

1/1 The Conference in its Presbyteral Session assembled in Birmingham at 14.15, The Revd Dr Roger L Walton, the President of the Conference, in the Chair.

1/2 **HOLY COMMUNION**

The Conference shared in a service of Holy Communion, during which the sermon was preached by The Revd Anne E Brown.

1/3 The Conference adjourned at 15.25.

1/4 The Conference reassembled at 15.51.

1/5 **MEMBERSHIP OF THE CONFERENCE**

The Conference adopted the membership of this Session of the Conference, being those presbyters who are listed in the Agenda (pp 588-594) as members of the Representative Session, with any substitutions duly made, together with the officers of this session appointed by the last Conference, associate members, and those presbyters listed in the Agenda (p 595) who have received the permission of their Synods or, where appropriate, the President to attend this Session by their own arrangement, with the following corrections:

Representatives of Connexional and Other Bodies

adding The Revd Ronald Bobb-Williams (*vice a lay person*)

The Revd Jongikaya Zihle *vice* The Revd Olufemi R W Cole-Nije

Liverpool

The Revd Dr Christine Jones *vice* The Revd Paul H Wilson

Presbyters attending the Conference at their own expense

adding The Revd Mary Jones

adding The Revd Prof W Peter Stephens

deleting The Revd Rosemary J Fletcher

deleting The Revd David Jebb

deleting The Revd Dr Neil G Richardson

1/6 **LETTERS**

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

The Revd Charles Banks (1946)

The Revd Eric W Blennerhassett (1947)

The Revd Dr Owen E Evans (1947)

The Revd William Farrell (1945)

The Revd John Garfoot (1942)

The Revd Antony M Hearle (1947)

The Revd Arthur H Howell (1946)

The Revd Eric Jones (1942)

The Revd James Mills (1943)

The Revd Anthony T Pepper (1947)

The Revd Ronald H Rich (1946)

The Revd Gordon F Simmons (1947)
The Revd George W Simons (1947)
The Revd Reginald E Tansey (1947)

1/7 **HOURS OF SESSION**

The Conference agreed that these should be 14.15-15.15 and 15.45-18.30 on Thursday, 22 June; 09.15-11.00, 11.30-13.00, 14.15-14.45, 15.15-16.30 and 17.00-18.30 on Friday, 23 June.

1/8 **APPOINTMENT OF SCRUTINEERS**

The Conference appointed the Scrutineers as follows:

The Revd Ann M Anderson
The Revd Richard J Byass
The Revd Anne Ellis
The Revd Philip J Jackson

The Revd Susan Levitt
The Revd Thomas J Osborne
The Revd Billy Slatter

1/9 **APPOINTMENT OF ATTESTORS**

The Revds Julie A Minns and Nicola Vidamour were appointed to attest the 'written portion' of the Daily Record of the Presbyteral Session.

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

The Conference adopted Resolution 4/1.

1/11 **5. CONFERENCE ARRANGEMENTS**

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

1/12 A session on the theme *Vulnerability as the Heart of Transformation* was resourced by The Revd Donald M Eadie and facilitated by The Revd Gary P Hall.

1/13 The Conference engaged in discussion of Agenda Item **3. Methodist Council Part 1 Section I MINISTERIAL CODE OF CONDUCT.**

1/14 **LETTER**

A Letter of greeting and concern was written in the name of the Conference to The Revd Victoria O Bravette.

1/15 The Conference shared in worship, and adjourned at 18.22.

- 2/1 The Conference assembled at 09.15, and shared in worship.
- 2/2 The Conference went into closed session at 09.35.
- 2/3 **51. MINISTERIAL CANDIDATES' AND PROBATIONERS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE**
- 1. Candidates for Presbyteral Ministry**
- 2/3/1 The Conference concurred with the recommendations of the Candidates' Appeals Committee.
- 2/3/2 The Conference recommended, with the required majority, acceptance by the Representative Session of the following candidates, to proceed unconditionally into pre-ordination training:
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| Rebekah Mary Blyth | Doreen Eugenia Abioseh Koffie- |
| Georgina Felicia Tutuaa Bondzi- | Williams |
| Simpson | Rachel Helen Leather |
| Elisabeth Karen Brooks | Kenneth George McNally |
| Mark Carrick | Julia Irene Reid |
| David Charter | Pamela Ann Roberts |
| Jason Cooke | Matthew Thomas Sheard |
| Ria Vanessa Delves | Latika Singh |
| Stuart John Dyer | Katharine Jane Smith |
| Ian Christopher Greenfield | Peter John Williams |
| Karen Elizabeth James | Rebecca Helen Wright |
| Sarah Jane Knebel | |
- 2/3/3 The Conference recommended, with the required majority, acceptance by the Representative Session of the following member of the Methodist Diaconal Order, to proceed unconditionally into pre-ordination training for presbyteral ministry:
- Philip John Osborne
- 2/3/4 The Conference recommended, with the required majority, acceptance by transfer under Standing Order 714(1) of the following candidates recommended by autonomous conferences, to proceed into pre-ordination training and probation:
- Ruth Arce Rosales (the Methodist Church of Mexico)
Manuokafoa Tu'ipulotu (the Methodist Church in Tonga)
- 2/3/5 The Conference adopted Resolution 51/2.
- 2/4 **2. Special Reports**
- 2/4/1 The Conference agreed that an accepted candidate who has not yet commenced training, Philip Cotton, be allowed to delay for one further year before commencing training.
- 2/4/2 The Conference agreed that recommended candidate Peter John Williams may defer for a year entry into training.

2/4/3 The Conference agreed the following changes in expected date of Reception into Full Connexion:

To a later date:

Calvin Cheung	2020 (from 2019)
John Peter Malnutt	2020 (from 2019)
Kenneth Peter Kingston	2020 (from 2019)
Alberta Konadu-Yiadom	2019 (from 2017)
Sydney Samuel Ekundayo Lake	2020 (from 2019)
Sarah Louise Lowe	2018 (from 2017)
Charity Dambudzo Madenyika	2018 (from 2017)
Penelope Jane Thorne	2018 (from 2017)
Benjamin Scrivens	2020 (from 2019)

2/4/4 The Conference received a special report regarding student presbyter Simon Young whose expected date of Reception into Full Connexion is uncertain, and a special report regarding Lyndsey Josephine Phillpot.

2/4/5 The Conference agreed to the reinstatement of the following as an ordained presbyteral probationer under SO 761(12): Cliff Shanganya [*corrected after Conference*]

2/4/6 The Conference adopted Resolution 51/1,

p 504, 1.2, *adding* Peter John Williams

2/5 **3. Preachers Recommended for Continuance on Trial**

The Conference adopted Resolution 51/4.

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

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

Robert Andrew Balfour	Ruth Katherine Midcalf
Frances Anne Ballantyne	Miriam Sarah Moul
Iain Mark Ballard	Patricia Mukorombindo
Paul Martyn Benney	Stephanie Njeru
Denise Binks	Sarah Jane Parkin
Gabriele Elisabeth Britton-Voss	Angela Potheary
Rosemary Elizabeth Coles	Joanna Ruth Rand
Timothy Mark Cooke	Tanya Short
Helen Croft	Martin Slocombe
James Ian Eaton-Challinor	Johanna Catherine Smart
Stephen Michael Hawkes	Patrick David Stonehewer
Gina Anne Hoff	Wendy Tucker
Judith Anne Holliman	Benjamin Twumasi
Karen Aileen Victoria Le Mouton	Hilda Margaret Warwick
Donna Alice Leigh	Ruth Wilson
Ruth Lownsborough	John Yarrien
Howard Craig Manley	Kan Wing-Chit Yu
Nicola Martyn-Beck	

