING THE PRESIDENCY OF THE CONFERENCE**

6/11/1 The Conference adopted Resolution 57/1,

pp 726-7, **APPENDIX A**, adding

District No.	District Name	Present	08/03		08/04		08/06		08/07		08/08	
			F	A	F	A	F	A	F	A	F	A
2	Wales	116	2	112	12	97	5	106	10	94	93	15
34	Beds, Essex and Herts	133	22		111		10		91		32	

6/11/2 The Conference adopted Resolution 57/2 in the following form:

The Conference resolves that constitutional provision be made for the President and Vice-President/Co-President to work collaboratively according to the model of Presidential leadership set out in section 5 of the 2010 report 'Leading and Presiding: Developing the Presidency of the Conference' and endorsed by the Conference of 2010 through Resolution 8/2 (2010).

6/11/3 The Conference adopted, with the required majority, Resolution 57/3, in the following form:

The Conference amends the Deed of Union as follows:

25A [Diaconal Committee]

(b) [membership] (i) The President **and Vice-President** of the Conference;

(d) (i) **When the committee meets to hear an appeal in a matter of discipline the person who shall preside shall be determined in accordance with the relevant Standing Order.**

(ii) At every **other** meeting of the committee the President **or the Vice-President shall preside, or, if both are absent** if present shall preside. If the President is absent from any meeting, he or she shall appoint the Vice President or a former President or Vice President to preside, failing which the Warden or such other person as the committee may choose, shall during the **their** absence of the President preside.

28 Who presides at the Conference. (a) ~~At every meeting~~ ***The function of presiding at meetings of the Representative Session of the Conference is one to be shared between the President and the Vice-President if present shall preside. While one only of them is present that one shall preside, and while both are present they shall preside alternately.*** ~~save that the President may at his or her absolute discretion, without leaving the Conference, invite the Vice-President to preside for such period as the President may determine.~~

(b) If the President ***and the Vice-President are*** ~~is~~ absent from any meeting of the Representative Session ***then the person who shall during such absence preside shall be:***

(i) the person who has most recently held the substantive office of President or Vice-President ~~the Vice-President shall during the absence of the President preside and if both are absent the ex-President, failing whom the ex-Vice-President, who has most recently held the substantive office and who is present and willing to act, and if two such persons are equally qualified the one whom the Conference may choose, and~~

(ii) failing any such person then such other member of the Conference as the Conference may choose, ~~shall during the absence of the President preside and act as President of the Conference and in each such case with all the powers rights and duties of the President.~~

(c) ***At every meeting of the Presbyteral Session the President shall preside. In the absence of the President*** ~~If the President is absent from any meeting of the Ministerial Session the ex-President who has most recently held the substantive office and who is present and willing to act, and failing any such person then such other member of the Conference (being a presbyter) as the Conference may choose shall during the such absence of the President preside and act as President of the Conference and in each such case with all the powers rights and duties of the President.~~

(d) Notwithstanding anything contained in sub-clauses (a) to (c) above when the Conference in either Session meets to hear an appeal in a matter of discipline the person who shall preside shall be determined in accordance with the relevant Standing Order.

(e) The person who presides over the Conference under the provisions of sub-clauses (a) to (d) of this clause shall during the period of such presidency act as the President with all the powers rights and duties of the President.

29A Exercise of Presidential Powers. (a) ***In order to ensure that so far as possible the powers and duties of the presidency are exercised collaboratively by the President and Vice-President the Conference shall have power to direct by Standing Order that all or some, as specified, of the powers rights and duties of the President or a former President conferred by sub-clause (i) of clause 23, sub-clauses (b), (c) and (i) of clause 25A, clause 29 and (excepting the last sentence of sub-clause (c)) clause 42 of this Deed may be exercised from time to time by the Vice-President or a former Vice-President.***

(b) The exercise by the Vice-President or former Vice-President of any of the powers rights and duties of the President or former President under the provisions of sub-clause (a) of this clause shall be taken for all purposes as acts of the President or former President as the case may require.

[for direction as to consultation, see 8/53/3]

6/11/4 The Conference adopted Resolutions 57/4, 57/5, 57/6, and 57/7, for 'Co-President' reading 'Vice-President' in the last two *[as corrected by 7/26/1]*.

6/11/5 **MEMORIAL M1**

The Conference adopted the following as its reply to Memorial M1:

The Conference thanks the Delamere Forest Circuit for the care with which it has considered the report to the 2010 Conference *Leading and Presiding: Developing the Presidency of the Conference*. The Conference directs that the matter be referred to the Methodist Council, Convocation and the Faith and Order Committee for review, report and recommendation to a subsequent Conference.

6/11/6 **MEMORIAL M2**

The Conference adopted as its reply to Memorial M2 that recommended by the Memorials Committee.

6/12 **37. THE REAFFIRMATION OF BAPTISMAL VOWS INCLUDING THE USE OF WATER [FAITH AND ORDER COMMITTEE REPORT PART 3]**

6/12/1 The Conference adopted Resolution 37/1.

6/12/2 The Conference agreed to the withdrawal of Resolution 37/2.

6/13 **45. SINGING THE FAITH – THE MUSIC RESOURCES GROUP (MRG) REPORT**

6/13/1 The Conference adopted Resolutions 45/1 and 45/2.

6/13/2 **Notice of Motion 107: Singing the Faith – Braille Edition**

The Methodist Conference urges the production of Braille copies of 'Singing the Faith', with the aim of having these available as a matter of urgency, to enable blind people who read by Braille to participate fully in worship.

The Conference adopted the Motion.

6/14 The Conference continued in four parallel sessions from 15.50, considering the following items of business:

- 13. Epworth Press
- 38. Missing Generation
- 42. Fresh Ways Working Group
- 49. Supporting Ministers who Experience Ill Health

6/15 The Conference adjourned at 16.45.

6/16 The Conference reassembled at 17.15.

6/17 **DAILY RECORD**

6/17/1 The Daily Record for Monday, 4 July was presented, taken as read, and adopted as printed,

at 5/5, for 'Memorials Secretary' reading 'Convener of the Memorials Committee',

at 5/21/2, for 'The Revd Calvin T Samuel' reading 'The Revd Dr Calvin T Samuel',

at 5/27/1, deleting '50/1A, '.

6/17/2 The Daily Record for Saturday, 2 July was, with the required majority, corrected as follows:

at 3/13/2, for 'Obiamolglesia' reading 'Iglesia' and for 'UMC Central Conference of Northern Europe' reading 'UMC Central Conference of Northern Europe and Eurasia'.

6/18 **8. SAFEGUARDING PAST CASES REVIEW**

The Conference adopted Resolution 8/1.

6/19 **47. METHODIST YOUTH ASSEMBLY REPORT 2010 (continued)**

The Conference adopted Resolution 47/7 in the following form:

The Conference encourages every Circuit to consider including in its resources for ministry the provision of appropriate support and help for people experiencing transitions and those impacted by mental health issues or the misuse of alcohol or drugs, including pointing them towards specialist services when necessary.

6/20 **46. YOUTH PRESIDENCY AND THE METHODIST YOUTH ASSEMBLY**

6/20/1 The Conference adopted Resolution 46/1.

6/20/2 The Conference adopted Resolution 46/2 in the following form:

The Conference adopts the recommendation that the Youth President post be paid as full time from within the existing budgets of the YPS project until the cessation of that project in August 2013 and directs the Methodist Council to ensure that funding for the full time post is included in the budgeting post 2013 from an appropriate heading.

6/20/3 **Notice of Motion 108: Youth President of the Youth Assembly**

The Conference acknowledges that the Youth President is the elected voice of the Youth Assembly to the Connexion and the wider community. As such the Conference believes that they should be free to express the views of the Youth Assembly.

The Conference directs the Methodist Council to explore ways in which the responsibilities of that part of the Youth President's role can be exercised freely, avoiding potential conflicts of interest.

The Conference adopted the Motion.

6/20/4 The Conference adopted Resolution 46/3 in the following form:

The Conference adopts the Report on Standing Orders for the Methodist Youth Assembly,

p 578, paragraph 3(c), line 8, *inserting* 'other' before 'adults',

and amends Standing Orders by substituting the text shown on Agenda pp 579-582 for Standing Order 250 and making the further amendments shown on Agenda pp 582-584 to Standing Orders 102, 417A and 410, and to CPD, Book VI General: Part 2 Guidance, Section 8,

p 580, paragraph (5), *inserting* 'eligible' before 'young people',

p 581, paragraph (10)(ii), *for* 'if not already' *reading* 'be' and *inserting* 'or' *before* 'have signified',

paragraph (11)(ii), *for* 'if not already' *reading* 'be' and *inserting* 'or' *before* 'have signified',

paragraph (12)(ii), *for* 'if not already' *reading* 'be' and *inserting* 'or' *before* 'have signified',

pp 581-2, *renumbering* clauses (13) and (14) as (15) and (16),

p 581, *inserting* the following clauses new clauses (13) and (14):

(13) For the purposes of clauses (10), (11) and (12), a person who is not already a member of the Methodist Church signifies his or her intention of seeking to become a member by declaring that intention in a session of the Assembly. Where such a person stands for election under either clause (11) or clause (12), the Assembly shall determine its own procedures for filling any vacancy which may result if that person is elected but has not become a member of the Methodist Church by the date 7 days before the beginning of the Representative Session of the Conference (where the person is elected under clause (11)) or the next connexional year (where the person is elected under clause (12)).

(14) The Assembly shall through procedures agreed by all the sessions make the appointments of members of District Synods required for compliance with Standing Order 410(1)(viii).

6/20/5 **MEMORIAL M17**

The Conference adopted as its reply to Memorial M17 that recommended by the Memorials Committee.

6/21 **51. REPORT OF THE JOINT ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON THE ETHICS OF INVESTMENT (JACEI)**

The Conference adopted Resolution 51/1.

6/22 **LETTERS**

6/22/1 A letter of greeting was sent in the name of the Conference to Mrs Judith M Jarvis.

6/22/2 A text message of greeting was sent in the name of the Conference to Mr Lucas Meagor.

6/22/3 Letters of concern were sent in the name of the Conference to the following:

The Revd Paul H and Mrs Carmel Ashby and family
The Revd Donald M Eadie
The Rt Revd Michael Evans, Bishop of East Anglia
The Revd Barbara Garwood
The Revds Julie and David S H Hulme
The Rt Revd James Jones, Bishop of Liverpool
The Leadership Team of the Newark and Southwell Circuit
The Revd Jonathan Woodhouse

6/23 The Conference shared in a time of pastoral conversation and prayer.

6/24 The Conference adjourned at 19.05.

7/1 The Conference assembled at 9.00.

7/2 The Conference shared in a celebration of Holy Communion in which prayers of thanksgiving were offered for the lives of the following who have died in the last year:

(a) the presbyters remembered in the Ministerial Session and listed at 2/18

(b) the deacons remembered in the Conference Diaconal Committee:

Brenda Barnett
Nora L Harrison
Gwendolen L King
Margaret Lindsay
Joan Nicholson
Phyllis Papworth *

(* Deacon who had died before the previous Conference but whose Obituary was presented to this Conference.)

(c) the following lay people especially remembered in the Conference as servants of the Church:

Mr Ed Ball	Served on the Faith and Order Committee and the British Methodist-Roman Catholic Committee.
Mrs Freda Head	Hymn writer, involved in the production of Hymns & Psalms, held many offices in the local church.
Mr Raymond Horbury	Served on a number of connexional committees.
Dr Sidney Osborn	Served on several connexional committees and was the Treasurer for the Division of Ministries.
Miss Winifred Price	Personal Secretary for many years to the Secretary of the Conference.
Dr Jane Rajan	Former member of the Strategy & Resources Committee.
Mrs Gwendoline Thompson Brake	Former employee in connexional offices at Westminster Central Hall.
Mr Peter Tremewen	Trustee, Billy Bray's Kerley Downs (Three Eyes) Chapel.

(d) those who have served overseas as Mission Partners:

The Revd John Hubert Barker North India, Lucknow

The Revd Anthony John Barnard	South India, Andhra Pradesh
Miss Joy Batham	Ghana and The Caribbean
The Revd Michael Birnie Begg	Jamaica
Nona Iris Bell	Uzuakoli, Nigeria
Rachel Bennett	China
Gillian Blanter	Kwenda, Sandringham
The Revd Dwin Capstick	Sierra Leone
Mrs Margaret J Cloke	Zambia
The Revd Norwyn E Denny	Jamaica
Muriel Gallagher	Bangalore, South India
Anna Hatton	Nigeria
The Revd Edward George Hawton	Rhodesia
The Revd Frank Himsworth	Sierra Leone
Dr Lykle Hogerzeil	Nigeria and Dichpalli, India
Mrs Joan Hollingbury	The Gambia and Bengal
Mrs Ruth Homer	Medak and Burma
The Revd Georgewill Egemba Igwe	Nigeria
The Revd John Alexander Lakin	Ghana, Nigeria
Miss Dorothy McNaughton Leith	South India
The Revd David Livingstone	Kenya
The Revd Charles Denis Graham Marston	Northern Rhodesia/Zambia
Pat Morton	South India, Pakistan and Ceylon
Deacon Joan Nicholson	Sri Lanka
Philip Pearson	Zambia
The Revd David H K Sheriff	Jamaica
Miss Barbara Tasker	Church of North India and Kingsmead
The Revd Victor Taylor	Hunun, China
The Revd Derek Wheelhouse	Northern Rhodesia

- (e) 257 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 10.18.

7/4 The Conference reassembled at 10.52.

7/5 **DESIGNATION OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE CONFERENCE**

The Revd Dr Mark H Wakelin was designated for appointment as President of the Conference of 2012.

7/6 **DESIGNATION OF THE VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE CONFERENCE**

Mr Michael P King *[as corrected by 8/55/1]* was designated for appointment as Vice-President of the Conference of 2012.

7/7 **BUSINESS COMMITTEE OF THE CONFERENCE**

The Conference elected Mr Peter A Mills and Deacon Stephen F Roe to be members of the Representative Session Business Committee for the Conferences of 2012-2014.

7/8 **53. REPORT OF THE NORTH WEST DISTRICTS REVIEW GROUP**

7/8/1 The Conference adopted Resolutions 53/1, 53/2, and 53/3.

7/9 **NEW ITEM 60A: SUPPLEMENTARY ECUMENICAL REPORT**

7/9/1 **Basic Information**

Title	Supplementary Ecumenical Report
Contact Name and Details	The Revd Kenneth G Howcroft Assistant Secretary of the Conference and Ecumenical Officer 020 7467 5147 howcrofkt@methodistchurch.org.uk
Status of Paper	Final
Resolutions	60A/1. The Conference receives the Supplementary Report. 60A/2. <i>(replacing Resolution 60/3)</i> The Conference receives the Interim Report of the Joint Implementation Commission entitled “Moving Forward in Covenant”, commends it for study and directs the Faith and Order Committee and the Methodist Council to consider the issues raised in it. 60A/3. The Conference adopts the recommendations in paragraphs 8-12 of the Supplementary Ecumenical Report and amends Standing Orders 334, 412 and 434. 60A/4. The Conference adopts the recommendations in paragraphs 13-16 of the Supplementary Ecumenical Report and directs the Methodist Council, in consultation with the Faith and Order Committee, to undertake further work to clarify, develop and open up new ways in which people exercising authorised ministry in a Church with which the Methodist Church has a close partnership, where that Church-to-Church partnership is embodied in local partnerships, can be automatically granted recognition and authorisation to serve in and on behalf of the Methodist Church.

Summary of Content

Subject and Aims	For information about further developments.
Main Points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction to <i>Moving Forward in Covenant</i> • Standing Orders concerning Ecumenical Partnerships • Standing Orders concerning the authorisation of ministers of other Churches
Background Context and Relevant Documents (with function)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Item 60 <i>Ecumenical Report</i> in this Agenda.

1. Paragraph 4.1 of the Ecumenical Report to the Conference of 2011 [Item 60 in Volume 3 of the Agenda] noted that the interim report of the Joint Implementation Commission (JIC) under the Covenant between the Methodist Church of Great Britain and the Church of England entitled *Moving Forward in Covenant* is published separately but as a part of this Agenda. That report had to be written and go to press before the meeting of the JIC on 8 June 2011. At that meeting it was agreed that an additional report should be written to introduce the report to the Conference and the General Synod of the Church of England respectively. The first section below is the result, and reflects what is being presented to the Synod. In the light of it Resolution 60/3 will be withdrawn, and replaced by Resolution 60A/2 below. The following two later sections introduce some recommendations supported by the Methodist Council which relate not just to the proposals of the JIC but to other ecumenical situations.

Introduction to Moving Forward in Covenant

2. The Joint Implementation Commission (JIC) was set up by the General Synod [as corrected by 8/55/1] and the Methodist Conference when they endorsed the Covenant proposals in 2003. The first phase of the JIC came to an end in July 2008 when the JIC delivered its quinquennial report *Embracing the Covenant*. JIC2 was set up by the Conference and the Synod in July 2008. JIC2 is required to make its quinquennial report in July 2013. As in the previous quinquennium, the JIC is making an interim report to both bodies.
3. *Moving Forward in Covenant* looks back to the origins of the Methodist movement within the Church of England, as an aspect of the Evangelical Revival. It recapitulates why the Covenant was needed and what it has achieved. It notes some causes for concern in the implementation of the Covenant, including ecumenical inertia in some parts of both churches. The report summarises the proposals in *Embracing the Covenant*. The report then majors on two constructive areas of mutual engagement: the Diaconate and local unity in mission. It summarises the results of a joint consultation, sponsored by the JIC, on diaconal ministry, noting areas of convergence.
4. Finally, it sets out proposals for Covenanted Partnerships in Extended Areas. These are designed to facilitate shared ministry and mission in an extended area, wider than a Parish or local Methodist Church, where that is desired and diocesan bishops and the relevant authorities in the Methodist Church give permission. In principle, the extended area could be as wide as a Diocese or

District, though the report recognises that not all Parishes, local Methodist Churches or Circuits may wish to participate at a given time.