- 2/6/2 The Conference, by a Standing Vote, adopted Resolution 51/5,
p 509, for 'Balfour, Robert' reading 'Balfour, Robert Andrew'
for 'Judith Holliman' reading 'Judith Anne Holliman'
and for 'Le Mouton, Karen' reading 'Le Mouton, Karen Aileen Victoria'
- 2/7 **53. PRESBYTERAL TRANSFERS AND REINSTATEMENTS**
- 1. Recommendations of the Ministerial Candidates' Selection Committee acting as Transfer Committee (under S.O.730)**
- 2/7/1 The Conference concurred with the recommendations of Candidates' Appeals Committees hearing appeals by applicants for transfer.
- 2/7/2 The Conference recommended, with the required majority, acceptance by the Representative Session of the following applicants for transfer to be received into Full Connexion in 2017:
- Barry James Allen (The Methodist Church of Southern Africa)
Luiz Fernando Cardoso (The Methodist Church, Brazil)
Lynita Conradie (The Methodist Church of Southern Africa)
Gyula Ferenc Fiák (Church of the Nazarene)
Alan Geoffrey Palmer (Evangelical Fellowship of Congregational Churches)
Marian Alexandra Taylor (The Church of England)
Nana Banyin Thomford (Anglican Orthodox Church)
Jongikaya Zihle (The Methodist Church of Southern Africa)
- 2/7/3 The Conference recommended, with the required majority, acceptance by the Representative Session of the following applicant for transfer to be received onto probation, having completed initial ministerial training in Canada:
- Shalome MacNeill Cooper (United Church of Canada)
- 2/7/4 The Conference recommended, with the required majority, acceptance by the Representative Session of the following ordained applicant for transfer to be received into initial training and probation:
- Sang Wook Han (Jesus Korea Sungkyul Church)
- 2/7/5 The Conference accepted the recommendation of the Ministerial Candidates' Selection Committee that the following be recognised and regarded as presbyters in Full Connexion with the Conference under Standing Order 732(2) and (3):
- Mucharutya Chisvo (The Methodist Church in Zimbabwe)
Zdzislaw Grzegorz Hendzel (The Methodist Church of Southern Africa)
Krystyna Halina Kwarciak (Silesian Evangelical Church of the Augsburg Confession)
Gary John Molver (The Methodist Church of Southern Africa)
Rachel Muthoni (The Methodist Church in Kenya)
Panzu Ruffin Binda (The Methodist Church of Southern Africa)
Teddy Chaila Siwila (The United Church of Zambia)
- 2/7/6 The Conference accepted the transfer of the following presbyter from the Methodist Church in Ireland:
- Derek Gordon Poole [as corrected by 5/17/1]

- 2/7/7 **3. Recommendations for Reinstatements**
 The Conference concurred with the recommendations of Reinstatement Committees.
- 2/7/8 The Conference adopted as Resolution 53/3:
 The Conference resolves that Stephen Jay is fit to be reinstated as a local preacher and pursuant to SO 761(14) directs the High Peak Circuit Meeting to reinstate him.
- 2/7/9 The Conference recommended to the Representative Session that David Arthur Harrison be reinstated to Full Connexion.
- 2/7/10 The Conference adopted Resolution 53/1,
 p 516, *for the first occurrence of 'No case' reading 'Two cases'*
 pp 516-7, *moving 'Lynita Conradie (the Methodist Church of Southern Africa)' from the list on p 517 of applicants for transfer not accepted to the list on p 516 of those recommended for acceptance into Full Connexion*
 p 516, *for 'Shalome Cooper' reading 'Shalome MacNeill Cooper'*
 p 517, *for 'Binda Ruffin Panzu' reading 'Panzu Ruffin Binda'*
- 2/7/11 The Conference, by a Standing Vote, adopted Resolution 53/2.
- 2/8 **48. PERMISSIONS TO SERVE**
 The Conference adopted Resolution 48/1,
 5. Permission to reside abroad, in the draft of the stations
 adding Alwin J Samuel (Pakistan)
- 2/9 **RESIGNATIONS**
- 2/9/1 The Conference accepted a report that the President had accepted the resignation of the following presbyters in Full Connexion, according them the status indicated:
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| John A Butterfield | No status |
| Grace Easthope | Member only |
| James E Grebby | No status |
| Lucille Rogers | No status |
| John R Thompson | No status (to be ordained in the Church of England) |
- 2/10 The Conference received a report on behalf of the Convenors of Connexional Discipline, Pastoral and Appeal Committees.
- 2/11 The Conference noted that Paul J Flowers had ceased to be a presbyter in Full Connexion with the Conference and that Lyndsey Josephine Phillpot had ceased to be a student presbyter.
- 2/12 The Conference reassembled in open session at 10.29.

2/13 **OBITUARIES**

2/13/1 The Conference adopted the Obituaries as printed and circulated to the Conference, and the Obituaries below,

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

2/13/2 **1. In Great Britain**

Allan John Bowers: Born on 2 April 1923 in Clapton Hackney London. He was one of four children. As a young boy Sunday School had great appeal, not for the bible stories but because the teacher read from Just William. Allan found a love of painting and was quite prolific. He nearly went into law but the war changed everything. The family began evacuating to Devon but his mother died. Her death had a profound effect on Allan. Later he was called up to the RAF and trained as a radio operator but his diaries show that he spent most of his time paying others to do his guard duty so he could go to the cinema! Allan transferred to the RAF medical branch in Sidmouth and preached for the first time in Sidmouth Methodist Church. War ended, and his call to the Methodist ministry began. Allan was sent pre-collegiate to the Matlock Circuit. He lived on the Willersley Castle Estate where he met their new secretary, Betty. He trained at Hartley Victoria. He served as a probationer in the Walton-on-Thames Circuit. In 1951 came ordination and training for army chaplaincy. Now married he served in Hong Kong, Korea and Folkestone. He and Betty were blessed with a daughter, Jane. He then served in the following Circuits: Grantham, Sheffield, Bebington, Wolverhampton (Trinity) and Sidmouth and Bridport. In this last Circuit he was instrumental in the building of a new Church in Seaton. He retired in 1987 but preached regularly into his nineties. At the age of 73 he was awarded a Bachelor of Divinity from London University. In retirement Allan painted, wrote books and provided a weekly column for the Sidmouth Herald. He wrote articles for the Methodist Recorder and had a prayer published in The Times Book of Prayer. Betty passed away in 2007. Allan kept busy as before and even started to learn the piano. He will always be remembered as creative, gifted and artistic, perhaps sometimes a little eccentric, but most of all for his strong unshakable faith. He died on 17 April 2017 in the ninety-fifth year of his age and the seventieth year of his ministry.

Peter Munro Dolling: Born in Craven Arms, Shropshire on 20 January 1936 to William and Catherine Dolling, youngest brother to Ronald, John, Alec and Roberta. Peter's father was a Methodist minister and his school years were spent boarding at Ashville College, Harrogate. At 18 Peter began his national service, working with the RAF servicing aircraft communications equipment. It was during this time that Peter felt God's call to go into the ministry. He trained at Handsworth Theological College in Birmingham and Selly Oak Missionary Training College where he met Pauline. Following their engagement they spent the next two years apart. Pauline travelled to India to work in Vellore whilst Peter was stationed as a probationer minister in Upholland, Lancashire. They were married on 4 September 1965. They were to have two sons Robin and Angus; eventually Andrea came into their lives in her mid teens. She became a much loved sister to Rob and Angus. Shortly after their marriage they travelled to India to both serve as missionaries. Peter served with the Church of South India in the Diocese of Tiruchirapalli where he was responsible for 70 churches scattered over a 30 mile radius of Tamil Nadu in South India. They returned to the UK in October 1968. He served in the following Circuits: Bolton, Consett, Saltash, Swansea, Blackburn and Greenock. Throughout his ministry Peter

had a great love for Israel which they visited every two or three years from 1986 to 2015. In 1997 Peter and Pauline retired to Penclawdd on the Gower peninsular where they spent 20 happy years together. As a supernumerary minister Peter played a full and active part in the life of Reynoldston Methodist Church and was well known in the Swansea and Gower Circuit for his pastoral and preaching ministry. He died on 19 May 2017 in the eighty-second year of his age and the fifty-fifth year of his ministry.

Anthony George Kinch: Born in Stokenchurch, Bucks on 25 March 1940, Tony attended the local primary school, and Wycombe Technical College, learning a multitude of practical skills. A qualified football referee, he was chairman of Stokenchurch Football Club and a member of West Wycombe Brass Band. As a local preacher he took on many lay roles in the circuit – thereby gaining wider experience. After training at Newland Park College he taught at Princes Risborough. Then came his call to ministry and training at Richmond College. He served in the following Circuits: Netherton, Telford (South) and Wolverhampton (Darlington Street). In 1966 he married Christine (Tina) and they had two children. In their first Circuit they lived on the tenth floor of a block of council flats. Arriving in Telford in 1970 the New Town was still very much a work in progress. Tony was chairman of Madeley Old People’s Welfare Committee, where each Christmas day he personally delivered meals on wheels. He joined another band, Jackfield Brass Band. At Darlington Street Methodist Church Tony was frequently to be found in his blue boiler suit mending something. He was a popular preacher, using no notes and leading the singing with his powerful tenor voice. Tony became chairman of advocacy at NCH, chairman of Age UK Wolverhampton, an industrial chaplain, Mayoral chaplain four times, a member of the Churches Advertising Network and a campaigner for fully integrated public transport. At Darlington Street he supported the work of Interfaith and Fairtrade, and was chairman of the Good Shepherd Ministry. Cancer lost him his left eye, his nose and his upper lip in 2015, but he continued working part time at Stratton Street Methodist Church. Despite radiotherapy, the cancer advanced to his brain. After his death he was afforded a Civic Funeral attended by the Mayor and Mayoress of Wolverhampton. At the service one of the speakers, Rob Marris MP, described Tony as “a huge personality, whose campaign for social justice shone brightly to the end.” He leaves a wife, two children and four grandchildren. He died on 19 February 2017 in the seventy-seventh year of his age and the fifty-first year of his ministry.

David Michael Mason: Born on 22 May 1926. David was inspired by Donald Soper to become a pacifist, and as a conscientious objector, worked at University College Hospital. He entered the ministry in 1950 training at Richmond College. He served in the following Circuits: London Mission (East Ham), London (Finsbury Park and Southgate), Stoke-on-Trent (Longton Mission), London Mission (West London), London Mission (Notting Hill), London Mission (Hammersmith and Fulham), London Mission (East), Medway Towns and London Mission (West London). In 1956, he continued his theological study at Boston University, marrying his first wife, Ann in 1957. They had three children, Stephen, Deborah and Sarah. In Notting Hill he worked in a team ministry following the race riots in 1958. David was instrumental in setting up the Notting Hill Social Council, Notting Hill Housing Trust and the Race Relations Council. He was awarded an OBE for his race relations work. While in Notting Hill, he expressed a fear that he was an impostor and unsure of his calling. He was reassured by Geoffrey Ainger’s comment that “an impostor’s road does not lead from the breezy campaignings of Marble Arch to the serious participation in an attempt to seek the renewal of the church in an area of radical failure.” Whilst continuing in circuit ministries David was Director of Hammersmith CDP, and Deputy Director Voluntary Action. He was a committed member of the Labour Party, a local councillor in the 1970s and stood for parliament several times, without

success. He served on two occasions as a prison chaplain. He met his second wife, Angela, while Chairman of the Electoral Reform Society in the 1980s and they were married in 1985. In 1986, David left Medway Towns becoming Volunteer Co-ordinator, at the London Hospital. David was a gifted and passionate orator, and while some struggled with it, young and old alike found that he challenged their faith and their politics. He read avidly and always had four books – a thriller, novel, poetry and theology - on the go. He died on 18 May 2017 in the ninety-first year of his age and the sixty-seventh year of his ministry.

James Edwin Stringfellow: Born in Bolsover, Derbyshire on 10 February 1927. The hard times of “the Depression” were the backdrop to childhood. The eldest of three children of Methodist parents possessed of a proud faith. A scholarship to Chesterfield Grammar School led him into a wider world, but not before he was called up as a “Bevin Boy” in the same pit as his father and uncles. He knew his call to the ministry at nine years and decided to follow Christ at fifteen and was a preacher at sixteen. He spent a pre-collegiate year at Chatham Central Hall and trained at Richmond College. He served in the following Circuits: Richmond, Berwick-on-Tweed, Adadia Eastern Nigeria, Derby (East), Harrogate, Doncaster, London (Hammersmith and Fulham) and Blaydon. While in London, he served part time as Secretary for Further Training. A nine year courtship with his childhood sweetheart Brenda led to marriage, and nine fruitful years in Nigeria, the joy of four daughters being born and the sadness of a son who did not make it. He was a one off, an original, an enigma, a reformer, and a mystic. He found his niche in developing further training courses and sabbaticals and was responsible for a range of new initiatives including a non-residential MA course and a farm project for budding artists. Jim's gentle and perceptive approach was compelling and the seemingly impossible could be attempted. His style was reflective and his metier was a genuine meeting at depth. In his last circuit his beloved Brenda died. On the eve of retirement he was knocked down and badly injured; a long recovery ensued. He made contact with Jill Bowden, a past colleague, and they married in 1995. In 1996 they responded to an appeal for two ministers to help in Nevis and in Montserrat and also the Leeward Islands, devastated by volcanoes. Jim led bible studies in shelters, preached and travelled the island tracing the displaced and letting folk know they were not forgotten. He died on 26 April 2017 in the ninety-first year of his age and the sixty-sixth year of his ministry.

2/14 Dr Alan Piggot and the Revd Dr Jennifer A Hurd led a pastoral conversation about Agenda Item **42. Statistics for Mission.**

2/15 The Conference adjourned at 11.01.

2/16 The Conference reassembled at 11.30.

2/17 The Bishop of Oxford The Rt Revd Dr Steven J L Croft resourced a session on the theme ***The Burning Bush: Leadership as Gift and Call (Exodus 3 and 4).***

2/18 The Conference adjourned at 12.54.

2/19 The Conference reassembled at 14.15.

2/20 **MEMORIAL SERVICE**

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

1. In Great Britain

Donald George Allan	David Mann*
John Douglas Ashplant	Vernon Marsh*
Robert Barker	David Michael Mason
John Beebe	Eric Frederick Maynard
Allan John Bowers	Kathryn Alison McDonald
John Bromley	James Alexander McWade
Andrew Richard Brooks	John Russell Moston
Keith Bulcock	Brian John Mifflin [<i>as corrected by 7.2</i>]
Donald Alfred Bullen [<i>as corrected by 7.2</i>]	Robinson Allensworth Milwood**
Michael David Burch**	John Anthony Newton
Stuart Cato	Alan Lloyd Ogier
John Brian Chantler	William Roger Peaden
Thomas Brian Coleman	Elizabeth Jean Pennington
Thomas Henry Davies	David John Read
Robert Delap**	William David Robinson
Joseph William Dickinson*	Stuart Walton Roebuck
Peter Munro Dolling	Trevor Frank Rolls
Rachel Mae Downs-Lewis	Peter William Russell
James William Errington**	Clive Scott**
John Fielding	Donald Shaw*
Ian Peter Fletcher	Cecil Havelock Smith*
Muriel Frampton*	David Walter Smith
Anthony Harry Gledhill	Kenneth Charles George Smith
Jacqueline Elizabeth Louise Hale	Kenneth John Start
Albert William Harbey	Roy Arthur Stent
Christopher John Hardy	James Edwin Stringfellow
Richard Andrew Harrison	Alan Stubbs
Patrick Harrower*	Richard Patrick Montague Spurrier
Michael Arthur Hayman	Leonard Ernest Sutch
Robert Orpe Higginson	Peter Wilkinson Sutcliffe
Raymond Hughes	Denys Owen Terry
Terence Isherwood	David John Thomson
Stanley Johnson	Robert Gilhespie Wakefield
Brian Stanley Jones	Geoffrey Charles Walton-Pratt
Raymond Bernard Jowett	Bernard James Ward*
Anthony George Kinch	David Watts
Fred King	Joseph Henry White
John Brian Kirkby	Roy Maclaren Widdows
John Ronald Lakin Smith	Peter Eric Wilmhurst
Gordon Herbert Lister	Kenneth Brian Wilson
Roger Eric Lowe	Kenyon Edward Wright
Andrew Macnab	Hazel Hang Fai Yu

2. In Ireland – none

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

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

2/21 The Conference adjourned at 14.46.