5. These proposals do not of themselves produce the sort of interchangeability of ministries that would accompany a united Church with a single system of governance and oversight. The phrase 'interchangeability of ministries' usually refers to a situation in which the ordained ministers of one Church are eligible to be appointed to ministerial offices in the other without undergoing re-ordination. The canonical norm for the Church of England is that the sacraments are celebrated and the cure of souls exercised by an episcopally ordained priest. That norm is upheld in all the ecumenical work undertaken under the aegis of the Church of England's Council for Christian Unity. However the Ecumenical Canons of the Church of England, and certain ecumenical agreements that the Church of England has made with churches that are not episcopally ordered, provide exceptionally for there to be shared (not interchangeable) ordained ministry in some situations. This provision applies where there is theological convergence and in the context of the journey that the Churches concerned are making together towards full visible communion. The proposals in the JIC report build on this provision. The Anglican-Methodist Covenant is an example of an agreement that the Church of England has made with a Church that is not episcopally ordered, and these proposals are made under Canon B44 which is one of the Ecumenical Canons.
6. The JIC is putting forward this initiative under its mandate from the General Synod and the Methodist Conference 'to monitor and promote the implementation of the Covenant'. It now offers its proposals for consultation with appropriate bodies in both churches, as part of a process of discernment and reception.
7. The Interim Report will be debated by the Methodist Conference and the General Synod in July 2011. The respective resolutions to "receive" and to "take note of" the Report are effectively equivalent to each other. The Faith and Order Commission in the Church of England has not yet had an opportunity to consider the proposals in the Interim Report but it has already been decided that it will do so in the autumn, as will the full College of Bishops. In accordance with the practices of the Methodist Church, the Conference is asked to direct the Faith and Order Committee and the Methodist Council to consider the proposals and the other matters raised in the report. To that end a revised version of Resolution 60/3. is offered below to replace the one set out in Volume 3 of the Agenda. The views of all these bodies, together with those expressed in the debates in the Synod and the Conference, will inform the JIC's further reflection on the subject in preparing its quinquennial report.

Standing Orders concerning Ecumenical Partnerships

8. Some circuits and districts have already sought to create local expressions of the Covenant with the Church of England or establish other partnerships with partner Churches in their area. It is interesting to note that, as indicated in *Moving Forward in Covenant*, such a step is already being sought by the relevant authorities of the Church of England, the Methodist Church and the United Reformed Church in the geographic area of Cumbria.

9. The Methodist Church is engaged in a growing number of different types of ecumenical partnership in the various parts of the Connexion with a variety of other Churches. Some rough categories for those partnerships can be defined as follows:
 - (a) Church to Church (i.e. denominational) partnerships;
 - (b) district-wide or other regional embodiments of (a);
 - (c) other district-wide or regional partnerships;
 - (d) circuit-wide or other partnerships involving a number of local Methodist churches;
 - (e) formal Local Ecumenical Partnerships [of which there are a number of sub-types, and which normally have detailed constitutions].
10. In each case it is important to establish who in the Methodist Church needs to know about the partnership; who needs to approve the form of the partnership; and who in the Methodist Church in Britain is committed to what in the partnership. This has not always proved easy. There are varying levels of authority or permission for the different types of partnership in the foundational documents of the Church, Standing Orders, and Resolutions of the Conference. Irrespective of whether regulation of them is a good thing or bad thing, there are varying levels of regulation. There are varying levels of connectedness [i.e. “connexion”] between the varying partnerships; and it is not always completely clear who in the Methodist Church in Britain is committed to what within them.
11. It is important that (without becoming over-regulatory or too bureaucratic) clarity is sought about these matters as steps are taken to implement the Ecumenical Vision Statement adopted by the Conference of 2009, with its encouragement to live in and develop ecumenical partnerships. It is also important to ensure that any such partnerships are not suffocated by additional bureaucracy, whilst at the same time ensuring that they are ‘connexional’ in the sense of being coherent across the whole of the Connexion. At the moment, Standing Orders only provide for local ecumenical partnerships (LEPs) and require that each of them has a full-blown constitution that is vetted and approved at both district and connexional levels of the Church [eg Standing Orders 334, 412 and 434]. The underlying model seems to be that of a single congregation LEP, which by its very nature requires a formal and detailed constitution.
12. The Methodist Council has therefore recommended that some minor amendments need to be made to Standing Orders to enable extended covenanted partnerships or other types of partnership over extended areas to be formed to facilitate the sharing of mission and ministry without the need for additional constitutions or extended vetting procedures. A resolution to this effect is set out below.

Standing Orders concerning the authorisation of ministers of other Churches

13. The Deed of Union and Standing Orders currently provide for those ordained in other Churches to be recognised and regarded as admitted into full connexion with the Conference, or authorised to serve the Methodist Church as a presbyter or deacon, or granted the status of associate presbyter or deacon.

14. Paragraphs 92-96 of the report *Moving Forward in Covenant* make suggestions of ways in which those provisions could be further clarified and developed so that where the Conference is in a close partnership with the equivalent authorities of another Church, and that partnership is then embodied in some local expression of it, such as a Covenanted Partnership in an Extended Area or a United Area of the Methodist and United reformed Churches, presbyters and deacons of the other Church should automatically be granted an appropriate status and authorisation without the need for the detailed vetting of individual applications by a number of different bodies.
15. It is also proposed that it be made possible for those granted the status of associate presbyter and deacon to be authorised to serve as Associate Superintendents or Chairs of District. As Associate Superintendents and Associate Chairs they would not have responsibility for or control over Methodist resources or governance bodies, which would remain autonomous. However they would be able to co-discern, co-decide and co-deploy the resources of their own Church and co-fulfil their own responsibilities together with the Methodist Superintendent and Chair.
16. The Methodist Council concluded that, if viable, such developments would be of benefit in many ecumenical situations. It has therefore recommended that the Conference commission the necessary explorations of the issues with a view to any resulting proposals being brought to a future Conference. A resolution to that effect is set out below.

7/9/2 The Conference adopted the following as Resolution 60A/1:

The Conference receives the Supplementary Report.

7/9/3 The Conference adopted the following as Resolution 60A/2:

The Conference receives the Interim Report of the Joint Implementation Commission entitled “Moving Forward in Covenant”, commends it for study and directs the Faith and Order Committee and the Methodist Council to consider the issues raised in it.

7/9/4 The Conference adopted the following as Resolution 60A/3:

The Conference adopts the recommendations in paragraphs 8-12 of the Supplementary Ecumenical Report and amends Standing Orders as follows:

334 Local Ecumenical Development.

- (1) The Methodist Council shall annually appoint representatives to the Methodist-Anglican Panel for Unity in Mission, or such successor ecumenical body as the council shall from time to time designate, to exercise the functions specified in this Standing Order. They shall include a member of the Connexional Team, designated as the ecumenical officer of the Methodist Church.
- (2) The Methodist representatives to the Panel shall act on behalf of the Methodist Council in performing the following functions:
 - (i) keeping under review the development of local ecumenical relationships in Britain and advising the Connexional Team accordingly;

- (ii) providing guidelines for use of the Synods in **establishing ecumenical partnerships in extended areas that do not require shared governance and in** designating local ecumenical partnerships and other local schemes involving constitutions for shared churches, and monitoring their operation and, through the ecumenical officer, receiving and scrutinising all proposals for new schemes;
- (iii) offering advice in new or difficult situations.
- (3) By virtue of section 1, sub-sections (4) and (10) of the Sharing of Church Buildings Act 1969, the consent of the ecumenical officer shall be required for the making or amendment of any sharing agreement under that Act or any legislation amending or replacing it. Where any such agreement requires consent to its termination to be given on behalf of the Church, the ecumenical officer is authorised to give such consent.
- (4) The ecumenical officer shall be responsible **for providing information to the Conference and other bodies about ecumenical partnerships in extended areas that do not require shared governance and** for the making of recommendations to the Conference on applications for the designation of ecumenical areas under schemes involving partnership at circuit level, and on proposals to give or revoke a direction under Standing Orders 512 and 611, as to all of which the ecumenical officer shall first obtain the report of the district Policy Committee.
- (5) The ecumenical officer shall compile a list of all new schemes approved by the Synods under Standing Order 412(2) and of all sharing agreements authorised by him or her, and shall ensure that they are reported to the Conference.

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- (2) The Synod has authority to **establish ecumenical partnerships in extended areas that do not require shared governance,** to designate local ecumenical partnerships within the District and to approve the constitution of any **of the latter** such partnerships, such designation being made where possible in conjunction with a Sponsoring Body on which the Methodist Church is represented.

434 Ecumenical Relationships.

- (3) The committee (*ie the District Policy Committee*) shall:

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- (iv) be responsible for making recommendations to the ecumenical officer on applications for sharing agreements under the terms of the Sharing of Church Buildings Act 1969, or any legislation amending or replacing that Act;
- (v) be responsible for recommending to the Synod the **establishment of ecumenical partnerships in extended areas that do not require shared governance,** the designation of local ecumenical partnerships and the approval of local constitutions, but only after submitting each such constitution to the ecumenical officer and the Faith and Order Committee and taking into account their advice;
- (vi) consider and report to the ecumenical officer on all applications for the designation of ecumenical areas;

- (vii) consider and report to the Synod or the ecumenical officer, as appropriate, on all proposals for the issue or revocation of directions under Standing Orders 512 and 611.

7/9/5 The Conference adopted the following as Resolution 60A/4:

The Conference adopts the recommendations in paragraphs 13-16 of the Supplementary Ecumenical Report and directs the Methodist Council, in consultation with the Faith and Order Committee, to undertake further work to clarify, develop and open up new ways in which people exercising authorised ministry in a Church with which the Methodist Church has a close partnership, where that Church-to-Church partnership is embodied in local partnerships, can be automatically granted recognition and authorisation to serve in and on behalf of the Methodist Church.

7/9/6 The Conference agreed to the withdrawal of Resolution 60/3.

7/10 **31. FRUITFUL FIELD**

7/10/1 The Conference adopted Resolution 31/1.

7/10/2 The Conference adopted the following as Resolution 31/2:

The Conference directs the bodies named in Section (V) of the report to carry out further work in compliance with the provisions for timelines and accountability stated.

7/10/3 **MEMORIAL M15**

The Conference adopted as its reply to Memorial M15 that recommended by the Memorials Committee.

7/11 **27. LAW AND POLITY COMMITTEE**

7/11/1 The Conference adopted Resolution 27/1.

7/11/2 **ADDITIONAL SECTION AA: ALLOCATION OF SEATS TO THE CONFERENCE: METHOD OF CALCULATION** [as corrected by 8/55/1]

Two practical problems have been encountered in the calculation of how many presbyters, deacons and lay persons each Synod should be asked to elect for the following year's Conference. Firstly, the calculation has to be based on the numbers of presbyters, deacons and lay persons among the ex officio members of the Conference, and this is not always known with certainty a year in advance. Secondly, the calculation is based on the respective membership figures for the Districts, and these figures are now available more accurately every three years rather than every year. The following two changes are therefore proposed to Standing Order 105:

- (1) That the following sentence be added at the end of SO 105(1):

The calculation shall be based on the best information available at that date as to how many of the persons listed in Standing Orders 101 and 102 will at the following year's Conference be, respectively, ministers, deacons and lay persons, and shall not be invalidated if those numbers subsequently change.

(2) That the following be added in SO 105(3), at the end of the first sentence:

as listed in the most recent membership figures by district published in the Conference Agenda

The Conference adopted the following as Resolution 27/1A:

The Conference amends Standing Orders as set out above.

7/11/3 The Conference adopted Resolution 27/2.

7/11/4 The Conference adopted Resolution 27/3,

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in SO 644(11)(i), *for 'clauses' reading 'clauses'*,

in the last line of amendments, for '644 (3 4)' reading '644 (34)'.

7/11/5 The Conference agreed to the withdrawal of Resolution 27/4.

7/11/6 The Conference adopted Resolution 27/5 in the following form:

The Conference amends SO 342 and SO 444(1) as follows:

342 DayState Funded Schools (including academies and children's centres where appropriate).

(1) The Methodist Council is responsible for the oversight of Methodist ~~voluntary aided and voluntary controlled~~**state funded** schools and for Methodist responsibilities in the oversight of ~~voluntary~~**state funded** schools which are joint projects with other denominations.

(2) The Connexional Team shall, as may be necessary, consider government legislation which affects the governance of these schools and any directive or proposal by a local authority or other body or denomination which may affect individual schools.

(3) The Team shall give information and counsel to the Policy Committee of each District in which schools are situated to enable it to carry out its responsibilities to watch over the interest of those schools.

(4) Any proposal to alter the category **or status** of a Methodist or joint school must be reported by the governors to the trustees, the district Policy Committee and the Connexional Team member with responsibility for these schools.

(5) No Methodist ~~voluntary~~**state funded** school may be discontinued at the instance of its governors or trustees until permission has been given by the Methodist Council. The governors and trustees shall submit any recommendation for discontinuance to the district Policy Committee for its advice before seeking the permission of the council or taking any steps towards closure.

(6) Any proposal to promote a Methodist ~~voluntary~~**state funded** school or to join in promoting a joint school shall be reported by the Superintendent of the Circuit concerned to the district Policy Committee, the Connexional Team member with responsibility for these schools and the connexional Property Secretary.

(7) No arrangements for new leases of Methodist property to the Local Education Authority or to the governors of a ~~aided~~**state funded** school for the purpose of a school shall be made and no arrangements for the renewal of such leases shall be made until after consultation with the Connexional Team member with responsibility for these schools and the connexional Property Secretary.

(8) Trustees of Methodist property used as a ~~day~~**state funded** school shall ensure that the premises are adequately insured and, in the case of controlled schools, require that the trustees' interest in the property is safeguarded in the insurance policy taken out on the premises by a local education authority.

(9) Applications for grants or loans from the Methodist Day Schools Fund shall be made through the district Policy Committee.

(10) Every Instrument of Government for a ~~new~~ Methodist or joint school shall include a place as ex-officio Foundation Governor for the Circuit Superintendent or his or her nominee, and shall require to be approved by the Connexional Team member responsible for these schools.

(11) No proposal for a ~~new~~ Methodist or ~~joint~~**ecumenical** school shall receive approval unless the school's admissions policy ~~makes provision for the inclusion of children of non-church-going families~~ **complies with the Statutory Admissions Code and gives priority to children living nearest the school. All admissions policies for Methodist or joint state funded schools require the approval of the Connexional Team member responsible for these schools.**

444(1) ... Methodist ~~day~~state funded schools ...

7/11/7 The Conference adopted Resolution 27/7 in the following form:

The Conference amends SO 807A(3)(a) and (b) and SO 807C(3)(a) and (b) as on Agenda pp 312-313, and further amends Standing Orders as follows:

S0744 (10) The Circuit or other responsible body shall continue during a sabbatical to provide a manse and the minister's or deacon's stipend and to ~~pay all expense allowances which are of a continuing nature, but not those for expenses which cease to be incurred or to be related to the appointment, including mileage allowance~~ **reimburse the minister or deacon for all expenses within Standing Order 801(2) which continue** during the **sabbatical**.

801 Stipends ...

(4) Ministers, deacons or probationers within the scope of clause (1) above who are unable by reason of illness or injury to discharge the responsibilities of their appointments shall continue to receive their stipends and ~~all expenses allowances which are of a continuing nature, but not those for expenses which cease to be reimbursed for all expenses within Standing Order 801(2) which continue~~ during the incapacity. They shall, however, give credit for any Social Security benefits and statutory sickness pay to which they may be entitled by reason of the incapacity, the amount of all such benefits receivable during any quarter being deducted from the next quarter's payment of

stipend and (if there has been a change of station meanwhile) remitted to the Circuit or other body entitled to the refund.

807A Maternity Leave. ...

(5)(a) A person on ordinary maternity leave shall be paid her stipend less any Social Security benefits to which she may be entitled, and shall also be ~~paid expense allowances which are of a continuing nature, but not those for expenses which cease during~~ **reimbursed for all expenses within Standing Order 801(2) which continue during that** leave.

(b) A person on additional maternity leave shall ~~for the first 13 weeks be paid her stipend less any Social Security benefits to which she may be entitled, but not for the remaining weeks. She shall throughout be paid expense allowances which are of a continuing nature, but not those for expenses which cease during~~ **be reimbursed for all expenses within Standing Order 801(2) which continue during that** leave.

807B Paternity Leave ...

(4) A person on paternity leave shall be paid his or her stipend less any Social Security benefits to which he or she may be entitled, and shall also be ~~paid expense allowances which are of a continuing nature, but not those for expenses which cease during~~ **reimbursed for all expenses within Standing Order 801(2) which continue during that** leave.

807C Adoption Leave. ...

(5)(a) A person on ordinary adoption leave shall be paid his or her stipend less any Social Security benefits to which he or she may be entitled, and shall also be ~~paid expense allowances which are of a continuing nature, but not those for expenses which cease during~~ **reimbursed for all expenses within Standing Order 801(2) which continue during that** leave.

(b) A person on additional adoption leave shall ~~for the first 13 weeks be paid her stipend less any Social Security benefits to which she may be entitled, but not for the remaining weeks. She shall throughout be paid expense allowances which are of a continuing nature, but not those for expenses which cease during~~ **reimbursed for all expenses within Standing Order 801(2) which continue during that** leave.

807D Parental Leave

(8) A person on parental leave shall not be paid his or her stipend. He or she shall be ~~paid expense allowances which are of a continuing nature, but not those for expenses which cease during~~ **reimbursed for all expenses within Standing Order 801(2) which continue during that** leave.

7/11/8 The Conference adopted Resolutions 27/8 and 27/9.

7/11/9 The Conference adopted the following as Resolution 27/10:

The Conference authorises the re-ordering of the material contained in CPD Volume 2 as follows:

Add to **Book IV Other Legislation and Constitutional Documents, B. Other Constitutional Documents**

- Part 4 World Methodist Council
- Part 5 Rule of Life of the Methodist Diaconal Order

Add to **Book V Historic Texts:**

- 5 Resolutions on Pastoral Work 1971

BOOK VI Regulations adopted by the Conference

- Part 1 Qualification for Appointment under S.O. 010(3), and Duty to Obtain Disclosures
- 2 Model Trusts – Consultation Regulations
- 3 Criteria for authorising Persons other than Ministers to Preside at the Lord’s Supper
- 4 The Church and Sex Offenders: Procedures necessary for an offender to be involved in the church community

BOOK VII Guidance

A. Guidance relating to ministers and deacons

- Part 0A Guidance on the Stationing of Ministers and Deacons
- 0B Code of Practice for the Stationing of Presbyters
- 0C Married Couples
- 1 Charter for Incoming Ministers and Deacons
- 2 Guidelines on Provision of Adequate Accommodation
- 3 Holidays
- 4 Connexional Appointments
- 5 Presbyters and Deacons Affected by Impairment: A Guide To Good Practice

B. Guidance relating to church governance

- Part 6 Guidelines for the Business of District, Circuit and Local Meetings
- 7 Permitted Gambling

C. Guidelines relating to pastoral and ethical matters

- Part 8 Christian Preparation for Marriage: Policy and Guidelines
- 9 Guidelines for Inter-Faith Marriages
- 10 Responding to Requests for Prayers or Services of Blessing for Same-sex Couples
- 11 The 1993 Conference Resolutions on Human Sexuality
- 12 *Through a Glass Darkly*: recommendations on Methodist practice as to alcohol
- 13 Guidance for the Reception of Christians of Other Communion and Joint Confirmations
- 14 Guidelines for Good Practice in Confidentiality and Pastoral Care

**Add before Comparative Tables, after Books VI and VII:
List of Committees**

7/11/10 **ADDITIONAL SECTION H**

S0561 (vi) refers to an agenda in Part 10. That agenda is now in Book VI Part 2 Section 8 of the Guidance Section of CPD. It is therefore proposed that S0561 (vi) be amended.