- 2/22 The Conference reassembled at 15.15.
- 2/23 The Revd Drs Jonathan R Hustler and Jane Leach facilitated a discussion about Agenda Item **19. Supervision Policy**.
- 2/24 The Conference adjourned at 16.27.
- 2/25 The Conference reassembled at 17.00.
- 2/26 **PASTORAL ADDRESS**
The President of the Conference addressed the Conference, with a contribution from the Vice President.
- 2/27 **58. PRESBYTERS BECOMING SUPERNUMERARY OR RETURNING TO THE ACTIVE WORK**
- 2/27/1 The Conference adopted Resolution 58/1,

p 540,
in **1. Recommended to return to the active work**
adding Stephen Watts

in **3. Presbyters requesting permission to become supernumerary**
deleting John D Anderson (12)
adding J Roy Boffey (23)
for Alan R Boyd *reading* *Alan R Boyd
adding Andrew J Hill (36)
for Stuart B Jennings *reading* *Stuart B Jennings
adding Peter A Smith (27)
- 2/27/2 The Conference adopted Resolution 58/2, noting the corrections under **3.** above.
- 2/28 **PRESBYTERAL SESSION BUSINESS COMMITTEE**
The Conference elected The Revd Dr Sheryl M Anderson to serve on the Presbyteral Session Business Committee for the Conferences of 2018-2020.
- 2/29 **THANKS TO THE PRESIDENT**
The Revd Steven J Wild expressed the thanks of the Conference to the President of the Conference.
- 2/30 **ANNUAL INQUIRY**
The Chairs of the Districts gave to the Conference the assurances as to the character and discipline of the presbyters and presbyteral probationers required by Standing Order 154.
- 2/31 The Conference shared in worship.
- 2/32 The Conference resolved by a Standing Vote to adjourn to 14.15 on Saturday 24 June for the Representative Session.
- 2/33 The Conference adjourned at 18.32.

3/1 The Conference in its Representative Session assembled in Birmingham at 14.15, The Revd Dr Roger L Walton, the President of the Conference, in the Chair.

3/2 **PRAYERS**

The President of the Methodist Church in Ireland, The Revd Dr Laurence Graham, led opening prayers.

3/3 **WELCOME TO THE CONFERENCE**

The Secretary welcomed the Conference.

3/4 **MEMBERSHIP OF THE CONFERENCE**

3/4/1 The Conference adopted the membership of this session of the Conference as set out in the Agenda (pp 588-594), as amended by Daily Record 1/5 and the following substitutions and corrections:

Representatives of Connexional and Other Bodies

The Revd Ronald Bobb-Williams *vice* Mr Bernard Clement Botwe

London District

Ms Marcia Tull *vice* Ms Nancy Aduse

3/5 **APPOINTMENT OF SCRUTINEERS**

The Conference appointed the Scrutineers as follows:

The Revd Ann M Anderson

The Revd Richard J Byass

The Revd Anne Ellis

Mrs Anne Haggerty

Mrs Jennie Harris

The Revd Philip J Jackson

The Revd Susan Levitt

Mrs Anna Malnutt

The Revd Thomas J Osborne

Mrs Maryl Rees

The Revd Billy Slatter

Dr Margaret Williams

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

3/6/1 The Revd Loraine Nancy Mellor, having been nominated according to rule at the preceding Conference, was duly elected by a Standing Vote as President of the Conference (Resolution 1/1).

3/6/2 Mrs Elisabeth Jill Baker, having been nominated according to rule at the preceding Conference, was duly elected by a Standing Vote as Vice-President of the Conference (Resolution 1/2).

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

3/7 **THE LOYAL ADDRESS**

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

3/8 WORLD CHURCH AND ECUMENICAL REPRESENTATIVES AND GUESTS

3/8/1 The Conference welcomed full members and Associate members of the Conference from The Methodist Church in Ireland, The United Methodist Church, Igreja Evangelica Metodista Portuguesa, L'Opera per le Chiese Evangeliche Metodiste in Italia, The United Methodist Church Central and Southern Europe Conference, The United Methodist Church German Central Conference, The United Methodist Church Northern Europe and Eurasia Conferences, The Methodist Church in Zimbabwe, The Methodist Church Sierra Leone, The Free Methodist Church Rwanda, The United Church of Zambia, Iglesia Metodista del Peru, Iglesia Metodista del Uruguay, The Methodist Church of the Caribbean and Americas, Iglesia Metodista en Cuba, Iglesia Metodista de Mexico, The Methodist Church Sri Lanka, The United Church in Papua New Guinea, The Free Wesleyan Church of Tonga, The Korean Methodist Church and from among our Mission Partners.

3/8/2 Miss Margarita Aboy Lozada of Iglesia Metodista en Cuba responded on behalf of the World Church representatives.

3/8/3 The Conference welcomed the ecumenical Associate members of the Conference from The Church of England, The United Reformed Church, The Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales, The Church of the Nazarene, The Council of Lutheran Churches and The Mowarian Church.

3/8/4 The Conference welcomed world faith and ecumenical guests representing The Hindu Council of Birmingham, The Heart of England Baptist Association, The Churches of Christ in Great Britain and Ireland, The Church of England, The Central England Quakers, The Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Birmingham, The West Midlands Synod of the United Reformed Church and Birmingham Churches Together.

3/8/5 The Rt Revd Dr Michael Ipgrave, the Bishop of Lichfield, responded on behalf of the ecumenical guests.

3/9 PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

The President of the Conference delivered her inaugural address.

3/10 The Conference adjourned at 16.05.

3/11 The Conference reassembled at 17.00.

3/12 THE VICE-PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

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

3/13 2. FIRST REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE BUSINESS COMMITTEE

The Conference adopted Resolution 2/1.

3/14 SECOND REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE BUSINESS COMMITTEE

3/14/1 The Business Committee brings this update to its Report printed in volume 1 of the Agenda (item 2, page 21).

1. As set out in paragraph 7 of that report (page 25), the Conference is required to elect four members of the Business Committee, two lay persons and two ministers, to serve on the Committee for three years (the Conferences of 2018, 2019 and 2020). Nomination forms are available

from the Helpdesk and should be placed in the ballot boxes by 14:00 on Tuesday 27 June, with voting taking place on Wednesday 28 June.