The Conference adopted the following as Resolution 27/11:

The Conference amends S0 561(vi) as follows:

Functions. The meeting shall: ...

(vi) deal with the business set out in the agenda in Part 10 in accordance with any guidelines **approved from time to time by the Conference or** from the Connexional Team.

7/11/11 **ADDITIONAL SECTION I**

SO 410(3)(iii) makes provision for Training and Development Officers to be members of District Synods. TDOs no longer exist but there are other District officers whom it may be important to include in the membership of the Synod. Hence the proposed amendment below.

The Conference adopted the following as Resolution 27/12:

The Conference amends SO 410(3)(iii) as follows:

(iii) ~~an training and development officer appointed to work in~~ **on behalf of** the District ~~under Standing Order 443~~ who is a member of the Methodist Church or of another Christian communion.

7/12 **34. LAW AND POLITY COMMITTEE – AMENDMENTS TO THE DEED OF UNION, THE MODEL TRUSTS AND STANDING ORDERS (continued)**

7/12/1 The Conference adopted Resolutions 34/4, 34/5, 34/6, 34/7, 34/8, and 34/9.

7/12/2 The Conference adopted Resolution 34/10 replacing the proposed text of SO 644(11) as follows:

644(11) For the purposes of the Deed of Union and Section 05 of Standing Orders the meeting or committee having the responsibilities of a Pastoral Committee is:

- (i) the local Pastoral Committee composed in accordance with clauses (1) ~~and (2)~~ above, where constituted; or
- (ii) the Church Council, when entitled to exercise and exercising the functions of the Pastoral Committee under clause (4) above; or (iii) in a local ecumenical partnership with no such local Pastoral Committee, either:
 - (a) **in a partnership where the Synod has directed that an ecumenical meeting act as the Church Council for particular Methodist purposes under Standing Order 611**, an ecumenical pastoral committee ~~required by the constitution of the partnership~~ **appointed by that meeting** to

discharge in relation to Methodist members the responsibilities of a Pastoral Committee under clause 10(a) of the Deed of Union and Section 05 of Standing Orders; **or**

- (b) **in a partnership with a Methodist membership of 49 or less the ecumenical body so directed; or**
- (c) failing any such committee **or meeting** the circuit Pastoral Committee.

7/12/3 The Conference adopted, with the required majority, Resolution 34/11 [for direction as to consultation, see 8/53/3].

7/12/4 The Conference adopted Resolution 34/13,
p 420, in **(1A)**, line 3, for '**pro forma**' reading '**report**'.

7/12/5 **ADDITIONAL SECTION K**

The Conference adopted the following as 34/14:

The Conference amends SO 010 as follows:

010 Qualification for Appointment. ...

(2) Subject to the provisions of the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (or any statutory modification or re-enactment thereof for the time being in force and any regulations or orders made or having effect thereunder)

(i) no person who has been convicted of or has received a simple or conditional caution from the police concerning an offence mentioned in ~~the First Schedule~~ **1** to the Children and Young Persons Act 1933 (**as amended**) **or who otherwise poses a risk to children or young people** shall undertake work with children and young ~~persons~~ **people** in the life of the Church; ...

(5) (a) If a church court or other appointing body wishes to appoint to an office, post or responsibility a person who **is not prevented from holding such office post or responsibility by legislation but**, in the absence of authority under this clause, is disqualified from holding it by virtue of clauses (2)(ii) and (3) above, the secretary or convener of the body concerned may request the Secretary of the Conference to refer the proposed appointment to the Safeguarding Advisory Panel appointed under Standing Order 232. Any such request shall be accompanied by a written statement of the reasons for which it is made ...

(d) If an employing body wishes to engage under a contract a person who **is not prevented from holding such office post or responsibility by legislation but**, in the absence of authority under this clause, is disqualified from being so engaged by virtue of clauses (2)(ii) and (3) above, the secretary of that body may request the Secretary of the Conference to refer the proposed contract to the Safeguarding Advisory Panel and the procedure set out in sub-clauses (a) and (b) above shall be followed. No authorisation to employ shall be given unless the nominated members of the Safeguarding Advisory Panel are satisfied as set out in clause (c)(i) above and that the entry into the contract will not expose children or young people to the risk of harm.

7/12/6 **ADDITIONAL SECTION L: CYMRU**

Synod Cymru now operates a single Circuit and work has been going on to draft appropriate Standing Orders to cover this new arrangement. Further work will need to be done in the forthcoming connexional year, particularly in the light of the proposals for modified circuit constitutions in report 35 coming to this year's Conference.

For the moment, the following amendments to Standing Orders are proposed.

The Conference adopted the following as Resolution 34/15:

The Conference amends Standing Orders as follows:

SO 490 Definitions. (1) The work and witness of Yr Eglwys Fethodistaidd yng Nghymru/The Methodist Church in Wales shall be carried on in two Districts: Synod Cymru, comprising **one** Circuits working mainly in the Welsh language, and the Wales Synod, comprising Circuits working mainly in the English language.

(1A) Within Synod Cymru the one Circuit called Cylchdaith Cymru, will be divided geographically into areas, each called an Ardal. The Local Churches within an Ardal shall meet together from time to time as they may agree.

497 Joint Circuits and Ardal. (1) *In this Standing Order, a "Circuit/Ardal" means a group of Local Churches which is both a Circuit in the Wales Synod and an Ardal in Synod Cymru, which operates bilingually in the Welsh and English languages, or is formed to do so, and which is may be recognised by Synod Cymru and the Wales Synod as a joint Circuit/Ardal within this Standing Order.*

(2) Each such Circuit/Ardal shall appear in the stations both in Synod Cymru and in the Wales Synod. The Chairs of the two Synods shall consult on any issue of policy before them which affects the Circuit/Ardal.

(3) Ministers, deacons and probationers stationed in the Circuit/Ardal in accordance with clauses (3) and (4) of Standing Order 785 shall be members of both Synod Cymru and the Wales Synod, except that each such minister and ministerial probationer shall be answerable in matters of discipline solely to the one Synod as agreed between the Chairs.

(4) A member in such a Circuit/Ardal shall be eligible for membership of either Synod and the Circuit/Ardal Meeting shall be responsible for ensuring that the Circuit/Ardal is adequately represented in and appropriately supports both Synods.

(5) The Circuit/Ardal Meeting shall decide, after consultation with the Chairs of the two Synods, which District shall have jurisdiction over approval of property projects under Section 93, oversight of manses and review of circuit model trust money and any other matters which require allocation to one District only.

7/13 The Conference adjourned at 12.55.

7/14 The Conference reassembled at 14.02.

7/15 **10. THE BIG SOCIETY**

The Conference adopted Resolution 10/1.

7/16 **11. OF EQUAL VALUE: POVERTY AND INEQUALITY IN THE UNITED KINGDOM**

The Conference adopted Resolution 11/1 in the following form:

The Conference adopts the Report.

7/16/1 **Notice of Motion 106: The Robin Hood Tax Campaign**

The Conference:

- notes paragraph 6.22 of the report on Poverty and Inequality;
- affirms the value of the Robin Hood Tax Campaign;
- joins the United Reformed Church and The Salvation Army and other faith bodies in becoming official supporters of the Campaign.

The Conference adopted the Motion.

7/16/2 The Conference directed that letters be sent to appropriate members of HM Government and Loyal Opposition about Agenda Items 10 and 11 and the debate that was held.

7/17 **35. MODIFIED CIRCUIT CONSTITUTIONS**

7/17/1 The Conference adopted Resolutions 35/1, 35/2, and 35/3.

7/17/2 The Conference adopted Resolution 35/4,

p 426, *for first (i) reading (a),*

p 428, *substituting* the following for the proposed SO 582(2):

The requirements of clause (2) of Standing Order 581 above shall apply to determine by which officers or members of the Circuit a resolution under clause (1) above may be moved and what period of notice of such a resolution must be given, unless the modified constitution of the Section 58 Circuit (whether as originally agreed or as amended in accordance with Standing Order 583 below) contains more stringent requirements. Any such resolution is only valid if it is passed by three quarters of those present and voting at the relevant Circuit Meeting.

substituting the following for the proposed SO 583(1):

The modified constitution of a Section 58 Circuit may be amended by a resolution passed by a simple majority of those present and voting at the relevant Circuit Meeting, but the requirements of clause (2) of Standing Order 581 shall apply to determine by which officers or members of the Circuit such a resolution may be moved and what period of notice of such a resolution must be given.

p 429, *inserting* a new (x) into the proposed SO 584(2) and *renumbering* the remaining sub-clauses:

(x) Standing Order 518 (Irregularities)

substituting the following for the proposed SO 584(4):

A modified constitution may contain provisions varying the provisions of Standing Order 510 (constitution of the Circuit Meeting) but the spirit of Standing Order 513 shall be observed and any such modification shall contain provisions ...

p 430, *for* (iii) *reading* (b),

p 431, line 1, *inserting* '**or both**' after '**Standing Order 580**',

line 9, *for* '**Ir**' *reading* '**or**' and *inserting* '**associated**' before '**proposals**'.

7/17/3 **MEMORIAL M30**

The Conference adopted as its reply to Memorial M30 that recommended by the Memorials Committee.

7/18 **62. SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS**

7/18/1 The Conference adopted Resolution 62/1,

p 779, last line, *for* 'sub-clause (e) (ii) (iii)' *reading* 'sub-clause (e) ~~(ii)~~ (iii)'.

7/18/2 The Conference adopted Resolution 62/2,

p 780, Section B, paragraph 2, line 2, *for* 'for any term at a rack rent' *reading* '~~for any term at a rack rent~~'.

7/19 **42. FRESH WAYS WORKING GROUP**

7/19/1 **Report from the Parallel Session**

A positive and wide-ranging series of questions were asked in relation to the development of Fresh Expressions.

There was unanimous support for the Conference to pass the resolutions.

The Conference adopted the Report of the Parallel Session.

7/19/2 The Conference adopted Resolutions 42/1 and 42/2.

7/20 **49. SUPPORTING MINISTERS WHO EXPERIENCE ILL HEALTH**

7/20/1 **Report from the Parallel Session**

A full and overwhelming affirmative debate took place, resulting in a unanimous vote supporting Resolutions 49/1, 49/2, 49/3, and 49/4.

The Conference adopted the Report of the Parallel Session.

7/20/2 The Conference adopted Resolution 49/1,

p 606, paragraph 10.3, line 6, *inserting* 'be' before 'handled'.

7/20/3 The Conference adopted Resolution 49/2.

7/20/4 The Conference adopted Resolution 49/3,

p 613, proposed new SO 808, lines 2 and 3, for '**Good Practice Guide for Supporting Ministers who experience Ill Health**' reading '*good practice guide for supporting ministers who experience ill health*'.

7/20/5 The Conference adopted Resolution 49/4.

7/21 **13. EPWORTH PRESS INTERIM REFERENCE GROUP: RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE FUTURE OF THE EPWORTH PRESS**

7/21/1 **ADDITIONAL REPORT 13A**

Basic Information

Title	Epworth Press Interim Reference Group: Recommendations for the Future of the Epworth Press - Additional Report
Contact Name and Details	The Revd Dr Stephen D Wigley, Chair of the Epworth Press Interim Reference Group Wigley@methodistwales.org.uk
Status of Paper	Final
Resolutions	<i>(The following resolutions replace those at the end of Agenda Item 13 in Volume 1 of the Agenda)</i> 13/1. The Conference receives the Report (as supplemented by the Additional Report 13A). 13/2. The Conference adopts the recommendation of the Epworth Press Interim Reference Group to pursue Option 4 (Closure), and directs the Methodist Council to undertake the practical steps required to implement it. 13/3. The Conference acknowledges the achievements of the Epworth Press and the contribution of the Revd Michael Townsend and his colleagues on the Epworth Press Editorial Board over many years.

Summary of Content

Subject and Aims	Proposal for the future of the Epworth Press in terms of its closure.
Main Points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updates the Conference on Main Agenda Item 13 • Reports on sales and marketing figures and meetings with third-party publisher
Background Context and Relevant Documents (with function)	See Agenda Item 13.

1. Since its report to the Methodist Council in April 2011 and the preparation of the report for the Conference which can be found as item 13 in the Agenda, the Epworth Press Interim Reference Group has been working to explore the possibility of a 'strategic alliance' (Option 3) with a third party publisher as recommended to the Conference by the Council. This has involved monitoring

the impact of the recent marketing campaign, undertaking further market research and having more detailed discussions with a third party publisher. In the three months since that report for the April meeting of the Council was prepared, the following factors have emerged.

2. In terms of sales, the promotional campaign launched in February led to a noticeable increase in sales in February and March; however this tailed off markedly in April and May when sales returned to a similar level as before.

Month	Nov 2010	Dec	Jan 2011	Feb	March	April	May
Sales value	£1893	£1693	£2134	£4684	£4758	£1781	£2033

Moreover, the overall level of sales remained at a relatively low level which meant that the increase in sales barely covered the cost of the marketing campaign itself (£4400).

3. In terms of marketing research, there were some problems in organising the planned focus groups, but the in-depth interviews have identified a lack of clarity in terms of the Epworth Press brand and different opinions as to which market the books were aimed at.
4. Most significant were the meetings with a possible third-party publisher. At an initial meeting there was much interest expressed in a collaborative approach and recognition both of the opportunity (and challenge) to establish a clearer brand for the Epworth Press and a different type of book focusing on the three core objectives identified in the main Report (Agenda Item 13 paragraphs 16 and 17). At a subsequent meeting the Reference Group was able to exchange more information about sales and titles with a view to identifying a model (including structure, process and budget) as to how a new joint project might proceed. However, after they had time to reflect on the information provided, the publishers came back to the Group to say that their conclusion was that the model was not economically viable; moreover they indicated that to break even would require a sales volume which is some five times the annual sales level of the bestselling Epworth titles currently available.
5. This came as disappointing news to the Reference Group, as the Group had hoped that working alongside a publisher with similar objectives to the Church's own, and with experience of the market into which the Group wanted to move, might have enabled a new and viable model for the Epworth Press. However, quite clearly the professional judgement of prospective colleagues was that this model, given the current state of Christian publishing, was not economically viable.
6. Putting these three factors together, namely the continuing low level of sales, the lack of clarity about brand recognition, and the clear response from those with whom the Group had hoped to explore ways of working together, the clear view of the Reference Group is that it can no longer recommend to the Conference Option 3 (Strategic Alliance) as identified in the original report.
7. The Reference Group had already stated that it did not consider Option 1 (In-house Provision) and Option 2 (Service Level Agreement) to be viable.

Option 1 would require investment in the necessary commissioning, editorial, production, distribution and marketing infrastructure required to run a publishing business, as this structure does not exist currently within the Church; moreover this investment would be required for 18 months before any prospect of return in terms of sales income, given the time-scale to bring a book to market.

Option 2 would also require the Church to invest in a commissioning and editorial structure, but then to buy in some of the production and distribution services; in effect continuing with arrangements very similar to the present ones but trying to make them work better. Given the history of substantial losses which the Epworth Press has incurred in recent years and the current reality which is that recent titles are simply unable to recover their production costs, let alone meet editorial and marketing costs, we do not consider this to be a realistic aim. For these reasons the Reference Group is unwilling to recommend either of these options.

8. Having explored as best it can the possible options for keeping the Epworth Press open to publishing new books, the Reference Group considers that none of these options offers a viable model going into the future. Reluctantly, it now considers that the only practical option is the last one in the original report, Option 4 (Closure).
9. The Reference Group recognises that this Option will involve some additional work and costs (identified in the report) to close down the list, to sort out contractual issues, and to ensure continued access to some specific backlist titles by alternative means. It also recognises that this would bring to an end a significant chapter in the history of the Methodist Church in terms of its involvement in Christian publishing. However, given the current state of the Christian book market and the anticipated costs and unlikely returns of future investment in the Epworth Press, the Group considers that it would be irresponsible to bring any other recommendation.

7/21/2 **Report from the Parallel Session**

The Revd Dr Stephen D Wigley [*as corrected by 8/55/1*] presented the reports. There was then a prolonged period of careful conferring, in which all the options were considered and many points carefully and sensitively made.

The Parallel Session recommends to the full Conference that it adopt Resolution 13/1 on p 28 of the Order Paper:

The Conference receives the Report (as supplemented by the Additional Report 13A).

With the suggestion that the 'practical steps' to be considered include ensuring that a full collection of all the Epworth Press titles is preserved, it recommends with sadness but a sense of inevitability (and with only one vote against) that the Conference adopt Resolution 13/2 on p 28 of the Order Paper in the following amended form:

The Conference adopts the recommendation of the Epworth Press Interim Reference Group to pursue Option 4 (Closure), and directs the Methodist Council to undertake the practical steps required to implement it.

The Parallel Session recommends that the Conference adopt resolution 13/3 on p. 28 of the Order Paper:

The Conference acknowledges the achievements of the Epworth Press and the contribution of The Revd Michael Townsend and his colleagues on the Epworth Press Editorial Board over many years.

The Conference adopted the Report of the Parallel Session.

7/21/3 The Conference adopted Resolution 13/1 in the following form:

The Conference receives the Report (as supplemented by the Additional Report 13A).

7/21/4 The Conference adopted Resolution 13/2 in the following form:

The Conference adopts the recommendation of the Epworth Press Interim Reference Group to pursue Option 4, and directs the Methodist Council to undertake the practical steps required to implement it.

7/21/5 The Conference adopted Resolution 13/3 in the following form:

The Conference acknowledges the achievements of the Epworth Press and the contribution of The Revd Michael Townsend and his colleagues on the Epworth Press Editorial Board over many years.

7/22 **38. MISSING GENERATION RESEARCH PROJECT** *[as corrected by 8/55/1]*

7/22/1 **Report from the Parallel Session**

The parallel session was very well attended to the extent that the room was full and people had to be turned away. The missing generation was well represented, as were those chronologically below and above it.

We were encouraged to build on good stories about the missing generation within the Methodist Church, many of which are not 'rocket science'. Members of the Conference spoke positively of many things – good worship; music; Facebook pages; support for students; support during life transitions; the need not just to think of how to get missing generation back in church, but to work where they are; the need not to 'do things for' but to involve fully; small groups; the need to listen to members of the missing generation.

It was also felt that getting it more right for the missing generation may be about getting it more right for everyone. We are all individuals, with needs and contributions to offer, not solely defined by the generation we belong to.

The session agreed unanimously to encourage the Conference not only to receive the Report, but to commit itself to action as well. The session proposes the following amended version of Resolution 38/1:

The Conference receives the Report and directs that the potential areas for action outlined in Section 17 of the Report be taken forward along with the resolutions 2/1 to 2/5.