2. Nomination forms for Conference-elected representatives are available from the Helpdesk. This year, of the three Conference-elected representatives to serve from 2018-2020, two will be presbyteral and one will be lay, thus fulfilling SO 103(2A). Nominations must be submitted by 14:00 on Tuesday 27 June, with voting taking place on Wednesday 28 June.
3. The schedule of business has been available on the Conference website and regularly updated. It now shows the current situation. Any Conference member wishing to have a hard copy can obtain one from the Helpdesk.
4. The Conference is advised that, in the event of a counted vote on Saturday, the count will be conducted by the scrutineers who are presbyters and the Chair of the Conference Business Committee. Normal scrutineering arrangements will begin on Monday morning.
5. With reference to paragraph 5.6 of its report (page 23), the Business Committee updates the Conference as follows. The budget will be formally presented on Saturday evening when there will be time for some questions. If members of the Conference have questions arising from this, they are encouraged to discuss these with the Treasurers over the weekend. Notices of Motion relating to the budget will be considered on Tuesday morning, and further questions will be permitted on Thursday morning prior to the vote on resolution 24/1.
6. With reference to paragraph 9 of its report (page 26), the Business Committee advises the Conference that, in addition to those letters described in (a), letters will also be sent to those celebrating the twenty-fifth anniversary of their ordination.
7. Nominees for President and Vice-President of the Conference for 2018 and as Conference-elected representatives 2018-2020 are kindly asked to have their photographs taken, for use in the visual projection during breaks. Would they please see June Howard-Norman in the Dorset Room as soon as possible and no later than the respective closing times for nominations given in the Agenda page 25. In the event that nominees are not present at the Conference, it would be most helpful if those making the nominations could arrange for nominees' photos to be sent electronically to asc@methodistchurch.org.uk.
8. There are two ballot boxes on each side of the hall. These can all be used at any time on Saturday until 19:00 and from Monday morning onwards for all nomination papers and for all completed ballot papers, strictly observing the deadlines given on page 25 of the Agenda. Please do not place your envelope with your completed Trustee Declaration Form and Register of Interest form in these boxes; they should be deposited in the box by the Helpdesk.

9. As indicated in the letter which accompanied volume 2 of the Agenda, all Memorials will either be taken with existing business to which they relate or placed in *en bloc* as shown in the table below. *[list not included in the Record]*.

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

The Conference receives the Report.

3/15 **23. CONNEXIONAL CENTRAL SERVICES BUDGET for three years commencing with 2017-18**

The Conference received a presentation on the budget.

3/16 The Conference adjourned at 18.12.

<p>The Methodist Conference 2017</p>

DAILY RECORD No 4
REPRESENTATIVE SESSION
Sunday, 25 June 2017

4/1 The Conference assembled at 10.45.

4/2 The Conference shared in worship, during which the President preached, and the following business was transacted.

4/3 **RECEPTION INTO FULL CONNEXION AS PRESBYTERS**

The following persons were presented for admission into Full Connexion, the Presbyteral Session having judged that they were fit for such admission and, if appropriate, for ordination:

4/3/1 The preachers on trial:

Robert Andrew Balfour
Frances Anne Ballantyne
Iain Mark Ballard
Paul Martyn Benney
Denise Binks
Gabriele Elisabeth Britton-Voss
Rosemary Elizabeth Coles
Timothy Mark Cooke
Helen Croft
James Ian Eaton-Challinor
Stephen Michael Hawkes
Gina Anne Hoff
Judith Anne Holliman
Karen Aileen Victoria Le Mouton
Donna Alice Leigh
Ruth Lownsborough
Howard Craig Manley
Nicola Martyn-Beck

Ruth Katherine Midcalf
Miriam Sarah Moul
Patricia Mukorombindo
Stephanie Njeru
Sarah Jane Parkin
Angela Pothecar
Joanna Ruth Rand
Tanya Short
Martin Slocombe
Johanna Catherine Smart
Patrick David Stonehewer
Wendy Tucker
Benjamin Twumasi
Hilda Margaret Warwick
Ruth Wilson
John Yarrien
Kan Wing-Chit Yu

4/3/2 The following people to be received by transfer:

Barry James Allen
Luiz Fernando Cardoso
Lynita Conradie
Gyula Ferenc Fiák
Alan Geoffrey Palmer

Derek Gordon Poole
Marian Alexandra Taylor
Nana Banyin Thomford
Jongikaya Zihle

4/3/3 One person to be received by reinstatement:

David Arthur Harrison

4/3/4 The Conference resolved by a Standing Vote that those persons whose names had been read to the Conference and are printed in the Agenda and Daily Record be now received into Full Connexion with the Conference as presbyters, and that those not already ordained be ordained by prayer and the laying on of hands on the afternoon of this day, the twenty-fifth day of June 2017, at:

Coventry Cathedral
Coventry Central Hall
Queens Road Baptist Church
Shirley Methodist Church
Solihull Methodist Church
St Martin in the Bull Ring
The Church at Carrs Lane

(Resolution 51/6)

4/4 **RECEPTION INTO FULL CONNEXION AS DEACONS**

4/4/1 The following persons were presented for admission into Full Connexion and as full members of the Methodist Diaconal Order, the Conference Diaconal Committee having judged that they were fit for such admission and, if appropriate, for ordination:

Laura Evans
Alison McMillan
Gail Morgan
Selina Jane Nisbett
Marlene Alison Skuce

4/4/2 The Conference resolved by a Standing Vote that those persons whose names had been read to the Conference and are printed in the Agenda be now received into Full Connexion with the Conference as deacons, and, if not already ordained, be ordained by prayer and the laying on of hands and be received into full membership of the Methodist Diaconal Order on the afternoon of this day, the twenty-fifth day of June 2017, at Darlington Street Methodist Church, Wolverhampton.

(Resolution 52/4)

4/5 The Conference adjourned at 12.12.

- 5/1 The Conference assembled at 9.15 and shared in worship.
- 5/2 **APPOINTMENT OF ATTESTORS**
- 5/2/1 Deacon Jonathan Miller and Ms Alison Stacey-Chapman were appointed to attest the Daily Record and related documents.
- 5/2/2 Mr Michael Anderson and The Revd Beverly Hollings were appointed to attest the Journal and related documents.
- 5/3 **21. APPOINTMENT OF THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE CONFERENCE**
The Conference adopted Resolution 21/1.
- 5/4 **26. UNIFIED STATEMENT OF CONNEXIONAL FINANCES**
The Conference adopted Resolution 26/1.
- 5/5 **3. METHODIST COUNCIL, part 1**
- 5/5/1 The Conference adopted Resolutions 3/1, 3/2, 3/3, 3/4, 3/5, 3/6, 3/7, 3/8, 3/9, 3/10, 3/11 and 3/12.
- 5/5/2 The Conference adopted Resolution 3/13 in the following form:

The Conference amends Standing Order 102(i)(g) as follows:
Six persons representing the concerns of ~~racial justice~~ **equality, diversity and inclusion, at least two of whom shall represent the concerns of racial justice and at least two of whom shall be under the age of 26 at the date fixed for the commencement of the Conference.**
- 5/5/3 The Conference adopted Resolutions 3/14 and 3/15,

p 45, para 11, line 2 for *'Helper Helper'* reading *'Helper'*
- 5/5/4 **60. Memorials M12-M16**
The Conference received Memorials M12, M13, M14, M15 and M16 and adopted as its replies those recommended by the Memorials Committee.
- 5/6 The Conference adjourned at 10.57.
- 5/7 The Conference reassembled at 11.30.
- 5/8 **37. THE GIFT OF CONNEXIONALISM IN THE 21st CENTURY**
The Conference adopted Resolution 37/1.
- 5/9 **36. THE FAITH AND ORDER COMMITTEE**
The Conference adopted Resolution 36/1.

5/10 **43. SUMMARY OF THE OUTCOMES OF THE REVIEW OF TRAINING**

5/10/1 The Conference adopted Resolution 43/1.

5/10/2 **Notice of Motion 2017/106**

The Conference notes that because of the sensitive nature of some of the recommendations of the review group the report to the Council in January 2017 was not made public, or shared with Chairs of District in the normal way so they could have conversations with the District members of Council, and was dealt with under confidential business. The April 2017 Council considered a further report which was shared with the Chairs but dealt with under confidential business so did not appear in the public domain. Consequently, the summary report to the Conference does not contain specific recommendations but alludes to issues, responding warmly to some, and expressing concerns in respect to others. The nature and reasons for the Council's direction is not known and cannot be assessed by the Conference because the summary report lacks the necessary detail. Yet the Conference is being asked to agree to direct the Strategy and Resources Committee, in consultation with the Ministries Committee and the Faith and Order Committee, to undertake evaluations of the recommendations in order to make detailed provision for any implementation. The Conference requests a fuller report in response to the six memorials from the Synods of the East Anglia, Manchester & Stockport, Northampton, York & Hull, South East and Cumbria Districts to the 2015 Conference so that the Conference can consider what provisions need to be implemented. The Conference requests that report to be presented to the Conference of 2018.