The Conference adopted the Report of the Parallel Session.

7/22/2 The Conference adopted Resolution 38/1 in the following form:

The Conference receives the Report and directs that the potential areas for action outlined in Section 17 of the Report be taken forward along with the resolutions 2/1 to 2/5.

7/23 The Conference continued in four parallel sessions from 15.45, considering the following items of business:

- 12. Methodist Heritage Committee Report
- 39. Education Commission Interim Report 2011
- 52. Statistics for Mission 2008-10
Ministerial Development (Memorials M10 and M11)

7/24 The Conference adjourned at 16.30.

7/25 The Conference reassembled at 17.00.

7/26 **DAILY RECORD**

7/26/1 The Daily Record for Tuesday, 5 July was presented, taken as read, and adopted as printed,

at 6/7/1, *deleting* 'PC',

at 6/11/4, *adding* before the full-stop ', for 'Co-President' reading 'Vice-President' in the last two'.

7/27 **30. THE MINISTRIES COMMITTEE**

7/27/1 The Conference adopted Resolution 30/1,

p 353, last line, *removing* 'Basic Information'.

7/27/2 The Conference adopted the following as Resolution 30/2:

The Conference appoints the Ministries Committee as follows:

The Revd Dr Martyn Atkins [ex officio]
General Secretary and Secretary of Conference.

Deacon Eunice Attwood

Diaconal member of a team of lay and ordained ministers in a city centre church in Newcastle upon Tyne. Instrumental in establishing the Newcastle Street Pastors Project, a Local Preacher and part-time diaconal tutor at the Wesley Study Centre in Durham. Ex Vice-President of the Conference.

Mr John Bell

Chair of the Connexional Allowances Committee. Former Vice-President of the Conference and convenor of the Stationing Review Group (2006-08). Local Preacher and Circuit Steward.

Ms Ruby Beech

Director of Corporate Services for a London based charity. A Local Preacher, a former Vice-President of the Conference, and a member of the World Methodist Council.

The Revd Anne Brown

Chair of the Beds, Essex & Herts District. Former Chair of the Ordained Ministries Committee and currently chair of the Stationing Action Group. Anne will serve as the Deputy Chair of the Ministries Committee.

Deacon Sue Culver

Warden of the Diaconal Order.

The Revd Mark Hammond

Presbyter with experience in leadership teams at local, circuit and district levels of the Methodist Church.

The Revd Liz Hunter

Presbyter in the Jersey Circuit. Circuit Local Preachers Tutor, former member of the Methodist Council and District representative to South & South West Regional Training Forum.

The Revd Jenny Impey

Co-Chair of the London District and Chair of the Diaconal Probationers and Candidates Oversight Committee.

Ms Jenny Jackson

Former Church and Circuit Steward. Lay Stationing Representative for the South East District since 2006 and regional representative on the Stationing Committee since 2009.

Mr Ken Jackson

Local Preacher and Circuit Steward. Previously a member of a number of Oversight Committees and a member of the Diaconal Candidates Selection Committee. Former Lay Stationing Representative for the Chester and Stoke-on-Trent District. Chair of Stationing Committee for the last six years and Chair of Shadow Ministries Committee for the last year. Ken is willing to serve for one year as the Chair of the Ministries Committee to aid the transition process. A new Chair will be appointed to succeed him in 2012.

The Revd Vernon Marsh

Chair of the Sheffield District and Chair of the Stationing Advisory Committee.

The Revd Marcus Torchon

A Minister of the Methodist Church in the Caribbean and the Americas (MCCA) currently stationed in the Wirral Circuit. Considerable awareness of and sensitivity to cross-cultural aspects of ministry.

The Revd Dr Andrew Wood

Chair of the Southampton District and Chair of the Ministerial Candidates and Probationers Oversight Committee.

7/27/3 The Conference noted that the following consultants had been invited to attend the Committee:

Mr Luke Curran (Director of the Wales Training Network)

Ms Helen Wareing (National Learning and Development Officer, Scotland and Shetland Training Forum)

The Revd Philip Jackson (Methodist Student Council representative to MCPOC; Ordinand in 2011)

The Revd Helen Cameron (Convenor of the Faith & Order Committee Ministries Resource Group)

The Revd Stephen Lindridge (Fresh Expressions Missioner)

7/28 **34. LAW AND POLITY COMMITTEE – AMENDMENTS TO THE DEED OF UNION, THE MODEL TRUSTS AND STANDING ORDERS (continued)**

The Conference adopted Resolution 34/12,

p 415, final 2 lines, for 'Secretary of the Conference who shall act as convenor' reading 'Secretary of the Conference, who shall act as convener'.

7/29 **48. METHODIST DIACONAL ORDER GENERAL REPORT**

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

7/30 **NEW ITEM: D1 REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE DIACONAL COMMITTEE**

7/30/1 **Report to the Representative Session of business conducted by the Conference Diaconal Committee ("the Committee") meeting at the Convocation of the Methodist Diaconal Order on 19th May 2011**

1. Deacons who have died

- (a) The Committee received with sadness a report that Deacons Brenda Barnett, Nora Harrison, Gwendolen L King, Margaret Lindsay and Joan Nicholson, have died since the Conference of 2010.
- (b) The Committee approved the Obituaries, as printed and circulated to the meeting, for all the Deacons listed above, including Deacon Phyllis Papworth who died shortly before the Conference of 2010.

2. Candidates

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

Melanie Beaven	Ian John Morton
Dawn Nicola Canham	Julie Morton
Sheila Mary Dawson	Annette Sharp
Michaela Jayne Doherty	Joy Anne Sykes
Amanda Jane Hu	Jill Taylor
Liane Justine Elizabeth Kensett	Liesl Collette Warren

The Committee recommended, with the required majority, acceptance by the Representative Session of following candidate to proceed into pre-ordination training upon fulfilment of a stated condition:

Peter George Reast

3. Transfer

The Committee was pleased to hear that an ordained Deacon of the Methodist Church of Southern Africa, Deacon Gill Judge, is in the process of transferring to our Conference. It is hoped that she will be received by transfer onto probation at the Conference of 2012 and, on satisfactory completion of probation, be received into full connexion at the Conference of 2014.

4. Training and Probation

The Committee agreed that the expected date of reception into full connexion for Julie Ann Portland and Rachel Thomas Prasad [as corrected by 8/55/1] be moved from 2011 to 2012. The Committee resolved that those listed [now at page 819 part 1. of the Conference Agenda] continue in training and probation respectively.

5. Ordinands

The Committee recommends to the Representative Session that the following are fit to be admitted into full connexion with the Conference as deacons:

Victoria J Atkins	Kina Saunders
Michelle K Brocklehurst	Anita K Shaw
Jane Paine	Annie Trembling
Lisa D Rathbone	G Carys Woodley

The Committee recommends to the Representative Session that Deacon Paul Wayne an ordained deacon of the Methodist Church of Southern Africa, be received into full connexion at the Conference of 2011.

6. Deacons becoming Supernumerary

The Committee recommended to the Representative Session that Deacons Elizabeth Timmins, Harriet Bacon, *Margaret Blake, Jane Middleton and *Margaret Matta be permitted to become supernumerary. All these applications are made under Standing Order 790(1) except those marked * who are applying on the grounds of ill health under Standing Order 790(2)

The Committee accepted the report that the President had permitted Deacons Raymond Fox and M Joy Newbold to become supernumerary during the year on health grounds.

7. Annual Inquiry

The Warden of the Order gave to the Committee on behalf of the Convocation the assurances as to the character and discipline of the deacons and diaconal probationers required by Standing Order 183.

7/30/2 The Conference adopted the following as Resolution D1/1:

The Conference receives the Report.

7/31 **70. DIACONAL CANDIDATES AND PROBATIONERS OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE**

The Conference adopted Resolution 70/1.

7/32 **43. WESLEY COLLEGE BRISTOL**

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

7/33 **44. WESLEY HOUSE CAMBRIDGE**

7/33/1 The Conference adopted Resolution 44/1,

p 558, paragraph 3, for '(Superintendent of the Cambridge Circuit)' reading '(nominee of the Superintendent of the Cambridge Circuit)'.

7/33/2 The Conference adopted Resolution 44/2.

7/34 **32. STATIONING COMMITTEE**

The Conference adopted Resolution 32/1.

27. LAW AND POLITY COMMITTEE (continued)

The Conference adopted Resolution 27/6,

p 311, *substituting* the following for the proposed amendment to SO 785(6):

Immediately after the name of each ~~Circuit, or other heading, and after each of the sub-headings referred to in clause (4)(b) above~~ **District** shall appear in brackets the ministerial establishment allotted by the Conference, that is to say the number of ministers, **deacons** and ministerial **and diaconal** probationers expected to be appointed **stationed in appointments to a Circuit in that District or to the District itself** ~~to that Circuit or other station~~, subject to availability of personnel and finance and to any other stationing considerations.

and *amending* SO 791(1) as follows:

(1) ... (i) ... the ministerial establishment allotted by the Conference to a ~~Circuit~~ **District** in accordance with Standing Order 785(6) and head (i) **or (ii)** of Standing Order 780(1); or
(ii) those appointed to serve according to heads ~~(ii)~~ **(iii)** to (vi) of Standing Order 780(1) ... [as corrected 8/55/1]

NEW ITEM 84. MINISTRY DEPLOYMENT FIGURES

The 2010 Conference agreed that establishment figures for Circuits should be replaced by Ministry Deployment Figures. The proposed figures are shown below, and will be printed on the draft of the stations:

1	Cymru	6
2	Wales	67
5	Birmingham	58
6	Bolton & Rochdale	35
7	Bristol	71
9	Cumbria	27
10	Channel Islands	12
11	Chester & Stoke	53
12	Cornwall	46
13	Darlington	48
14	East Anglia	70
15	Isle of Man	8
16	Leeds	56
17	Lincoln & Grimsby	43
18	Liverpool	45
19	Manchester & Stockport	58
20	Newcastle	65
21	Lancashire	54
22	Nottingham & Derby	69
23	Northampton	84
24	Plymouth & Exeter	66
25	Sheffield	59
26	Southampton	69
27	West Yorkshire	58
28	Wolverhampton & Shrewsbury	64
29	York & Hull	67
31	Scotland	22

32	Shetland	3
34	Bedfordshire, Essex & Hertfordshire	65
35	London	138
36	South East	77

7/36/1 The Conference adopted the following as Resolution 84/1:

The Conference approves the Ministry Deployment Figures as shown above.

7/37 **32. STATIONING COMMITTEE (continued)**

The Conference adopted Resolution 32/2.

7/38 **MEMORIAL M7 AND M8**

The Conference adopted as its reply to Memorial M7 and, with a change from the name of the Circuit to the name of the District, Memorial M8, that recommended by the Memorials Committee.

7/39 The Conference went into closed session at 18.20.

7/40 The Conference went into open session at 18.34.

7/41 The Conference was informed of the deaths of The Revds Malcolm J Grills and The Revd Howard F W Castle.

7/42 **LETTERS**

7/42/1 Letters of greeting were sent in the name of the Conference to the following:

The Revd Canon Dr Paul Avis, General Secretary to the Council for Christian
Unity of the Church of England
Bishop João Carlos Lopes, Presiding Bishop of the Methodist Church of Brazil
Mr Terry Waite CBE, President of the Llangollen International Music Eisteddfod

7/42/2 A letter of thanks was sent in the name of the Conference to the Good News Singers of Eccleston.

7/42/3 A letter of congratulation was sent in the name of the Conference to Professor Peter D Howdle.

7/42/4 A letter of sympathy was sent in the name of the Conference to The Revd Bruce B Swapp of the MCCA, Jamaica District.

7/43 The Conference shared in a time of pastoral conversation and prayer.

7/44 The Conference adjourned at 18.47.

- 8/1 The Conference assembled at 9.02.
- 8/2 **CONFERENCE-ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES**
- 8/2/1 The Conference elected the following to serve as Conference-elected Representatives at the Conferences of 2012-2014:
- The Revd Dr Calvin T Samuel
The Revd Martin H Turner
Ms Daniella Fetuga-Joensuu
- 8/3 **BUSINESS COMMITTEE OF THE CONFERENCE**
- The Conference agreed that the hours of session for Thursday, 7 July be 09.00-12.45.
- 8/4 The Conference directed the General Secretary to write expressing the thanks of the Conference to the Joseph Rank Trust, Methodist Insurance, and the Methodist Recorder.
- 8/5 **52. STATISTICS FOR MISSION**
- 8/5/1 **Report from the Parallel Session**
- An energetic and hugely affirming debate took place, responding to further information arising from the Statistics for Mission, and introduced by Connexional Team Members.
- “You’ve made the October count come alive!”
- “I used to think collecting data was pointless, but I now see how it is crucial to our strategies for mission”.
- The Conference in parallel session explicitly thanked the research officers, and urged the continuing work needed, particularly rolling out the data throughout the Connexion.
- There was unanimous support of Resolution 52/1.
- The Conference adopted the Report of the Parallel Session.
- 8/5/2 The Conference adopted Resolution 52/1,
- p 645, paragraph 1.2, third line from the end, *for* ‘Go’s’ *reading* ‘God’s’.
- 8/6 **39. EDUCATION COMMISSION**
- 8/6/1 **Report from the Parallel Session**
- The Revd Dr John C A Barrett introduced resolutions 39/1 and 39/2 and the resolutions were discussed separately in the session. There was strong affirmation of the involvement of Methodism in the provision of formal education through schools (as well as in further and higher education). There was also strong

affirmation of the move for the Methodist Church to seek academy sponsor status – a move that a number of members saw as urgent because the situation is changing rapidly. Throughout there was the belief that Children must always come first; a commitment to open admissions policies; and a priority for work in less advantaged communities.

The session voted in favour of both resolutions (39/1 unanimous and 39/2 with one vote against) and encourages the full Conference to do the same.

The Conference adopted the Report of the Parallel Session.

8/6/2 The Conference adopted Resolutions 39/1 and 39/2.

8/7 **12. METHODIST HERITAGE COMMITTEE REPORT**

8/7/1 **Report from the Parallel Session**

The parallel session heard a range of accounts of the ways in which the use and promotion of heritage sites provide bases for mission and outreach. Members of the Conference expressed an enthusiasm for the development of mission opportunities as an integral part of the future work on heritage.

The session was unanimous in recommending to the Conference that the resolutions be passed.

The Conference adopted the Report of the Parallel Session.

8/7/2 The Conference adopted Resolution 12/1,

p 205, paragraph 2.20, fourth to sixth line from the end, *for* 'partnership with Brecon Church of England Cathedral' *reading* 'partnership with Brecon Cathedral'.

8/7/3 The Conference adopted Resolutions 12/2, 12/3, and 12/4.

8/8 **MINISTERIAL DEVELOPMENT REVIEW (MEMORIALS M10 AND M11)**

8/8/1 **Report from the Parallel Session**

Mr Martin Harker presented the draft replies to the Memorials. There was then an open discussion to which presbyters, deacons and lay people contributed. The contributions contained expressions of concerns and fears, and also of hopes and expectations that people had of the scheme. Some talked of the potential of the scheme. Many of the contributions pointed to issues of how presbyters and deacons relate to each other in staff teams, and to lay people. Those issues were being focussed by the introduction of the scheme rather than being caused by it.

The Parallel Session recommends (with only three votes against) that the Conference adopt the proposed reply to M10.

The Parallel Session recommends (with only three votes against) that the Conference adopt the proposed reply to M11.

The Conference adopted the Report of the Parallel Session.

8/8/2 The Conference adopted as its replies to Memorials M10 and M11 those recommended by the Memorials Committee.

8/9 **60. ECUMENICAL REPORT**

The Conference adopted Resolutions 60/1 and 60/2.

8/10 **ADDITIONAL ITEM: 82. ECUMENICAL AUTHORISATIONS**

Key:

BUGB Baptist Union of Great Britain

CE Church of England

CCP Congregation in Covenanted Partnership

SCP Single Congregation Partnership

URC United Reformed Church

8/10/1 **A. PERMISSION FOR SHARING AGREEMENTS UNDER SO 334**

2/15 Llanelli Hall Street, Llanelli and Carmarthen Circuit, to share the Methodist Church – URC

2/24 Clydach Methodist Church, Swansea and Gower Circuit, to share Capel y Nant Independent Church - Union of Welsh Independents

14/18 Victoria Road Diss, Thetford, Diss and Mildenhall Circuit, to share the URC Chapel - URC

19/13 Edgeley Methodist Church, Stockport Circuit, to share the Methodist Church site – URC

23/27 Lane End Methodist Church, High Wycombe Circuit to share the Parish Church - CE

24/25 Roadwater, Watchet, West Somerset Circuit, to share Methodist Chapel – CE

25/13 Fountain Square, Tideswell of The Peak Circuit to share the Methodist premises - URC

29/3 South Cave Methodist Church, Hull West Circuit, to share All Saints Parish Church and All Saints Family Centre – CE

34/2 Lidlington Methodist Church, Bedford South and Ampthill Circuit, to share the Methodist Chapel and Hall – CE, BUGB

36/26 Rampart Road Hythe, Folkestone Circuit, to share Methodist premises - CE

Terminations

1/1 Jerusalem Methodist Church, Johnstown, Wrexham of the Cylch Cymru Circuit - URC

7/2 Trinity Hall, Pilning of the Bristol and South Gloucestershire Circuit - CE

17/1 Church of Reconciliation, Westcliff of the Epworth and Scunthorpe Circuit – CE, URC

17/4 Tattershall Thorpe, Mid-Lincolnshire Methodist Circuit – Woodhall Spa New Life Church

34/11 Chafford Hundred, South Essex Circuit – CE, URC, Community Church

The Conference adopted the following as Resolution 82/1:

The Conference adopts the Report.

8/10/2 **B. SCHEMES APPROVED BY THE DISTRICTS UNDER SO 412(3)**

- 6/8 Bury and Heywood, Christ Church Ramsbottom (BUGB), SCP
- 11/4 Northwich and Winsford, Weaverham LEP (CE), SCP
- 16/10 Dewsbury and Mirfield, Longcauseway Church (URC) SCP
- 19/13 Stockport, Edgeley Community Church (URC), SCP
- 19/13 Stockport, Heaton Moor United Church (URC), SCP
- 20/6 South East Northumberland Ecumenical Area, St Andrew's and St Mark's Church (URC), SCP
- 22/19 Dove Valley, Anglican and Methodist Churches in Draycott (CE), CCP
- 22/26 Newark and Southwell, Anglican and Methodist Churches at All Saints Collingham (CE) CCP
- 23/3 Witney & Faringdon, Faringdon United Church (URC) SCP
- 23/29 Vale of Aylesbury, St Mary's Parish Church Hardwick and Weedon Methodist Church (CE), CCP
- 24/18 South Petherton and Crewkerne, Horton Local Covenant Partnership (CE), CCP
- 24/24 West Devon, Bridestowe Churches' Partnership (CE), CCP
- 25/13 The Peak, Fountain Square Church, Tideswell (URC), SCP
- 25/19 Retford, The Church in the Levertons (CE), SCP
- 26/4 Portsmouth, Drayton United Church (URC), SCP
- 27/31 Airedale, The Eldwick Church (CE), SCP

The Conference adopted the following as Resolution 82/1:

The Conference adopts the Report.

8/11 **4. CONNEXIONAL CENTRAL SERVICES BUDGET (continued)**

The Conference adopted Resolution 4/1.

8/12 **63. CONFERENCE ARRANGEMENTS (continued)**

The Conference adopted Resolutions 63/1, 63/2 and 63/6.

8/13 **Notice of Motion 203: Religious Education**

In response to the exclusion of GCSE RE for the English Baccalaureate in the 2010 government White Paper *'The Importance of Schools'*, the Conference agrees to:

- assert the importance of Religious Education in enriching and forming the cultural, moral and spiritual lives of children and young people, acknowledging that the provision of RE helps develop an understanding of the varieties of religious belief and practice, and the way that faith has affected our heritage, informing language, literature, architecture and music;
- through the appropriate officers in the Connexional Team make representation to local and national government and any other appropriate authorities expressing deep concern:
 - a) that there appears to be a lack of recognition of the importance of RE in the Working Party on Education,
 - b) that RE is being excluded from the English Baccalaureate,
 - c) at cuts in local authority and school budgets and the possible effect that this may have on the teaching of RE;
- urge those in government to take all necessary steps to safeguard the provision of RE in schools and colleges; and
- bring this issue to the attention of Methodist people and invite them to ask their MPs to sign the early day motion 1375 on 'Religious Education and the English Baccalaureate'.

The Conference adopted the Motion.

8/14 **Notice of Motion 204: Food Crisis**

As the Conference has spent some of its time discussing the ins and outs of its finance it would be wrong if the Conference made no mention of the crisis unfolding across the Horn of Africa – the news of which is currently hitting our headlines. Therefore, the Conference urges the Methodist Church and MRDF to respond with immediacy to this crisis. The Conference also urges the Methodist people to respond through prayer, action and giving and thus to stand in solidarity with the poor as the Gospel calls us to do.

The Conference adopted the Motion by a Standing Vote.

8/15 **Notice of Motion 205: World Church Representatives and Visitors**

The Conference believes strongly in hospitality and inclusiveness and therefore directs that at future Conferences our World Church Representatives and visitors are given due respect by placing them more centrally in the hall and give greater encouragement to their participation in the Conference.

The Conference adopted the Motion.

8/16 **MEMORIAL M31**

The Conference, with the required majority, adopted as its reply to Memorial M31 that recommended by the Memorials Committee,

p 877, *replacing* the last sentence of paragraph 3 of the reply with 'The Conference therefore amends the Deed of Union and the Model Trusts as follows:'

and *inserting* the following text:

Deed of Union

1. Particular Expressions

(xiiA) 'district Policy Committee' means a committee appointed by the Synod, by that or any other name, to fulfil the functions assigned to the district Policy Committee in this Deed and Standing Orders;

14. The Representative Session.

(2) **Membership.** The Conference in its Representative Session shall comprise: ...

(v) The Chair or ~~co~~Chairs of each home District ...

40. Church Courts.

... District Synods, *district Policy Committees*, Church Councils ...

42. Chairs of Districts. (a) ~~For each~~**Every** District there shall be either a single Chair or two or more ~~co~~Chairs, as **have at least one Chair, the number of Chairs for each District being** determined from time to time by the Conference. Every Chair ~~or co~~Chair shall be a minister and shall upon first appointment as such to the relevant District be elected by the Conference by a clear majority of the votes cast. ~~If a District has co-Chairs one of them shall be identified by the Conference as Lead Chair, and any reference to a Chair in this Deed or Standing Orders which can by its nature apply only to a single person shall in relation to such a District be construed as a reference to the Lead Chair.~~ Standing Orders may provide for the appointment by District Synods, and the functions, of deputies for Chairs ~~or co~~Chairs, and for the appointment by or on behalf of District Synods of persons to undertake specified duties on behalf of Chairs, ~~co~~Chairs or deputies temporarily unable to fulfil them.

(b) **Subject to sub-clause (bb) below,** ~~The Chair or Lead Chair of each District shall, ex officio, preside over the Synod of that District and the Chair or a co-Chair over all other district meetings having relation to that Synod, when present,~~ **If there are more Chairs than one, the right and responsibility of presiding over any meeting of the Synod or of any other such body shall, unless otherwise agreed among the Chairs, be determined in accordance with clause (e) below.**

(bb) ~~save that~~ (i) ~~a~~Any Chair, ~~Lead Chair or co~~Chair entitled as above to preside may at his or her absolute discretion, without leaving the Synod or any other such meeting, invite another ~~co~~Chair, or a deputy or other person appointed under the last sentence of sub-clause (a) above, to preside for a period, ~~and.~~

(ii) ~~†~~The President of the Conference, if present, shall have the right to preside at the meetings of the Synod of which he or she is a member.

(c) ~~The~~ **Each** Chair of each ~~a~~ home District elected by the Conference held in any year shall enter upon his or her duties on the first day of September after being elected and continue in office while appointed to that station under clause 20 above; provided that if ~~the~~ **a** Chair of any such District becomes incapable of acting or unfit to act or ceases to be a minister he or she shall be disqualified from being Chair and shall thereupon vacate office as Chair and a casual vacancy in the office of Chair of that District shall be deemed to have arisen; provided further that if any casual vacancy arises in a home District, whether under the provisions of this present clause or by death or otherwise, after the end of the Conference it shall be filled by the substitution as Chair of that District of such other person, being a minister in the active work stationed in the District, as the members of the district Policy Committee choose, being able and willing to act; and it shall be the duty of the President of the Conference upon receiving notice of any such casual vacancy to convene a meeting of the district Policy Committee over which the President, or an ex-President designated by him or her, shall preside to ascertain their choice, and thereupon to appoint and declare the minister thus chosen to ~~be the~~ **hold the office of** Chair of such District until the entry upon his or her duties of a new Chair duly elected by the Conference under sub-clause (a) above (whether already so elected when the vacancy arises or to be elected by the next succeeding Conference). Until the casual vacancy has been so filled the President of the Conference shall act as ~~the~~ Chair of the District.

(d) In relation to the provisions of sub-clause (c) concerning the incapacity or unfitness of a Chair:

- (i) any issue whether a Chair is unfit to act on grounds apt to be the subject of a charge affecting his or her standing as a minister shall be determined in accordance with the regulations of the Conference for the time being in force in relation to disciplinary proceedings;
- (ii) any issue whether a Chair is incapable of acting or unfit to act on any other grounds shall be determined in accordance with regulations from time to time made by the Conference for that purpose;
- (iii) pending determination of any such issue there shall be power to suspend a Chair from all or any of his or her functions in accordance with the relevant regulations.

(e) ~~In sub-clauses (c) and (d) above "Chair" includes "co-Chair".~~
In a District which has more than one Chair, any reference in this Deed or Standing Orders to a right, duty, privilege or responsibility (however described) of the Chair of a District which can by its nature apply only to a single person shall be construed as applying to such one of the Chairs of the relevant District as may be determined by the district Policy Committee of that District in accordance with and subject to Standing Orders or other regulations from time to time made by the Conference for that purpose. If a case arises which is not covered by the preceding

sentence, the relevant reference shall be construed as applying to that one of the Chairs of the relevant District who has been longest stationed in that appointment. As between Chairs of equal length of service in the appointment, the issue to which Chair the relevant reference is to be construed as applying shall be determined by drawing lots.

Model Trusts

1. Interpretation

‘District manse’ means, in relation to any District, a dwelling for occupation by ~~the~~ a Chair of the District

[for direction as to consultation, see 8/53/3]

8/17 MEMORIALS M26, M14, AND M16

The Conference adopted as its replies to Memorials M26, M14, and M16 those recommended by the Memorials Committee.

8/18 Notice of Motion 202: Connexional Consultation Procedures

The Conference instructs the Methodist Council to examine, in the light of recent experience, the fitness of the current procedures for referring Conference business, including provisional resolutions, to the District Synods, considering particularly the timely provision of sufficient information to the Synods, the timetables for holding meetings of the synods, and the setting of convenient deadlines for the return of Synod decisions to Connexional bodies; and to report any recommendations to the Conference of 2013.

The Conference resolved that the Motion be not put.

8/19 Notice of Motion 206: Concern over ‘Drones’ and their use

The Conference expresses concern at the increased use of ‘drones’ as weapons delivery platforms and especially at the evidence from Pakistan, Afghanistan and Gaza that such use places civilians at increased risk of injury and death.

The Conference asks the Joint Public Issues Team to make a preliminary study in order to guide the Conference of 2012 on the particular ethical issues relating to these weapon systems.

The Conference adopted the Motion.

8/20 76. MEMORIALS

8/20/1 The Conference adopted as its reply to Memorial M32 that recommended by the Memorials Committee,

p 878, after each bullet-point in the text of the Memorial, *deleting* ‘For circuit ministers:’.

8/20/2 The Conference adopted as its replies to Memorials M3-M6, M9, M12-M13, M18-M23, M27-M29, and M33-M37 those recommended by the Memorials Committee.

ADDITIONAL ITEM: 81. REFERRED MEMORIALS AND NOTICES OF MOTION

Below appears a list of Memorials and Notices of Motion from previous Conferences which have not yet received a final reply. At the meeting of the Methodist Council in October 2011 the Council received a list of outstanding items as part of the work-plan for the Connexional team and welcomed the proposals made in it for the prioritisation of the work [Methodist Council paper MC/10/88, which can be found at <http://www.methodist.org.uk/downloads/coun-MC1088-connexional-team-work-priorities-2010-11-011010.pdf>].

In the final column of the list below under the heading “Current Situation” a report is given on how the items of business have been dealt with at this Conference, or what recommendations are being made about how they are to be dealt with in the future.

Memorials from previous Conferences referred for report to the Conference of 2011

Number and Year	Title/Subject	Referred to	Original date set for report and actions in the intervening years	Current Situation
M29 (2007)	Payment of utility bills for ministers who live in their own homes	Methodist Council	2010 Conference gave permission for reply to come to 2011	Review is underway by the Connexional Allowances Committee in conjunction with the Ministries Committee. Outcomes to be brought to a future Conference. See <i>2011 Agenda item 5, paragraph 43.</i>
M5 (2008)	Circuit Responsibility for local church property	Methodist Council for consideration and report no later than 2010	Interim report in 2009 Agenda Item 59	Work with specific cases continues on a weekly basis. See <i>further 2011 Agenda item 35 re Modified Circuit Constitutions</i>
M24 (2008)	Eligibility to vote on stipends	Methodist Council	2011	Law and Polity Committee will submit comments for the Methodist Council to consider in the autumn of 2011 and to report to the Conference of 2012.
M27 (2008)	Size of circuit meetings	Methodist Council	Interim reports 2009 and 2010 [2010 Agenda p 309 para. 12.9]	See <i>2011 Agenda item 35 re Modified Circuit Constitutions</i>
M2-6 (2009)	Faith and Worship; Local Preachers' Sunday	Methodist Council	Initial report 2010 Agenda pp 591-600	Included in the Fruitful Field Project. See <i>interim report of that project 2011 Agenda</i>

				<i>Item 31.</i>
M7-8 (2009)	Timing of sabbaticals	Methodist Council	2011	This is being looked at as part of work with Ministerial Development Reviews, and so will be considered in that context by the Ministries Committee which will report to the Conference of 2012.
M26 (2009)	Circuit Advance Funds	Methodist Council	2010	Work underway; report to the Conference of 2012
M27 (2009)	Circuit Advance Funds	Methodist Council	2010	See M20 (2011)
M31 (2009)	Sale of property to other denominations	Methodist Council directed to carry out a review of policy relating to Model Trust 20 and in particular the sale of Methodist property to other denominations at an undervalue.	2010; 2011	Methodist Council approved the review paper MC/11/7 at its meeting in January 2011 [Minute 11.1.11]. See further http://www.methodist.org.uk/index.cfm?fuseaction=opentogod.content&cmid=130
M32 (2009)	Timing for calculations of district contributions	Methodist Council	2011	A Budget Stakeholders Forum has been established and a report on the matter will be brought to the Conference of 2012
M34 (2009)	Training and support for Local Preachers	Methodist Council	2011	Included in the Fruitful Field Project. See interim report of that project 2011 Agenda Item 31.
M38 (2009)	Absence of presbyters and deacons from work	Methodist Council	2011	See Agenda item 49.
M41 (2009) third paragraph	Annual Development Review	Methodist Council	2011	This is being looked at as part of work with Ministerial Development Reviews, and so will be considered in that context by the Ministries Committee which will report to the Conference of 2012.

M1 (2010)	Age of ministerial candidates	MCPOC/DCPO C/ Shadow Ministries Committee	2011	Assurances were given that work on candidating issues is ongoing and that the Ministries Committee will report in 2012.
M9 (2010)	Relocation of Methodist Property Office responsibilities		2011	See 2011 Agenda item 28.
M18,19,20 (2010)	Reclaiming ministers' sick pay	Connexional Allowances Committee	2011	Connexional Allowances Committee to bring proposals for standardised monthly payment of ministers to 2012 Conference. See 2011 Agenda item 5, paragraph 36.
M35, M36 (2010)	Child protection: Minutes of Conference and case review	Methodist Council	2011	See 2011 Agenda item 8.

Memorials from previous Conferences referred for report to future Conferences

M39 (2006)	Bullying and Harrassment	Methodist Council	No date	Work yet to be completed
M24 (2010)	Banking ethics	Joint Advisory Committee on the Ethics of Investment (JACEI)	No date	See <i>JACEI report 2011 Agenda Item 51.</i>
M2 (2010)	Working with other denominations to provide ministerial oversight	Ministries Committee	Optional	See <i>Agenda Items 60 and 60A and the JIC Report.</i>
M4 (2010)	Book grants for pre-ordination students	Fruitful Field project	Reporting back not required	
M5 (2010)	Training of local preachers and worship leaders	Methodist Council	No date set	Included in the Fruitful Field Project
M8 (2010)	Releasing financial resources for mission priorities	Methodist Council	No date set	Work on Model Trust 20 approved by Methodist Council at its meeting in January 2011 [Paper MC/11/7; Minute 11.1.11]. See <i>further</i> http://www.methodist.org.uk/index.cfm?fuseaction=opentogod.content&cmid=130 . Other work is ongoing.

M22 (2010)	Phasing out of cheques	CLAS/VSLG	No date set	Report back via District Treasurers, not to the Conference
M23 (2010)	Connexionally-mandated officers	Methodist Council	No date set	Included in the Fruitful Field Project
M27 (2010)	Mental health in the armed forces		No date set	Joint Public Issues Team have contacted the Government
M28 (2010)	Palm Oil	JPIT/CFB/JAC EI	No date set	See <i>JACEI report 2011 Agenda Item 51.</i>
M40 (2010)	Use of Methodist premises by other faiths	Methodist Council in conjunction with the Law and Polity Committee and the Faith and Order Committee to provide material for Managing Trustees	No date set	Ongoing.
M41 (2010)	Eligibility for membership of the Youth Assembly	Methodist Council in conjunction with the Law and Polity Committee	No date set	See <i>2011 Agenda Item 46 Section B.</i>
M42 (2010)	Correct titles in the Minutes of Conference	Law & Polity	No date	Ongoing

Notices of Motion from previous Conferences referred for report to the Conference

NM 106 (2009)	Fresh Expressions and Church	Methodist Council	2011	See <i>2011 Agenda Item 42 and Item 6 paragraph 2.5</i>
NM 215 (2009)	Wesley's World Parish	Referred to Methodist Council	2011	Work is ongoing. See <i>2011 Agenda item 2 paragraphs 75-79</i>
NM 107 (2010)	Youth President	Methodist Council	2011	See <i>2011 Agenda Item 46 Section A</i>
NM 201 (2010)	Year of Jubilee	Methodist Council	2011	Work yet to be completed
NM 206 (2010)	Supporting Christians against discrimination in the workplace	Methodist Council	No date set	Work yet to be completed

NM 207 (2010)	Ministry of healing and wholeness within the Methodist Church	Methodist Council	No date set	Work yet to be completed
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The Conference adopted the following as Resolution 81/1:

The Conference adopted the Report.

8/22 **9. YOUTH PARTICIPATION STRATEGY**

The Conference adopted Resolution 9/1.

8/23 **14. FERNLEY HARTLEY TRUST**

The Conference adopted Resolutions 14/1 and 14/2.

8/24 **15. THE BECKLY TRUST**

The Conference adopted Resolution 15/1.

8/25 **16. TRUSTEES FOR METHODIST CHURCH PURPOSES**

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

8/26 **17. THE TRUSTEES FOR JERSEY METHODIST CHURCH PURPOSES**

The Conference adopted Resolution 17/1.

8/27 **18. THE TRUSTEES FOR THE BAILIWICK OF GUERNSEY METHODIST CHURCH PURPOSES**

The Conference adopted Resolution 18/1.

8/28 **19. THE TRUSTEES FOR THE METHODIST CONNEXIONAL FUNDS (REGISTERED)**

The Conference adopted Resolution 19/1.

8/29 **20. MANAGING TRUSTEES OF CENTRAL HALL, WESTMINSTER**

The Conference adopted Resolution 20/1.

The Conference adopted Resolution 20/2,

p 272, for 'The Revd Dr Howard Mellor' *reading* 'The Revd Ian C Bell' and

adding the following reasoned statement:

The Revd Ian C Bell

Experienced Methodist minister currently serving in the Connexional Team as coordinator of VentureFX, the Connexional pioneering ministries scheme.

8/30 **21. METHODIST MINISTERS' HOUSING SOCIETY**

The Conference adopted Resolution 21/1.