The Conference adopted the Motion.

5/11 The Conference adjourned at 13.02.

5/12 The Conference reassembled at 14.15.

5/13 A session on the theme ***Day by day...praising God and having the good will of all the people*** was resourced by the President and the Vice-President, including contributions from Mr David Palmer, Chair of the Central Finance Board, Ms Lucy Zwolinksa, JPIT intern, The Revd Novette Headley, Presbyterian in the Northampton District, and Mr Maurice Adams, Chief Executive of All We Can.

5/14 **22. REPORT OF THE PAST CASES IMPLEMENTATION GROUP**

5/14/1 The Conference renumbered the Resolutions appearing on p 205 from 21/1, 21/2 and 21/3 to 22/1, 22/2 and 22/3.

5/14/2 The Conference adopted Resolutions 22/1, 22/2 and 22/3.

5/15 The Conference adjourned at 16.24.

5/16 The Conference reassembled at 16.45.

5/17 **DAILY RECORD**

5/17/1 The Daily Record of the Presbyteral Session on Thursday, 22nd June and Friday, 23rd June was presented, taken as read, and adopted as printed,

at 2/7/6, for 'Derek Gordon Price' reading 'Derek Gordon Poole'

- 5/17/2 The Daily Record for Saturday, 24th June and Sunday, 25th June was presented, taken as read, and adopted.
- 5/17/3 The Written Portion of the Daily Record of the Presbyteral Session was presented in headings only and adopted.
- 5/18 **14. CONNEXIONAL ALLOWANCES COMMITTEE**
- 5/18/1 The Conference adopted Resolutions 14/1 and 14/2.
- 5/18/2 The Conference adopted Resolution 14/3 replacing the recommendation in paragraph 1.19 of the Report with the following:
1. The Computers in Ministry scheme is replaced with an annual Computers in Ministry Allowance. This allowance should be paid with the October stipend each year to those currently covered by the Computers in Ministry scheme. The amount of the allowance should be recommended annually to the Conference by the Connexional Allowances Committee (CAC).
 2. The Computers in Ministry Allowance for 2017/18 should be £156.
 3. Ministers who are stationed as probationers are given an Initial Computers in Ministry grant which is 4 times the Computers for Ministry Allowance in the year they are stationed. This grant is in addition to the annual allowance they would receive in October.
- For 2017/18 these grants should be paid for by the Computers for Ministry Fund and the Conference directs the CAC to work with the Connexional Treasurers to identify the source of the grants beyond 2018.
- 5/18/3 The Conference adopted Resolution 14/4.
- 5/19 **49. COMMITTEE ON METHODIST LAW AND POLITY (2), Section I**
- The Conference adopted Resolutions 49/3 and 49/4.
- 5/20 **9. LAW AND POLITY COMMITTEE (1), Section C**
- 5/20/1 The Conference adopted Resolution 9/4.
- 5/20/2 The Conference adopted Resolution 9/5 by the required majority. *[for resolution regarding consultation, see 8/40/7]*
- 5/20/3 The Conference adopted Resolutions 9/6 and 9/7.
- 5/21 **Notice of Motion 2017/201: Europe and the UK**
- As the negotiations for the United Kingdom to leave the European Union get underway, the Conference notes the anxiety of many EU27 citizens living within the UK as well as UK citizens in EU27 countries for their futures. The Conference also notes with concern the way in which the EU referendum and its aftermath have exposed significant divisions both within the UK, and between the UK and the rest of Europe *[as corrected by 6/17]*.
- Without expressing a view on the merits or otherwise of the detailed political and economic relationships that might emerge from the current negotiations, the Conference therefore:

1. Expresses its desire for the closest links that are practical and feasible between the UK and its European neighbours.
2. Extends its greetings to its partner Churches within other European countries and to the European Methodist Council.
3. Encourages Methodists and others to make representations to their MPs and MEPs asking the UK Government and EU to finalise as a matter of urgency, the future rights of EU27 citizens and UK citizens who similarly live in countries of the EU27.
4. Prays that as the debates about the future of the UK and EU continue, they take place in spirit of mutual respect with the aim of seeking the best possible outcome for all.

The Conference adopted the Motion.

5/22 **49. COMMITTEE ON METHODIST LAW AND POLITY (2), Section H**

The Conference adopted Resolutions 49/1 and 49/2.

5/23 **LETTERS**

5/23/1 Letters of thanks were written in the name of the Conference to those responsible for the Conference and Ordination Services, those who took part in them and to the eight Ordination venues.

5/23/2 Letters were written in the name of the Conference to the following presbyters on the occasion of the 25th anniversary of their ordinations:

Vivienne R D Atter	H Elaine Joseph
Ann B Baldock	David M King
Linda Bandelier	Henry F Le Ruez
Margaret E Banks	K Andrew Lindley
David J Barrett	Margaret E Lockwood
Paul A Beetham	Michael J A Long
John C Best	Graham J Miles
Julien E Blakemore	Graham R Morgan
John H Bower	Anthony J D Morling
Christopher P Briggs	C David J Moss
Anne E Brown	Iris P Musgrove
David R Bull	Clifford Newman
John M Butt	Stephen G Normanton
Jonathan R Chesworth	Hayford Ofori-Attah
Muriel A Clarke	Michael Payne
Ian L Coverdale	Philip N Peacock
Elizabeth M Cresswell	Julia M Pellett
Stephen Cullis	Barbara S Pettitt
Peter S Dewdney	Alec J H Potter
Alison M Geary	Rita Robinson
Graham S Gee	Timothy J Ross
Richard B Gillion	Stephen M Skinner
Margaret A Goodall	Peter A Smith
Diane M Hare	Roger M Smith
Sandra Heap	Philip J Thomas
Anthony M Hick	Margaret G Trapp
Jonathan R Hustler	Denis L Vernon

Carol A Vessey
Margaret Wallwork
E Adam Wells
Neil J Whitehouse
David A Wilkinson

Elizabeth R Wills
Paul H Wilson
John W H Wiltshire
David J E Woodward
Beryl Wright

5/23/3 Letters were written in the name of the Conference to the following presbyters on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of their ordinations:

John D Bland
D Gerald Bostock
Keith J Burton
Glyn G Collins
Nigel T Collinson
Keith M Cribbin
B Anthony Dent
Anton H Dowell
Ronald J Dyer
Brian D Earley
R Dilwyn Edwards
Richard Firth
Alan Gawthrop
John R Girling
Ian Golding
Robert W Gollins
Derek Hancock
Murray J Hasler
Keith F Jarvis

Colin M Membery
Roger J Parsons
Norman H Peck
Colin R Philips
Brian G Powley
Paul E Regan
Leslie E P Richards
William K Riley
John M Simmonds
Brian W G Skutt
John W Smith
Ivor K Sperring
Kenneth E Street
Tom Summersby
Geoffrey Wainwright
Edward Watson
David J Wheeler
Ian T White

5/23/4 Letters were written in the name of the Conference to the following presbyters on the occasion of the 60th anniversary of their ordinations *[as corrected by 6/17]*:

Norman Berryman
W Graeme Butler
David A Clarkson
Colin C Colclough
Kenneth Cupit
R Ward Davies
William R Davies
F Bernard Dodd
Jack Dowson
Roy S Everitt
Geoffrey N K Gee

J Neil Graham
John Harris
Frederick G J Manuell
Francis V May
Gordon F Smith
Alan M Thompson
Raymond W Thompson
E Raymond Watker
Brian H F Webb
Gordon W Wood
J Brian Wright

5/23/5 A letter of concern, greeting and thanks was sent in the name of the Conference to The Revd Dr Michael J A Long and Notting Hill Methodist Church to honour their response to the recent fire at Grenfell Tower.