- 8/31 **22. ACTION FOR CHILDREN**
The Conference adopted Resolutions 22/1 and 22/2.
- 8/32 **23. METHODIST HOMES FOR THE AGED (MHA)**
The Conference adopted Resolutions 23/1 and 23/4.
- 8/33 **24. METHODIST RELIEF AND DEVELOPMENT FUND (MRDF): SUMMARY OF ANNUAL REPORT 2009/10**
The Conference adopted Resolution 24/1.
- 8/34 **25. BOARD OF MANAGEMENT FOR METHODIST INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS**
- 8/34/1 The Conference adopted Resolution 25/1 in the following form:

 The Conference, on the re-nomination of the school governors, appoints Mr Peter Whiteley, Mr Richard Manby and Ms Maggie Matthews as governors of Ashville College for a period of three years from 1 September 2011.
- 8/34/2 The Conference adopted Resolution 25/2 in the following form:

 The Conference, on the nomination of the school governors, appoints Mr Jamie Search and Mr David Ewart as governors of Ashville College for a period of three years from 1 September 2011.
- 8/34/3 The Conference adopted Resolution 25/3 in the following form:

 The Conference, on the re-nomination of the school governors, appoints Mr Paul Baines, Mr Michael Bishay, Mr Colin Burns, Mr Gavin Douglas, Mr Andrew Gibbs and Mr Peter Wright as governors of Kingswood School for a period of three years from 1 September 2011.
- 8/34/4 The Conference adopted Resolution 25/4 in the following form:

 The Conference, on the re-nomination of the Board of Management, appoints Ms Mary Hayden and Ms Katie Pillinger as governors of Kingswood School for a period of three years from 1 September 2011.
- 8/34/5 The Conference adopted Resolution 25/5 in the following form:

 The Conference, on the nomination of the school governors, appoints Mr Robert Sandry and Mr Tim Westbrook as governors of Kingswood School for a period of three years from 1 September 2011.
- 8/34/6 The Conference adopted Resolution 25/6 in the following form:

 The Conference, on the re-nomination of the school governors, appoints Mr Geoffrey Green, Mr Paul Slater and The Revd Dr Stephen D Wigley as governors of Rydal Penrhos for a period of three years from 1 September 2011.
- 8/34/7 The Conference adopted Resolution 25/7 in the following form:

 The Conference, on the nomination of the school governors, appoints Mr Ralph Dransfield as governor of Rydal Penrhos School for a period of three years from 1 September 2011.

8/35 **26. METHODIST FORCES BOARD**

The Conference adopted Resolutions 26/1 and 26/2.

8/36 **29. REPORT OF A REFERENCE GROUP ON THE FINANCES OF THE METHODIST MISSIONARY SOCIETY (MMS)**

The Conference adopted Resolution 29/1.

8/37 **54. THE RELIEF AND EXTENSION FUND FOR METHODISM IN SCOTLAND**

The Conference adopted Resolutions 54/1 and 54/2.

8/38 **55. MANAGING TRUSTEES OF THE NEW ROOM BRISTOL (WESLEY'S CHAPEL)**

8/38/1 The Conference adopted Resolution 55/1,

p 709, *deleting* at the end of paragraph 6 of the Report ‘, and are currently looking for a successor’ and *substituting* the following:

The Trustees are nominating Mr Peter Knowles as a new trustee who will also serve as Hon Treasurer in succession to Mr John Powlesland. Peter Knowles has been assisting David Worthington with administration on a voluntary basis for a few months. He has dealt with company finance at a senior management level.

8/38/2 The Conference adopted Resolution 55/2,

p 710, *adding* The Revd Dr Jonathan H Pye (Principal of Wesley College, Bristol, as Vice-Chair), Mr Peter Knowles (Hon Treasurer).

8/38/3 The Conference adopted Resolution 55/3,

p 710, *adding* the following financial statement:

Statement of Financial Activity for the year ending 31st August 2010

Income and Expenditure

Incoming Resources		Resources Expended	
Donations etc	56154	Salaries etc	26506
Sale of Goods etc.	13119	Maintenance of Property	43848
Investments, Interest	7516	Administration	5430
Rent	21300	Other	29893
Other	15849	Net Incoming Resources	8261
Total	113938	Total	113938

Balance on Hand

Balance as at 1st September 2009	105268
Plus Net Incoming Resources	8261
Balance as 31st August 2010	113529

Balance Sheet

Fixed Assets	204390	Current Liabilities	1493
Current Assets	118666	Total Assets	321563
Total	323056	Total	323056

- 8/39 **56. WESTMINSTER COLLEGE OXFORD TRUST LTD**
The Conference adopted Resolution 56/1.
- 8/40 **58. CENTRAL FINANCE BOARD**
The Conference adopted Resolutions 58/1 and 58/2.
- 8/41 **REPORT OF THE MINISTERIAL SESSION CONFERENCE BUSINESS COMMITTEE**
The Conference adopted Resolution M1/2, being shared business with the Ministerial Session, in the form in which it was adopted by that Session at 2/28/3.
- 8/42 **NEW ITEM: 85. WORLD METHODIST COUNCIL**
- 8/42/1 **WORLD METHODIST EXCHANGES**
Adrian Burdon, Leeds Mission with Robin Wilkie, Hamilton, Ontario.

The Conference adopted the following as Resolution 85/1:

The Conference approves the above exchange of pastorate.
- 8/42/2 **WORLD METHODIST CONFERENCE**
The 2010 Conference approved a list of people to attend the World Methodist Conference in Durban in August 2011. The list of names included one representative to be nominated by the Youth Assembly.

One representative (The Revd Dr Angela Shier-Jones) is no longer able to attend the Conference, and the Youth Assembly was therefore asked to elect two representatives.

The Conference is asked to confirm that its representative of the Youth Assembly is John Colenutt, and to appoint Jemima Howe in place of the Revd Dr Angela Shier-Jones.

The Conference adopted the following as Resolution 85/2:

The Conference appoints the persons elected by the Youth Assembly 2010 to be representatives to the World Methodist Council meeting in Durban South Africa in August 2011:

John Colenutt (local preacher on trial, South East district)

Jemima Howe (youth worker, Birmingham District, as replacement for Angela Shier-Jones)
- 8/43 **64. APPOINTMENTS OF DISTRICT CHAIRS**
- 8/43/1 The Conference adopted Resolution 64/1.
- 8/43/2 The Conference adopted, with the required majority, Resolution 64/2.
- 8/43/3 The Conference adopted Resolution 64/3.
- 8/43/4 The Conference adopted, with the required majority, Resolution 64/4.

8/43/5 The Conference adopted, with the required majority, Resolution 64/5.

p 789, reasoned statement, line 1, for '2003' reading '2006'.

8/43/6 The Conference adopted, with the required majority, Resolution 64/6,

p 790, inserting the following reasoned statement:

The Revd A Ward Jones was appointed Chair of the Bristol District in 1998 and has already fulfilled two extensions to this appointment. He has indicated his willingness to serve for a further three years from 1 September 2012 and in the light of this, a consultation process has taken place across the District. The process has offered Circuits and United Areas, superintendents, District and Connexional officers and ecumenical partners, the opportunity to reflect creatively on Ward's ministry and to consider whether a further (somewhat exceptional) extension should be offered.

The feedback from the consultation gives an overwhelmingly positive endorsement of Ward's ministry in this role. Particular appreciation was recorded for his leading of worship and his preaching; his leadership skills, with a balance of strategy and vision; his chairing of Synod; his ability to hold the District together in a time of considerable change; his wider perspective on ministry through his ecumenical links which are greatly valued by church leaders across the South West of England and his links with the Korean Methodist Church, of which he is now an Honorary Bishop in the Joong Ang Conference.

His leadership of change within the District, under the local heading of *Re-Shaping for Mission* has allowed groups of Circuits/United Areas to come together creatively without the need to conform to a 'one size fits all' policy for realigning themselves. He has played a crucial role in the difficult decisions surrounding the futures of both Methodist International House and Wesley College, often at a high personal cost. He has championed the cause of the District at Connexional level where he is recognised as a man of 'passion and integrity'.

Ward's lengthy experience in the role of District Chair affords him the insight to know that the role has changed dramatically since he was first appointed. This means that some parts of the role have to be delegated to other colleagues, which requires understanding by the District as a whole. Despite the length of time in his role, Ward remains committed to moving the District forward and is still excited by the potential ecumenical training links and the development of the historical Methodist sites in the District as bases for mission. To no degree, should an extension to 2015 be seen as a way of Ward 'serving out his time'. He is a 'man of God' with 'a big and burning heart'.

The Bristol District Synod recommends to the Conference that the Revd A Ward Jones be appointed as Chair of the Bristol District for a further three years from 1 September 2012.

8/43/7 The Conference adopted, with the required majority, Resolution 64/7,

p 790, reasoned statement, line 1, for '2003' reading '2006'.

8/43/8 The Conference adopted, with the required majority, Resolutions 64/8, 64/9, and 64/10.

8/44 **65. COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS**

8/44/1 The Conference adopted Resolution 65/1.

8/44/2 The Conference adopted Resolution 65/2,

p 793,

in the paragraph listing presbyters,

removing Ermal B Kirby,

adding Dr Elizabeth A Smith, Lily P Twist, and Margaret C Woodlock-Smith

in the paragraph listing deacons, *for* 'Deacons Margaret C Woodlock-Smith' *reading* 'Deacon'.

8/44/3 The Conference adopted Resolution 65/3,

p 794,

line 2, *for* 'Discipline and Pastoral: The Revds James A Booth, Colin A Smith (Deputy).' *reading* 'The Revds James A Booth, Colin A Smith, J W Wesley Blakey, Paul H Davis.'

line 3, *deleting* 'Appeal:'.

8/44/4 The Conference adopted Resolution 65/4.

8/44/5 The Conference adopted Resolution 65/5,

p 795, *inserting* the following:

The Revds Sean C C Adair, Dr Sheryl M Anderson, Peter E Barber, John N Bates, Christopher Blake, Alan R Boyd, David M Butterworth, Richard J Byass, Helen Cameron, John A Cooke, Deborah A Cornish, Dr Jane V Craske, Jeremy C Dare, Louise M Dawson, Stephen Dunn, Matthew R Finch, Vivienne M Gasteen, Christine Gillespie, Michael R Hall, Dr David J P Hewlett, Diane Hicks, David Hinchliffe, Hilary Howarth, Dr Christine Jones (A), Margaret P Jones, Teddy Kalongo, Patrick Kandeh, Susan Keegan von Allmen, Dr Donghwan Kim, Dr Jane Leach, Dr Phillip J Lockett, Julie A Lunn, Jonathan E Mead, Dr Ian D Morris, Malcolm Peacock, Barbara T Routley, Dr Calvin T Samuel, Kathryn Stephens, Neal H Street, Roberto A Viana, Stephen Watts, Rose A S Westwood, Susan J Wigham, Linda Williams, Stephen G Yelland; Deacons Maggie A Blake, Susan Culver, Ann Shephard, Janet H Thomas; Mr Richard Armiger, Mr Terry Ayres, Mrs Pat Bates, Mr Ray Battye, Mr David Clitheroe, Mrs Janet Dobinson, Mr Alan Eccles, Mrs Christine Haigh, Mrs Rosemary Harrison, Ms Sylvia Hart, Mrs Audrey Hensman, Mrs Veronica Hickox, Mrs Elisabeth Holmes, Mrs Saro Jesudason, Mr Rene Lamisere, Mrs Patsy Lindo, Ms Rosalind Middleton, Mrs Charlotte Osborn, Mr David Osborne, Mr Peter Relf, Mr Colin Ride, Mrs Sheila Sragg, Ms Selve Selvaretnem,

Mrs Karen Stefanyszyn, Mr Peter R Symes, Mr Eric Watchman, Mrs Alison Wood.

The Revd Dr Sheryl M Anderson – the Connexional Team person, working in Discipleship and Ministries, with responsibility for Candidating for ordained ministry. Sheryl is a former Superintendent and is District Candidates Secretary for the London District.

Mr Richard Armiger – Training Officer and tutor at the Guy Chester Centre, experience of enabling people to consider vocational discernment.

The Revd Alan R Boyd – Experienced Superintendent Minister who has served MCSC previously and brings wide experience to the process of candidature.

Mrs Janet Dobinson - Local Preacher and manager at Plymouth Local Authority which involves interviewing people for senior positions in education, and dealing personnel matters.

Ms Sylvia Hart – considerable experience in appointments in the civil service and lay leadership and membership of a city centre church.

Mrs Veronica Hickox – brings experience of being a Circuit Steward and teacher having held many offices in the life of a church and Circuit in South London.

The Revd Prof Teddy Kalongo - currently serving the Vale of Glamorgan circuit, has experience both of Ministerial training and the World Church having previously served as Principal of the United Church of Zambia Theological College in Kitwe and as General Secretary of the United Church of Zambia.

The Revd Dr Jane Leach – Designated as the Principal to Wesley House and researcher in Pastoral Theology.

The Revd Jonathan E Mead – Circuit minister with experience of training in a training institution.

Deacon Ann Shephard – experienced Deacon formerly Deputy Head of a Special School.

The Revd Neal H Street – Superintendent and Synod Secretary, former lecturer in FE College with responsibilities which included selecting and appraising students on vocational courses.

Deacon Janet Thomas – brings considerable experience of vocational discernment and ordained ministry.

The Revd Stephen G Yelland – Superintendent minister with considerable experience of circuit ministry.

8/44/6 The Conference adopted Resolution 65/6,

p 795, *replacing* the list shown with the following:

Warden of the Order Deacon Sue Culver; The Revds Dr Sheryl M Anderson, Peter E Barber, Jane H Carter, David R Ellis, Paul J Flowers, Sheila Foreman, Christopher G T Jones; Deacon Richard Beckett, Andrew Carter, Jacqueline Fowler, P Jane Gibson, Angleena Keizer, Michelle L Legumi, Philip J Osborne, Andrew C Packer, Sylvie R Phillips, Myrtle Poxon, Brian Purchase, Janet Stafford, Jan Sutton; Mrs Audrey Hensman, Mrs Wendy Gould, Ms Sarah Akindole, Mr Philip Langdale, Mr Alf Philpott, Ms Rachel Starr.

The Revd Dr Sheryl M Anderson – the Connexional Team person, working in Discipleship and Ministries, with responsibility for Candidating for ordained ministry. Sheryl is a former Superintendent and is District Candidates Secretary for the London District.

Deacon P Jane Gibson – recommended by the Diaconal Convocation.

Mr Philip Langdale – former Circuit Steward of a large northern circuit and brings knowledge of the Diaconal Order.

Deacon Sylvie R Phillips – Recommended by the Diaconal Convocation.

Mr Alf Philpott – Local preacher tutor and former teacher, with experience of the Scouting Executive Committee for Spiritual Development.

Deacon Brian Purchase – experienced deacon and former Chaplain to DCSC.

Ms Rachel Starr – theological tutor and experience of the world church in differing cultures.

8/44/7 The Conference adopted Resolution 65/7.

8/44/8 The Conference adopted Resolution 65/8,

p 796, *inserting* the following:

The Revd Dr Paul A Beetham, The Revd Alan J Bolton, Dr Jocelyn Bryan, The Revd Dr Adrian Burdon, The Revd Helen Cameron, The Revd Dr David M Chapman, The Revd I Neil Cockling, The Revd David G Deeks, The Revd Sylvester O Deigh, Ms Sue Dunstan, The Revd Dr John C A Emmett, The Revd Ruth M Gee, Deacon Claire Gill, Mrs Susan R Howdle, The Revd Dr Michael J A Long, The Revd Dr Stephen E Mosedale, The Revd Dr Peter M Phillips (Secretary), The Revd Gareth J Powell, Dr Helen Reid, The Revd Alison Tomlin, The Revd Dr Martin Wellings.

Deacon Claire Gill – stationed in the Victoria and Chelsea Circuit, has BA(Hons) in Theology, an MA in Religion and Postmodernism and is studying for a PhD, researching how the Methodist Diaconal Order understands itself as a Religious Order and this has led to a growing interest in Benedictine Spirituality.

The Revd Dr Michael J A Long – Superintendent of the Conwy & Prestatyn Circuit, has recently obtained a PhD for his study of theological reflection upon international debt. He has served on the Faith and Order Network since 2008.

Mrs Susan R Howdle – a former lecturer in Law at the Universities of Bristol and Sheffield, has served the Church as Vice-President of the Conference (1993-1994) and on connexional bodies, including the Faith and Order Committee. She is at present a member of the Law and Polity Committee and will serve as the link between the two committees.

The Revd Ruth M Gee – Chair of the Darlington District, explored Christian concepts of parenthood and the new reproductive technologies for her MLitt (Bristol). She chairs the working parties on human embryology and early human life (Created in God's Image) and on the statement on abortion.

8/44/9 The Conference adopted Resolution 65/9,

p 796, adding against 'Wales/Midlands', Mr Malcolm Pearson (11).

8/44/10 The Conference adopted Resolution 65/10.

8/44/11 The Conference adopted Resolution 65/11,

pp 797-8, in

(d) *The Commission for Covenanted Churches in Wales*

removing The Revd Dr Stephen Wigley

adding The Revd Delyth A Liddell

The Revd Delyth A Liddell – HE Chaplain at Cardiff and works in an ecumenical environment at the University.

[The Revd Dr Stephen D Wigley remains a Trustee of Cytun]

(g) *Churches' Legislative Advisory Service*

adding Ms Jatinder Kandola

Ms Jatinder Kandola – Senior Legal Officer for TMCP

(i) *Roman Catholic/Methodist Dialogue Commission*

removing Gillian Walsh

adding The Revd Dr Stephen D Wigley, The Revd Christine M Howe

The Revd Dr Stephen D Wigley – Chair of the Wales Synod, ecumenical experience, expertise in Roman Catholic and Methodist Theology

The Revd Christine M Howe – Minister in first circuit appointment, interest in systematic theology

(k) *Methodist Representative to the United Reformed Church General Assembly*

removing Deacon Jane Middleton

adding The Revd Philip S Turner

8/44/12 The Conference adopted Resolutions 65/12, 65/13, and 65/14.

8/44/13 The Conference adopted Resolution 65/15,

p 799, under '*The Chair and two members of the SRC*',

for 'to be appointed' reading 'Mr Adrian Burton, Ms Alison Jackson'.

Mr Adrian Burton – Elected by the SRC to serve on the Methodist Council

8/44/14 The Conference adopted Resolutions 65/16 and 65/17.

8/44/15 The Conference adopted Resolution 65/18,

p 800, *inserting* the following:

Representative Session:

Journal Secretary:

The Revd Jennifer M Dyer

Record Secretary:

The Revd Neil A Stubbens

Assistant Record Secretary:

The Revd Jennifer M Dyer

Convener of the Memorials

Mr Martin Harker

Committee:

Ministerial Session:

Record Secretary:

The Revd Jennifer M Dyer

Assistant Record Secretary:

The Revd Neil A Stubbens

8/44/16 The Conference adopted Resolution 65/19.

8/44/17 The Conference adopted Resolution 65/20,

p 800, against '*Recording Officers*', *removing* Deacon Margaret L Cox and *adding* Deacon Susan Hibberd.

8/44/18 The Conference adopted the following as Resolution 65/21:

The Conference appoints the following as its representatives to the General Conference of the United Methodist Church to be held in Tampa Florida, USA 24 April - 4 May 2012:

Mr David Bradwell – lay, circuit steward of Edinburgh and Forth circuit, Scotland District. (under 35) Associate Secretary, Church and Society Council of the Church of Scotland.

Ms Christine Elliott – lay, member Wesley's Chapel, Secretary for External Relationships. Leader of the delegation.