5/23/6 A letter of greeting was sent in the name of the Conference to the Muslim Council of Great Britain at this time of Eid.

5/23/7 Letters of greeting were sent in the name of the Conference to the Methodist Church in the Caribbean and the Americas on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of its autonomy, and to the Methodist Church in Zimbabwe upon the 40th anniversary of its autonomy.

- 5/23/8 A letter of greeting and sympathy was sent in the name of the Conference to Mr Alfredo Alcarraz of the Iglesia Metodista del Uruguay on the death of Bishop Oscar Bolioli.
- 5/23/9 Letters of congratulation were sent in the name of the Conference to Professor Peter D Howdle on his being awarded the Lambeth Cross by the Archbishop of Canterbury for his services to ecumenism and to The Revd R Graham and Mrs Rosamund Carter on their Golden Wedding Anniversary and to Mr John and Mrs Mary Hicks on their Diamond Wedding Anniversary *[as corrected by 6/17]*.
- 5/23/10 A letter of sympathy was sent in the name of the Conference to Mr David S Walton and his family on the death of his father.
- 5/23/11 A letter of greeting and concern was sent in the name of the Conference to The Revd Dr Neil G Richardson.
- 5/23/12 A letter of thanks was sent in the name of the Conference to Ms Andrea Harding-Smith *[as corrected by 6/17]*, the calligrapher responsible for entering names in the Local Preachers' Book of Remembrance. *[as corrected by 8/42/1]*
- 5/24 The Conference shared in worship and adjourned at 18.14.

6/1 The Conference assembled at 9.15 and shared in worship.

6/2 **Notice of Motion 2017/202: Applications for grants from the National Lottery**

Currently, local church applications for grants from the National Lottery can be made without notification to or approval from either Circuit or District. This can expose churches to unforeseen risks and challenges.

The Conference directs that appropriate steps are taken to ensure that approval from the Circuit Meeting be required for any application to the National Lottery over £10,000 and, additionally, approval from the District Policy Committee be required for any application over £50,000.

The Conference further directs the Council to ensure that guidance is produced regarding the implications of successful bids on, for example, financial management, employer responsibilities and use of buildings in the context of the obligations of Managing Trustees.

Reasoned statement

Recent and ongoing experience relating to large grants obtained from the National Lottery has identified some concerns relating to such grants which we believe necessitate additional guidance from the Conference Office. Risks identified include: Lack of understanding of possibly conflicting National Lottery and Methodist Church regulations and systems; and the use of advisors, for whom the lottery provides funds, who understand the National Lottery but not the Church.

Local churches often have less experience than Circuit or District in assessing the expertise required to implement and manage large schemes, to assess long-term financial viability, or to employ more than one member of staff. That scenario poses a risk to Church property and to church office holders. The Lottery's view is that failure to fulfil their terms simply means they will find another partner to do the work. If this work involves Methodist Trust property such a change of partner might not be allowed under our standing orders, and may cause loss to the church which would be a concern to the Charity Commission.

There is a marked lack of awareness about trusteeship and what it involves which puts at risk both trust property and people's personal circumstances. The use of Charitable Incorporated Organisations to address trustee liability needs clear guidance as CIOs related to a church cannot have a majority of trustees from the church. To demonstrate clear independence a majority of trustees must be non-church trustees. That creates a problem with managing church property if the church trustees can be outvoted and by implication the church's Standing Orders overridden.

The Conference adopted the Motion.

6/3 **60. Memorials M21 (Peace in Israel/Palestine) and M22, M23 and M37 (Centenary of the Balfour Declaration)**

6/3/1 The Conference received Memorials M21, M22 and M23 and adopted as its replies those recommended by the Memorials Committee.

6/3/2 **Additional Memorial M37 Centenary of the Balfour Declaration** *[full text added after Conference]*

The Wolverhampton and Shrewsbury District Synod, Representative Session (Present: 136; Voting: 102 for, 1 against) notes that on 2 November 2017 it will be 100 years since the Balfour Declaration was signed by the then British Foreign Secretary, Sir Arthur Balfour.

The Declaration stated:

His Majesty's government view with favour the establishment in Palestine of a national home for the Jewish people, and will use their best endeavours to facilitate the achievement of this object, it being clearly understood that nothing shall be done which may prejudice the civil and religious rights of existing non-Jewish communities in Palestine, or the rights and political status enjoyed by Jews in any other country.

Whilst the Declaration led to the creation of the State of Israel, and we recognise the existence of the state of Israel within its pre-1967 borders, we should also recognise the very damaging consequences for the Palestinian people when their "civil and religious rights" have not been protected, which is manifested by the removal of a substantial part of the Palestinian population from their homeland as refugees, as well as the current 50-year Israeli occupation of Palestinian lands. Today, the Palestinian nation is divided into around 6 million people in refugee camps, around 3 million living under Israeli occupation in the West Bank, up to 2 million living under siege in Gaza and around 1.8 million as citizens of Israel.

Given the deep historical significance of the Balfour Declaration in the context of Palestine/Israel, the Synod therefore asks the Conference:

- (a) to recognise that British Governments have failed to fulfil the second part of the Balfour Declaration, namely "it being clearly understood that nothing shall be done which may prejudice the civil and religious rights of existing non-Jewish communities in Palestine";
- (b) to urge the British Government to make an official acknowledgement of the damaging consequences of failing to uphold the promises made to non-Jewish communities in the Balfour Declaration;
- (c) to issue a similar statement of regret to the Middle East Council of Churches;
- (d) to encourage the Methodist people to learn more about the situation and expectations of Palestinian Christians, including those which are outlined in their Kairos Document of 2009, and to take prayerful action towards justice and peace for both Palestinians and Israelis.

The Conference adopted the same reply as to M22.

6/4 **Notice of Motion 2017/203: Letter from National Coalition of Christian Organisations in Palestine**

The Conference notes the existence of an open letter that was received this month by the World Council of Churches from the National Coalition of Christian Organisations in Palestine (NCCOP).

It reflects on what they perceive as “100 years of injustice and oppression inflicted on the Palestinian people” since the Balfour Declaration of 1917.

The Conference notes that the World Council of Churches has “invited its member churches and partners worldwide to read and share the letter as a local voice from today’s Palestine”; the Conference accepts the invitation and suggests that synods, circuits and churches within the Connexion read and share the letter.

The Conference agreed that the vote not be put.

6/5 **27. METHODIST COUNCIL REPORT, part 2**

6/5/1 The Conference adopted Resolutions 27/1, 27/2 and 27/3.

6/5/2 The Conference adopted Resolutions 27/4 and 27/5,

p 265, for the proposed amendment to SO 245, *substituting*:

245 Methodist Relief and Development Fund. The Trustees of the Fund shall be appointed by the Methodist Council, *and shall include at least one member of the council.* ~~The council shall appoint one of its members as a representative responsible for linking between the council and the Fund, who shall attend Board meetings of the Fund.~~ The working relationship between the Fund and the Connexional Team shall be set out in a Memorandum of Understanding.

6/5/3 The Conference adopted Resolution 27/6,

p 273, para 3.1, *amending* the third bullet point to read:

- ensuring that all possible steps are taken so that the leadership, personnel and ways of being and working of the Conference and all connexional committees and oversight bodies reflect the commitment to equality, diversity and inclusion

6/5/4 The Conference adopted Resolutions 27/7 and 27/8.

6/6 The Conference adjourned at 11.01.

6/7 The Conference reassembled at 11.30.

6/8 **29. METHODIST SCHOOLS: THE WESLEY TRUST**

6/8/1 The Conference adopted Resolutions 29/1 and 29/2.