The Revd Carla S Hall – ordained presbyter, ministerial synod secretary to Newcastle District synod. (under 35) member of Regrouping for Mission Bigger than Circuits working group.

The Revd Dr Andrew D Wood – ordained presbyter, Chair of Southampton District, chair of Fresh Ways working group, member of (shadow) Ministries Committee.

8/45 **66. APPOINTMENT OF THE CHAIR OF THE STATIONING COMMITTEE**

The Conference adopted Resolution 66/1.

8/46 **67. NOMINATION OF THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE CONFERENCE**

The Conference adopted Resolution 67/1.

8/47 **68. RENOMINATION FOR THE POST OF SECRETARY OF THE METHODIST CONFERENCE AND GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE METHODIST CHURCH**

The Conference adopted, with the required majority, Resolution 68/1.

8/48 **75. AUTHORISATIONS**

8/48/1 The Conference adopted Resolution 75/1.

8/48/2 The Conference adopted Resolution 75/2,

pp 840-844,

LIST A: INITIAL APPLICATIONS AND RENEWALS AFTER THREE YEARS

<i>for</i>	10/1	Bailiwick of Guernsey	Karen le Mouton	(P)
<i>reading</i>	10/1	Bailiwick of Guernsey	Karen le Mouton	(L)
<i>for</i>	26.23	Salisbury	John Scrivens	(P)
<i>reading</i>	26/23	Salisbury	John Scrivens	(P)
<i>for</i>	36/26	South Kent (1)	Edward Rumsey	(L)
<i>reading</i>	36/25	South Kent (1)	Edward Rumsey	(L)
<i>for</i>	36/26	South Kent (2)	Dudley Shipton	(L)
<i>reading</i>	36/25	South Kent (2)	Dudley Shipton	(L)
<i>for</i>	36/26	Canterbury and Coastal	Helen Letley	(P)
<i>reading</i>	36/27	Canterbury and Coastal	Helen Letley	(P)
<i>for</i>	36/39	Sutton	Nicola Wooler	(P)
<i>reading</i>	35/39	Sutton	Nicola Wooler	(P)
<i>adding</i>	2/13	Gwent Hills and Vales	Eric Smith	(L)
<i>adding</i>	5/13	Mid-Warwickshire	Michael Grimsley	(P)
<i>adding</i>	21/11	South Fylde	Colin Marchment	(P)
<i>adding</i>	23/23	Nene Valley (1)	Marie Armitage	(L)
<i>adding</i>	23/23	Nene Valley (2)	David Hudson	(L)
<i>adding</i>	24/11	Holsworth & Bude	Michael Reeves	(L)

<i>adding</i>	24/16	Tiverton and Wellington (1)	Hilary Young	(L)
<i>adding</i>	24/16	Tiverton and Wellington (2)	David Parkin	(L)
<i>adding</i>	24/22	South Molton and Ringsash	Arthur Mildon	(L)
<i>adding</i>	24/25	West Somerset	Margaret Morris	(L)
<i>adding</i>	24/27	Ringsash	Colin Rice	(L)
<i>adding</i>	25/17	Rotherham and Dearne Valley (1)	Rita Edwards	(L)
<i>adding</i>	25/17	Rotherham and Dearne Valley (2)	Wayne Ashton	(L)
<i>adding</i>	26/27	Basingstoke	Steve Smith	(L)

LIST B: RENEWALS FOR A SECOND YEAR (initially granted in 2010)

<i>for</i>	28/29	Shropshire South	Helen Louise Roberts	(P)
<i>reading</i>	28/3	Shropshire and Marches	Helen Louise Roberts	(P)
<i>adding</i>	22/13	Borders Mission	Jonathan Reeve	(L)
<i>adding</i>	22/20	Erewash Valley (1)	John Moorley	(L)
<i>adding</i>	22/20	Erewash Valley (2)	Valerie Rollisson	(L)
<i>adding</i>	22/28	South Derbyshire	Heather Simm	(L)
<i>adding</i>	36/5	Staines and Feltham	Mark Conlon	(L)

LIST C: Renewals for a third year (Initially granted in 2009)

<i>for</i>	1/1	Maelor	J Philip Davies	(L)
<i>reading</i>	1/1	Cymru	J Philip Davies	(L)
<i>for</i>	1/1	Bathafarn	Elizabeth Jones	(L)
<i>reading</i>	1/1	Cymru	Elizabeth Jones	(L)
<i>adding</i>	20/02	Newcastle upon Tyne (West)	Leslie Dinning	(P)
<i>adding</i>	20/22	North West Durham	Andrew Longe	(P)
<i>adding</i>	28/21	Telford	P J Jackson	(P)
<i>deleting</i>	16/9	Morley	Elwyn Evans <i>[surname misspelt 'Wvans' on Agenda p 844]</i>	(L)
<i>deleting</i>	16/9	Morley	Margaret Newton	(L)
<i>deleting</i>	18/16	Widnes	Connie Smith	(L)
<i>deleting</i>	36/5	Staines and Feltham	Linda Ashford	(L)
<i>deleting</i>	36/25	Ashford	Edward E Rumsey	(L)

8/49 **74. MINISTERS FROM OTHER CHURCHES**

MINISTERS TO BE RECOGNISED AND REGARDED AS MINISTERS OF THE METHODIST CHURCH

8/49/1 The Conference, by a Standing Vote, adopted Resolution 74/1,

pp 829-830,

(2) Ministers of other autonomous Methodist Conferences

<i>deleting</i>	Rose Bartleson	25/13	United Methodist Church
<i>deleting</i>	Catherine Gale	2/13	MCCA
<i>deleting</i>	Kwabena Obuo-Dadzie	36/21	Methodist Church Ghana
<i>deleting</i>	Edward C Kimes	24/4	United Methodist Church
<i>deleting</i>	Devedas Matcha	6/1	Church of North India
<i>deleting</i>	George Mawire	35/34	Methodist Church of Zimbabwe
<i>deleting</i>	Manivasagan Pillay	14/22	Methodist Church of Southern Africa
<i>deleting</i>	Joseph Ribeiro	35/12	Methodist Church Ghana
<i>deleting</i>	Russell G Rigby	21/17	Methodist Church of New Zealand
<i>adding</i>	Philip Buckland	2/9	Methodist Church of Southern Africa
<i>adding</i>	Kong Ching Hii	35/2	Methodist Church, Malaysia
<i>adding</i>	Jimione Kaci	22/19	Methodist Church in Fiji
<i>adding</i>	Jong Sin Lee	7/13	Korean Methodist Church
<i>adding</i>	Francis S Nabieu	29/1	Methodist Church of Sierra Leone
<i>adding</i>	Adam Nyawo	35/12	Methodist Church of Zimbabwe
<i>adding</i>	R Neville Richardson	27/31	Methodist Church of Southern Africa
<i>adding</i>	Ernest B Stafford	35/3	Methodist Church The Gambia
<i>adding</i>	Monwabisi R Vithi	15/1	Methodist Church of Southern Africa
<i>for</i>	Bernadino Mandlate	35/12	Methodist Church of Southern Africa
<i>reading</i>	Bernadino Mandlate	35/31	Methodist Church of Southern Africa
<i>for</i>	John K C Yap	35/2	Methodist Church, Malaysia
<i>reading</i>	John K C Yap	36/21	Methodist Church, Malaysia
<i>for</i>	Jongikaya Zihle	35/36	Methodist Church of Southern Africa
<i>reading</i>	Jongikaya Zihle	35/33	Methodist Church of Southern Africa

8/49/2 The Conference, by a Standing Vote, adopted Resolution 74/2,

p 830,

for **(2) Ministers of other communions applying to be recognised and regarded**

reading **(3) Ministers of other communions applying to be recognised and regarded**

<i>deleting</i>	Stanton T Evans	1/1
<i>deleting</i>	Shirley Mountcastle	28/23
<i>deleting</i>	Olwen Smith	28/1

<i>adding</i>	Benson Chongo	31/11
<i>adding</i>	Chellaian Lawrence	35/16

<i>adding</i>	Arlington W Trotman	35/17
<i>adding</i>	Kwabena M F Obuo-Dadzie	36/21
<i>for</i>	David Kent	27/2
<i>reading</i>	David Kent	27/35
<i>for</i>	Heegon Moon	24/4
<i>reading</i>	Heegon Moon	20/6

8/49/3 **DEACONS OF OTHER CHURCHES TO BE RECOGNISED AND REGARDED AS DEACONS OF THE METHODIST CHURCH**

The Conference agreed to the withdrawal of Resolution 74/3.

8/49/4 **MINISTERS OF OTHER COMMUNIONS TO BE AUTHORISED TO SERVE THE METHODIST CHURCH**

The Conference adopted Resolution 74/4,

pp 831-835,

<i>deleting</i>	Susan Brewster	35/33	
<i>deleting</i>	Michael A Cross	29/16	
<i>deleting</i>	John Danso	35/35	
<i>deleting</i>	Helen M Drummond	29/15	
<i>deleting</i>	Mervyn Eden	36/4	
<i>deleting</i>	Elizabeth J Fairless	28/3	
<i>deleting</i>	Michael R Gilbertson	13/4	
<i>deleting</i>	Elizabeth A Kemp	35/36	
<i>deleting</i>	Simon Q Moore	34/13	
<i>deleting</i>	Judith Morgan	20/17	
<i>deleting</i>	Alan A Mustoe	35/43	
<i>deleting</i>	Alan J Spence	35/24	
<i>deleting</i>	Valerie A Towler	13/4	
<i>deleting</i>	Michael O Tucker	7/7	
<i>deleting</i>	Tudur Rowlands	1/1	(second entry)
<i>deleting</i>	Nigel P Warner	34/9	
<i>deleting</i>	Robin Whittle	35/39	
<i>deleting</i>	Malcolm D Wright	35/44	
<i>adding</i>	Bruce Waldron	14/26	
<i>adding</i>	Andrew J Mann-Ray	28/5	
<i>adding</i>	Anthony W Howells	23/29	
<i>adding</i>	Raymond Anglesea	13/12	
<i>adding</i>	David M C Mathews	12/8	
<i>for</i>	Martyn J Coe	35/27	
<i>reading</i>	Martyn J Coe	35/30	
<i>for</i>	Timothy R Jackson	34/2	
<i>reading</i>	Timothy R Jackson	34/1	
<i>for</i>	Heather A Kent	26/24	
<i>reading</i>	Heather A Kent	34/14	

for Malcolm Smalley 29/17
reading Malcolm Smalley 29/14

8/49/5 **DEACONS OF OTHER COMMUNIONS TO BE AUTHORISED TO SERVE THE METHODIST CHURCH**

The Conference adopted Resolution 74/5.

8/49/6 **MINISTERS OF OTHER COMMUNIONS APPLYING TO BE ASSOCIATE MINISTERS OF THE METHODIST CHURCH**

The Conference adopted Resolution 74/6,

pp 836-837,

deleting Jeremy Brooks 34/12
deleting Glenn S Cannon 27/8
deleting Brunel H G James 16/4
deleting David M C Matthews 12/8
deleting Barry Overend 16/3
deleting Maria Pallis 29/16
deleting Trevor Pitt 13/15
deleting Elizabeth R 35/26
Richardson
deleting Gail Uttley 16/18
deleting Michael D Ratcliffe 21/5

adding Helen M Drummond 29/15

for Keith J Brown 34/2
reading Keith J Brown 34/1

8/49/7 **DEACONS OF OTHER COMMUNIONS APPLYING TO BE ASSOCIATE DEACONS OF THE METHODIST CHURCH**

The Conference adopted Resolution 74/7.

8/49/8 The Assistant Secretary reported to the Conference that The Revd Jojo Nyarko Monney was received by transfer in 2010 from the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church rather than Methodist Church Ghana as was reported to the Conference of that year.

8/50 **78. CANDIDATES FOR PRESBYTERAL AND DIACONAL MINISTRY**

8/50/1 The Conference, by a Standing Vote, adopted the following as Resolution 78/2:

The Conference resolves by a Standing Vote that it accepts for training unconditionally or conditionally as the case may be the candidates for ministry recommended by the Ministerial Session whose names are recorded in the Daily Record for that Session [at 2/2/2].

8/50/2 The Conference, by a Standing Vote, adopted the following as Resolution 78/3:

The Conference resolves by a Standing Vote that it accepts for training unconditionally or conditionally, as the case may be, the candidates for ministry recommended by the Diaconal Committee whose names are recorded in the report of that Committee in the Daily Record [at 7/30, paragraph 2].

8/51 **72. MINISTERS AND DEACONS BECOMING SUPERNUMERARY OR RETURNING TO THE ACTIVE WORK**

8/51/1 The Conference adopted Resolution 72/3,

pp 823-824,

3. Ministers requesting permission to become supernumerary:

adding Roger O Bayliss (34)
Christine Jones (B) (15)
Christine Leech (8)

deleting Gillian Riley (19)

8/51/2 The Conference noted the following further changes to the report of ministers recommended to return to the active work received by the Ministerial Session [at 2/25/1].

1. Recommended to return to the active work:

deleting Philip J Wren
adding Bryan Ashberry

[John C A Barrett having been added at 2/25/1]

8/51/3 The Conference adopted Resolution 72/4,

p 824,

2. Permission to become supernumerary granted during the year:

adding Raymond Fox

3. Deacons requesting permission to become supernumerary:

deleting Raymond Fox

8/52 **ADDITIONAL ITEM: 83. CIRCUIT REORGANISATIONS**

The York and Hull District Synod recommend the following changes to circuit boundaries to take effect from 1 September 2012:

The Whitby, Sherburn, Filey and Scarborough Circuits should amalgamate to form one new Circuit. This change to take effect from 1 September 2012 and will include the close working of the separate circuits in the interim period.

The Hull (East) Circuit and Withernsea Circuits shall be combined to form a new circuit from 1 September 2012, and the two circuits will work in federation until that date.

The Conference adopted the following as Resolution 83/1:

The Conference receives the Report.

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

8/53/1 **Resolutions under Standing Order 131(25).**

The Conference:

- (a) for the better achievement of the intention of the Conference, amended Resolution 27/6 by substituting the following amendments to Standing Orders for those originally made:

SO 005(viA) '~~ministerial establishment~~**ministry deployment figure**' in relation to a ~~Circuit or other station~~**District**, has the meaning appearing from Standing Order 785(6);

SO 315(3) ~~Every such appointment of a minister or ministerial probationer shall conform to the ministerial establishment of the Connexional Team.~~

SO 785(6) Immediately after the name of each ~~Circuit, or other heading,~~ and after each of the sub-headings referred to clause (4)(b) ~~above~~**District** shall appear in brackets the ~~ministerial establishment~~**ministry deployment figure** allotted by the Conference, that is to say, the number of ministers, **deacons** and ministerial **and diaconal** probationers expected to be appointed ~~stationed in appointments to a Circuit in that District or to the District itself~~ to that Circuit or other station, subject to availability of personnel and finance and to any other stationing considerations.

791(1) ... (i) ... the ~~ministerial establishment~~**ministry deployment figure** allotted by the Conference to a ~~Circuit~~**District** in accordance with Standing Order 785(6) and head (i) **or (ii)** of Standing Order 780(1); or

(ii) those appointed to serve according to heads ~~(ii)~~**(iii)** to (vi) of Standing Order 780(1)

- (b) for the purpose of clarification, amended resolution 34/12 by amending the new Standing Order 32A2(2) by *inserting* the words 'as may be agreed between them' after 'Strategy and Resources Committee,';

- (c) for the better achievement of the intention of the Conference, amended Resolution 59/2 as follows:

(i) in Standing Order 213 as it appears on Agenda pp 766 and 767, *deleting* 'Team' in clause 213(1)(vii) and (2C) and from the phrase 'Connexional Team Secretaries' in clause (5); and

(ii) *adding* at the end of the Resolution:

The Conference further amends Standing Orders by deleting 'Team' from the phrases 'Connexional Team Secretary' and 'Connexional Team Secretaries' wherever appearing in Standing Orders if the deletion is not otherwise provided for in this resolution or resolution 59/3.

8/53/2 **Connexional Allowances Committee**

The Law and Polity Conference Sub-Committee reminded the Conference that by adopting resolution 5/1 the Conference accepted the recommendation of the Connexional Allowances Committee that the 40p mileage rate should be increased to 45p with effect from 1 September 2011, thus retrospectively changing the decision of the Conference of 2010 that any increase in allowances given by HMRC should take automatic effect. The Sub-Committee advised the Conference that if a rate of 45p has been paid in reliance on the decision of the Conference of 2010, it may be treated as a voluntary payment in excess of the minimum allowance which remains consistent with HMRC approved allowance.

The Conference adopted the Report.

8/53/3 **Consultation on special resolutions**

The Conference, having considered the advice of the Law and Polity Conference Sub-Committee, directed in accordance with Standing Order 126 that the appropriate consultation in respect of special resolutions 34/1, 34/2, 34/11, and 57/3, and the adoption of the reply to Memorial M31 shall be by submission to the Methodist Council under Standing Order 126(1)(c).

8/53/4 **Consolidated amendments to the Deed of Union**

At the start of the Conference the Sub-Committee expressed its intention to produce a consolidated version of the proposed amendments for the information of members of the Conference. In order to ensure the accuracy of the consolidation, in the light of the number of amendments made, the Sub-Committee now proposes to put the consolidated version on the website, allowing time for careful checking.

The Conference adopted the Report.

8/54 **THE STATIONS**

8/54/1 The Assistant Secretary made a statement about a minister who on the previous Saturday had been episcopally ordained as a deacon in the Church of England. He explained that a President's Advisory Committee would be called to consider the case, and that in the interim the minister concerned would be shown on the stations as under the direction of the Secretary of the Conference.

8/54/2 The Stations were presented to the Conference in the form of the Draft previously circulated with the following amendments:

CYMRU DISTRICT

1/1 Cymru
for Lewis Lewis (AM)
reading Trefor Lewis (AM)

WALES DISTRICT

2/12 Conwyn and Prestatyn
for Rydal Penrhos School
reading Rydal Penrhos School

2/13 Gwent Hills and Vales
Supernumeraries
adding Stanley J Barker

2/19 Newport and Lower Wye

Supernumeraries

adding Roger O Bayliss

2/25 Welshpool and Bro Hafren

Supernumeraries

adding Emrys W Evans

for John W Newbury (Communications Consultancy)

reading John W Newbury

2/26 Wrexham

Supernumeraries

adding O Patrick Rudden

BIRMINGHAM DISTRICT

5/1 Birmingham

deleting † Michael R Simpson

deleting Kara S Cooper (University Chaplain)

adding David Weller (AM)

Supernumeraries

adding Margaret Matta (D)

5/4 Birmingham (Sutton Park)

deleting Garry A Dawson-Jones

5/10 Coventry and Nuneaton

adding Anthony Brookes (Chaplain to Coventry Hospital)

5/15 Stratford and Evesham

adding Ian P Mead (Residing in a religious community)

5/18 Bromsgrove and Redditch

Supernumeraries

adding Anthony J Perry

5/24 Herefordshire (South and East)

Supernumeraries

adding Kathleen C Baldwin

BOLTON AND ROCHDALE DISTRICT

6/1 Bolton

for Devedas Matcha (RR)

reading Devedas Matcha

Supernumeraries

adding David B Griffiths (AM)

6/2 Bolton Mission

adding Bryan Ashberry (S)

Supernumeraries

deleting Bryan Ashberry

6/4 Rochdale and Littleborough

Supernumeraries

for Gillian M Berry (Prison Chaplain)

reading Gillian M Berry

6/5 Wigan
Supernumeraries
adding Kenneth W Sowerby

BRISTOL DISTRICT

7/2 Bristol and South Gloucestershire
for Susan L Graham (AM) (District Development Enabler and Training Officer)
reading Susan L Graham (AM) (District Development Enabler and Regional Training Officer)
adding Hannah Heim (WA)
deleting N Gary Hoare (D) (WA)
Supernumeraries
deleting David Bolton

7/7 Gloucestershire
deleting Roger O Bayliss (Prison Chaplain)
deleting Malcolm J Grills (Educational Consultant)

7/20 Wiltshire United Area
deleting R John E Rees (AM)

THE CHANNEL ISLANDS DISTRICT

10/1 Bailiwick of Guernsey
adding Paul S R Chesworth (New Frontiers International)

CHESTER AND STOKE-ON-TRENT DISTRICT

11/3 Delamere Forest
Supernumeraries
adding Robert Delap

THE CORNWALL DISTRICT

12/1 Camborne-Redruth
Supernumeraries
adding Lynda C Wills
adding D Joan Glover

12/3 Falmouth and Gwennap
deleting Malcolm Salmon (D) (WA)

12/7 St Austell
adding Sheila MacInally

12/14 The Lizard and Mounts Bay
Supernumeraries
deleting Christopher Burgoyne
deleting Sylvia Burgoyne
deleting D Joan Glover

12/20 Camelford and Week St Mary
for Doreen M Sparey-Delacassa (S)
reading Doreen M Sparey-Delacassa
for Stephen Caddick
reading Stephen Caddick (S)

DARLINGTON DISTRICT

13/12 West Durham
Adding Ray Anglesea (AM)

13/19 North Yorkshire Dales
Supernumeraries
adding Elizabeth Timmins (D)

THE EAST ANGLIA DISTRICT

14/5 Ely and Newmarket
adding Sara P Cliff
deleting Edwin T Myers

14/18 Thetford, Diss and Mildenhall
Supernumeraries
adding Kenneth M Nicholls

14/22 The Fens
for Manivasagan Pillay (RR)
reading Manivasagan Pillay

14/26 Cambridge
adding John C A Barrett
for Stephen J Plant
reading Stephen J Plant who shall act in respect of ministerial duties under the direction of the Secretary of the Conference
Supernumeraries
deleting John C A Barrett
adding Peter C Graves
adding Bruce Waldon (AM)

ISLE OF MAN DISTRICT

for **15 THE EAST ANGLIA DISTRICT**
reading **15 THE ISLE OF MAN DISTRICT**

THE LEEDS DISTRICT

16/1 Leeds Mission
Re-order list to show:
Caroline F Ryder
Philip Bee (Director, Oastier Centre)

16/3 Leeds (Headingley and West)
Supernumeraries
adding F Elizabeth Mackey

16/5 Leeds (South)
deleting Anthony R Lee (AM)

16/7 Leeds (Wesley)
adding Andrew D Holmes (WA)

LINCOLN AND GRIMSBY DISTRICT

17/1 Epworth and Scunthorpe
for Brian R Bailey
reading Brian Bailey

17/2 Lincoln (North)
for R Geoffrey Harris (Tutor at Lincoln School of Theology)
reading R Geoffrey Harris (Senior Tutor, Lincoln School of Theology and
Ministry Studies)

17/13 Market Rasen and Caistor
adding Maurice Kirby (AM)
adding Sid Andrew (AM)

17/4 Mid-Lincolnshire
for David C Newlove (S)
reading David Newlove (S)

17/5 Grimsby and Cleethorpes
deleting David N S Patchett

17/15 South Holland
for Alan M Barker
reading Alan M Barker (S)

17/22 Boston
adding Rosemary Taylor (AM)

THE LIVERPOOL DISTRICT

18/5 Liverpool (South)
deleting Philip J Wren
adding Gordon F Smith (AM)

18/9 Wirral
Supernumeraries
adding John P Barnett

18/13 Sankey Valley
Supernumeraries
adding Philip J Wren
deleting O Patrick Rudden

MANCHESTER AND STOCKPORT DISTRICT

19/1 Manchester
deleting Clare A E Dowding (AM)
deleting Nathan G Eddy (AM)

NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE DISTRICT

20/1 Newcastle upon Tyne (Central and East)
adding Kathryn M Reader (WA)
Supernumeraries
deleting Alan Hinton

20/2 Newcastle upon Tyne (West)
for Leslie Dinning
reading † Leslie Dinning

20/16 Sunderland
deleting Judith Morgan (AM)

20/22 North West Durham
for Andrew M Longe
reading † Andrew M Longe

LANCASHIRE DISTRICT

21/2 Blackburn with Darwen
for David Keegan (D)
reading † David Keegan (D)
Supernumeraries
deleting Christine Jones (B)

21/5 Accrington and Haslingden
Supernumeraries
adding Christine Leech

21/10 Chorley and Leyland
deleting Paul Spencer

21/14 South Fylde
deleting D Ronald Marsland

21/16 North Lancashire
deleting Albert Brown-Lawson
deleting Roger G Moore

THE NOTTINGHAM AND DERBY DISTRICT

22/2 Nottingham (South)
adding Marian Crawford

22/5 Nottingham Central Mission
adding Kara S Cooper (University of Trent)

22/6 Derby
adding Mair Bradley (AM)

22/12 Ashby and Coalville
adding Alan Dawson (S)
for Andrew Carter (D) (Connexional Team)
reading Andrew Carter (D)

22/13 Borders Mission
deleting Frank Crowther (AM)
for James Magee (S)
reading James Magee

22/26 Newark and Southwell
Supernumeraries
adding Barrie Morley

NORTHAMPTON DISTRICT

23/1 Oxford
for Westminster Institute
reading Westminster Chaplaincy
for Robert G Bates (Chaplain)
reading Robert G Bates (Chaplain, Oxford Brookes University)

23/2 Wantage and Abingdon

Supernumeraries

adding Maggie A Blake (D)

23/5 Banbury

Supernumeraries

adding Dorothy Hewitson

23/10 Loughborough

Supernumeraries

adding Roy Pape

23/14 Rugby and Daventry

for Clive R Fowle (S)

reading Clive R Fowle

for Andrew J Hardwick

reading Andrew J Hardwick (S)

Supernumeraries

adding David P Collinson

23/20 Market Harborough

for Kate McClelland

reading Kate McClelland (Hospital Chaplain)

23/26 Milton Keynes

Supernumeraries

adding Christopher R Batten

23/29 Vale of Aylesbury

adding Anthony Howells (AM)

PLYMOUTH AND EXETER DISTRICT

24/1 Plymouth and Devonport

Supernumeraries

adding R Anthony Broad

24/3 Exeter, Coast and Country

for Jonathan H Froggatt (S)

reading Jonathan H Froggatt

adding Derek Boswell (WA)

Supernumeraries

adding C Norman R Wallwork

deleting Cresswell J H Whitton

24/10 South Devon

deleting Peter J Pillinger (S)

adding David P Martin (S)

24/18 South Petherton and Crewkerne

Supernumeraries

adding Cresswell J H Whitton

24/20 Ilfracombe and Barnstaple

Supernumeraries

deleting James B Bates

24/22 South Molton and Ringsash

Supernumeraries

deleting Howard F W Castle

24/27 Ringsash

deleting Peter Pillinger (S)

for Jonathan P Budd

reading Jonathan P Budd (S)

24/28 Teignbridge

for William Robertson (S)

reading William Robertson

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT

25/1 Sheffield (West)

adding Claudia Lupi Ricco (WA)

25/13 Cliff College

for Peter W Ensor (Tutor)

reading Peter W Ensor

for Piers G J Lane (Tutor)

reading Piers G J Lane

25/19 Trinity

for George Brigham (S)

reading George Brigham

SOUTHAMPTON DISTRICT

26/3 Kennet and Test Valley

Supernumeraries

adding Alan G Rothwell

adding Elaine P Rawlings

26/8 Romsey

Supernumeraries

adding Brian Spencer

26/11 West Wight

deleting Robert Delap

26/19 Poole and Swanage

Supernumeraries

adding S John Dain

26/23 Salisbury

deleting Lesley J Valiant (AM)

26/26 Sherborne and Yeovil

for Soon Cheol Choi

reading Sooncheol Choi

26/27 Basingstoke

adding Stephen M Sankey (Hospital Chaplain)

WEST YORKSHIRE

27/34 Calderdale
adding Graham S Smith

WOLVERHAMPTON AND SHREWSBURY DISTRICT

28/1 Wolverhampton
adding William E J Mash (AM)

28/3 Shropshire and Marches
deleting Elizabeth J Fairless (AM)
adding Lynne Sylvester-Tonge (D)
Supernumeraries
adding J Gordon Tonge

28/5 Vale of Stour
adding Andrew J Mann-Ray (AM)

28/8 Cannock Chase
adding Edwin T Myers

28/9 Stafford
deleting Anthony Brookes (Chaplain to Coventry Hospital)

28/12 Tipton
adding Phillip Rees (WA)

28/13 Dudley and Netherton
reading Caroline Wickens (S)

28/21 Telford
adding N Gary Hoare (D)

YORK AND HULL DISTRICT

29/2 York (South)
for Christopher I Coates (AM)
reading Christopher I Coates (AM)

29/6 Snaith and Selby
deleting Graham J Maskery (AM)

29/7 Goole
deleting Graham J Maskery (AM)

29/11 Withernsea
adding G Peter Ogle (D)

29/14 Pocklington and Market Weighton
adding Gordon Morton

SCOTLAND DISTRICT

31/2 Glasgow
adding John A Butterfield (WA)

31/9 Central Scotland
for Mark Jason (RR)
reading Mark Jason

deleting John A Butterfield (WA)
Supernumeraries
adding Christine Jones (B)

BEDFORDSHIRE, ESSEX AND HERTFORDSHIRE

34/9 Chelmsford
for Stuart W Ellis
reading Stuart W Ellis (Head Teacher)

34/15 North Hertfordshire
for Charlaine C M Sabey-Corkindale (AM)
Read Charmaine C M Sabey-Corkindale (AM)

LONDON DISTRICT

35/2 West London Mission
adding Kong Ching Hii (RR)
for Carole Irwin (WA)
reading Carole Irwin (Permission to Study)

Methodist Church House
deleting Anne Sanderson (WA)
adding Shameela M Jameelee (WA)
adding Alwin J Samuel (WA)
adding Daniel C Taylor (WA)

Supernumeraries
adding David Bolton

35/9 Tower Hamlets
Re-order list to show
Andrew D Pantland
Samuel McBratney (City University)

35/10 Hackney and Stoke Newington
adding Patrick Kofi Amissah (AM) (Hospital Chaplaincy)

35/12 London Mission (North West)
for † Joseph Ribeiro
read † Joseph Ribeiro (RR)

35/16 Wandle Valley
Supernumeraries
deleting David S James

35/28 Sydenham and Forest Hill
Supernumeraries
adding Leslie Middleton Weaver (RR)

35/31 Barking, Dagenham and Ilford
for Bernadino Matias Mandlate (RR)
reading Bernadino M Mandlate (RR)

35/33 Forest
for † Charles M Ilunga
reading Charles M Ilunga

for Olufemi Rose W Cole-Njie
reading Olufemi R W Cole-Njie (S)

35/36 Harrow and Hillingdon
Supernumeraries
adding David S James

35/39 Sutton
deleting Suzanna Bates

35/43 Orpington and Chislehurst
deleting Alan A Mustoe (AM)

SOUTH EAST DISTRICT

36/1 Farnham and Alton
Supernumeraries
adding David F Ashby

36/4 Thames Valley
Delet Mervyn Eden (AM)

36/7 Guildford
adding John Hellyer (S)
adding J Allan Taylor (AM)
for Alan Thorpe (S)
reading Alan Thorpe

36/10 Dorking and Horsham
Supernumeraries
adding James B Bates

36/13 Central Sussex United Area
adding Malcolm Newman

36/21 North Kent
adding M Kenneth George (HM Prison Elmley)
Supernumeraries
deleting Malcolm S Cooper
deleting M Kenneth George (HM Prison Elmley)

36/29 Thanet
Supernumeraries
adding Malcolm S Cooper

PERMISSION TO RESIDE ABROAD

adding Suzanna Bates (Canada)
deleting Peter C Graves (United States)
deleting Andrew D Holmes (United States)

PERMISSION TO SERVE ANOTHER CHURCH

adding Paul S R Chesworth (New Frontiers International) (10/1)

THE CONNEXIONAL TEAM

re-ordering the list to show the following as the first two entries:
Martyn D Atkins (Secretary of the Conference) (25/10)
Gareth J Powell (Assistant Secretary of the Conference) (34/17)

deleting Andrew Carter (D) (22/12)

ASSOCIATE MINISTERS

deleting Robert Brooke (16/5)
deleting David T N Parry (23/1)
deleting Elizabeth R Richardson (35/26)
adding Linda Bond (34/1)
adding Anthony F Bundock (16/1)
adding S Roger Burne (23/1)
adding Fiona Cotton-Betteridge (17/22)
adding Mandy R Coutts (16/7)
adding Simon J Cox (21/15)
adding Richard Demiel (13/15)
adding John E Dennett (21/15)
adding David S Ford (16/1)
adding Andrew Jacobson (35/26)
adding Ralph N Mann (23/4)
adding Graham J Maskery (29/6) & (29/7)
adding Jennifer S Montgomery (6/14)
adding S Robinson Paisley (31/2)
adding David G Paton-Williams (16/2)
adding Catherine Pickford (20/12)
adding Trevor Pitt (13/15)
adding Richard Plant (18/18)
adding David Y Poulton (5/10)
adding Anugrah D Ramble (5/4)
adding Ian T Rodley (16/7)
adding Peter B Rouch (19/1)
adding M Paul Spurgeon (16/12)
adding Rosemary E Taylor (17/22)
adding David Teece (16/17)
adding Paul Q Tudge (16/7)
adding Susan M Wallace (16/1)
adding Gillian A Webb (34/1)
adding Philip C Webb (28/9)
adding David P Woodall (6/14)

8/54/3 The Conference adopted the Stations.

8/55 **DAILY RECORD**

8/55/1 The Daily Record for Wednesday, 6 July was presented, taken as read, and adopted as printed,

at 7/6, for 'Mr Michael E King' reading 'Mr Michael P King',

at 7/9/1, **Introduction to Moving Forward in Covenant**, line 1, for 'the Synod' reading 'the General Synod',

at 7/11/2, in the heading, for '**ALOCATION**' reading '**ALLOCATION**',

at 7/21/2, line 1, for 'The Revd Stephen Wigley' reading 'The Revd Dr Stephen D Wigley',

at 7/22, inserting '**38.**' before '**MISSING GENERATION**',

at 7/30, paragraph 4, for 'Samantha Mary Taylor' reading 'Rachel M Thomas Prasad,

at 7/35, last line, for '735' reading '780(1)'.

8/55/2 The Conference adopted the 'written portion' of the Daily Record covering business transacted in the closed Representative Session held on Wednesday, 6 July.

8/56 The Conference delegated 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 2011, and directs that any such actions be reported to the Conference of 2012.

8/56/1 The Conference adopted the Daily Record for Thursday, 7 July.

8/57 **LETTERS**

8/57/1 Letters of greeting and thanks were sent in the name of the Conference to The Rt Hon The Lord Mawhinney and The Revd Jonathan M Todd.

8/57/2 A letter of concern was sent in the name of the Conference to The Revd Laurence J Campbell.

8/57/3 Letters of sympathy were sent in the name of the Conference to Mr Andrew Holloway and Mrs Veronica Cooper.

8/58 **EXPRESSIONS OF THANKS**

8/58/1 The Conference expressed its thanks to the Conference Secretariat, the Conference Business Committees, the worship team, the technical team, the Connexional Team (including the Media team), the members of the Team and volunteers working in the Record Office, and all those involved in the organisation of the Conference.

8/58/2 The Conference expressed its thanks to the Conference Arrangements Committee, the volunteers, and the management of the Conference venue and staff.

8/58/3 **The Revd Kenneth G Howcroft**

Ken Howcroft has served as Assistant Secretary of the Conference for seven years. During a period which has witnessed continuing and considerable change, and during which he has served and continues to serve in other, additional roles in the Connexional Team, Ken has served as Assistant Secretary with competence and total commitment to the Conference, often at considerable personal cost. His collegiality, professionalism, helpfulness, cheerfulness, sense of humour and good grace are widely acknowledged by those with and among whom he works. His theological acumen is coupled with a comprehensive and practical knowledge of Methodism. This he combines with a formidable expertise in summarising debates and formulating appropriate statements and reports. Such gifts greatly benefit the Conference and the Connexion as a whole. He is a careful listener and his pastoral care for those he deals with in a variety of contexts is greatly appreciated.

Since 2008 Ken has also served as National Ecumenical Officer and now serves as Co-Convener of the Joint Implementation Committee. He has brought to that role a clear grasp of contemporary ecumenical developments. His ability in this role is much appreciated and respected by ecumenical partners as he articulates a clear explanation of Methodist theology, polity and spirituality.

The Conference adopted the following Resolution:

The Conference expresses its profound gratitude to The Revd Kenneth G Howcroft for the faithfulness, dedication and effectiveness with which he has exercised his ministry as Assistant Secretary of the Conference and wishes him God's rich blessing as he continues his ministry in his new appointment as a disciple and presbyter of Christ.

8/58/4 The ex-President, The Revd Alison Tomlin, and the ex-Vice-President, Deacon Eunice Attwood, expressed the thanks of the Conference to the President and Vice-President of the Conference.

8/59 **ATTESTATION**

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

8/60 **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 the thirtieth day of June in the year Two Thousand and Eleven, be duly entered in the Journal of the Conference, subscribed by the President, the Vice-President, and the Secretary, and be taken as, and shall be, the Acts of the Conference to all intents and purposes whatsoever.

8/61 **ADJOURNMENT**

The Conference, by a Standing Vote, resolved that the Conference to be held in 2012 should meet in Plymouth on Thursday, 28 June, in its Ministerial Session, and on Saturday, 30 June, in its Representative Session.

8/62 The Conference adjourned at 13.00.

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(c) referred to the Methodist Council

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