6/8/2 The Conference adopted Resolution 29/3 in the following form:

The Conference adopts the proposal for the Methodist Schools Committee and directs:

- the Council to appoint the members of the Committee;
- the Committee to provide annually a coordinated report to the Conference through the Methodist Council on behalf of all Methodist schools;
- the Law and Polity Committee to consider whether amendments are required to Standing Orders to give better effect to this decision.

6/8/3 The Conference adopted Resolution 29/4,

adding to the names of those being appointing Trustees of the Wesley Trust for one year Ms Heather Wheelhouse.

Reasoned statement

Chartered accountant, former auditor of the Methodist Church, Methodist Independent Schools Trust and several Multi Academy Trusts. School Governor.

6/9 **30. METHODIST INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS TRUST**

6/9/1 The Conference adopted Resolution 30/1 and 30/2.

6/9/2 The Conference adopted Resolution 30/3 in the following form:

The Conference adopts the re-nomination by the Trustees of Ms Margaret Faulkner as Trustee of the Methodist Independent Schools Trust, for a period of three years concluding 31 August 2020.

6/9/3 The Conference adopted Resolutions 30/4, 30/5, 30/6, 30/7 and 30/8.

6/9/4 The Conference adopted as Resolution 30/9:

The Conference appoints the Revd Dr John C A Barrett as Chair of the Methodist Independent Schools Trust from 1 September 2017.

Reasoned statement:

John Barrett has held a number of appointments related to Methodist education, including Chaplain at Westminster College, Oxford, Chaplain at Kingswood School, Bath, Head of Kent College, Pembury and Head of The Leys, Cambridge, followed by a period serving the Methodist Church in Singapore as founding Principal of the Anglo-Chinese International School, Singapore. Dr Barrett chaired the World Methodist Council Education Committee for ten years, and from 2006-11 was Chair of the WMC Executive Committee. He chaired the Education Commission, which reported to the 2012 Conference and for the past six years has been a Governor of Kingswood School, chairing its Education and Pastoral Committee. He has been a MIST Trustee for two years.

6/10 **31. METHODIST INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS TRUST (MIST) – LEGAL STRUCTURE**

6/10/1 The Conference adopted Resolutions 31/1 and 31/2.

6/10/2 The Conference adopted Resolution 31/3 in the following form:

The Conference consents to the proposed amendments to the Articles of Association of the Methodist Independent Schools Trust as detailed in paragraph 6.

6/10/3 The Conference adopted Resolution 31/4.

6/11 **16. ACTION FOR CHILDREN**

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

6/12 **27. METHODIST COUNCIL REPORT, part 2 (continued)**

6/12/1 The Conference adopted Resolutions 27/9,

amending para (b) of the Resolution to read:

(b) therefore directs the Methodist Council to request the Equality Diversity and Inclusion Committee to consult with the Belonging Together Ministers' Group, the Fellowships Sub-Committee of the Ministries Committee and the World Church Relationships office in order to develop and implement measurable and time bound plans that will increase participation and inclusion, and to report to the Conference of 2018 on how the plans are progressing.

6/12/2 **60. Memorials M24 (Racial Diversity in Methodist leadership) and M25 (Programme to Combat Racism)**

The Conference received Memorials M24 and M25 and adopted as its replies those recommended by the Memorials Committee.

6/13 The Conference adjourned at 13.02.

6/14 The Conference reassembled at 14.40 in workshops on the theme **Ministry in an Ecumenical Context**, in which Conference members conferred about a document entitled 'Mission and Ministry in Covenant: Report from The Faith and Order bodies of the Church of England and the Methodist Church'.

6/15 The Conference adjourned at 16.15.

6/16 The Conference reassembled at 16.45.

6/17 **DAILY RECORD**

The Daily Record for Monday, 26 June was presented, taken as read, and adopted as printed,

at 5/21, first para, penultimate line, *deleting* 'to emerge'

at 5/23/4, line 1, *for* 'followers' *reading* 'following'

at 5/23/9, *replacing* the last line *with* 'on their Golden Wedding Anniversary and to Mr John and Mrs Mary Hicks on their Diamond Wedding Anniversary.'

at 5/23/12, line 1, *for* 'Angela' *reading*, 'Andrea'

6/18 **20. 3GENERATE 2016 – METHODIST CHILDREN AND YOUTH ASSEMBLY**

6/18/1 The Conference adopted Resolution 20/1,

p 191, **Appendix 3**, *for* 'Manifesto 11-18s' *reading* 'Manifesto 18-23s'

6/18/2 The Conference adopted Resolutions 20/2 and 20/3.

6/19 **49. COMMITTEE ON METHODIST LAW AND POLITY (2), Section J**

6/19/1 The Conference adopted Resolution 49/5.

6/19/2 The Conference adopted Resolution 49/6,

p 489, SO 1104, *substituting* for the proposed amendment to clause (2):

(2) ~~The Secretary of the Conference shall continue to retain in safe custody all~~ **If any** records and other documents deposited with him or her for that purpose in accordance with **the Secretary under clause (1) above** ~~previous Standing~~

~~Orders relating to complaints and discipline, contain an allegation of a criminal offence, or relate to a safeguarding concern, that record shall be retained for fifty years.~~

inserting a new clause:

(2A) Clauses (1) and (2) above shall be applied as closely as possible to all records deposited with the Secretary under previous Standing Orders relating to complaints and discipline.

in relation to clause (4), *replacing* '[unaltered]' *with:*

(4) Both the complainant and the respondent are entitled upon request to a copy of any record to which clause (1) or (2A) above applies, but must treat any document supplied following such a request as confidential.

p 490 *inserting* at the end of SO 1104:

(12) For the purposes of this Standing Order "record" does not include the Journal as defined in clause 36 of the Deed of Union or any document included within Standing Order 125(2).

6/20 **15. JOINT ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON THE ETHICS OF INVESTMENT (JACEI)**

6/20/1 The Conference adopted Resolution 15/1,

noting, in relation to the **Committee Membership** information on p 135 that the Methodist Council has now appointed The Revd Dr Sheryl M Anderson to the Joint Advisory Committee on the Ethics of Investment with immediate effect (to replace Professor David Clough).

6/20/2 **60. Memorials M32 – M36 (Investment in fossil fuels)**

The Conference received Memorials M32, M33, M34, M35 and M36 and adopted as its replies those recommended by the Memorials Committee, replacing the final three paragraphs with the following text:

However, the Conference does not at this time accept the specific request in the memorial as it could be argued that there is further work to do on the ethical and investment questions related to fossil fuels before final decisions can be taken on disinvestment.

Therefore, the Conference asks the Methodist Council to request JACEI to:

- a) examine the pace of change in the extractive industries sector;
- b) in the light of the increasing urgency for more global action, continue actively to consider disinvestment criteria, timescales, and consultation processes required to disinvest from oil and gas companies that fail to comply with the ethical basis outlined above;
- c) report to the Conference in 2018, with the expectation that if any such company in which the Church invests has not aligned their business investment plans with the Paris Agreement target of a global temperature rise well below 2 degrees, there would be a recommendation that the Church disinvest from such a company by the 2020 Conference.

6/21

Notice of Motion 2017/205: Major Supermarkets and the 'Fairtrade' Mark

The Conference notes that Sainsbury's intends to drop the globally recognised Fairtrade mark from their produce and replace it with the phrase "fairly-traded". Sainsbury's "fairly-traded" products will not need to adhere to standards set and audited by the Fairtrade foundation.

The Conference is deeply concerned that such a course of action could be followed by other major organisations, and could seriously undermine the Fairtrade scheme. This could lead to lower social and labour standards, more hardship in developing countries, and confusion amongst socially aware consumers who wish to purchase authentic fairly traded goods.

The Conference therefore directs the Council to urge the Joint Advisory Committee on the Ethics of Investment and the Central Finance Board

- as part of its engagement with firms to promote genuine and transparent fair trade and Fairtrade Foundation where appropriate.
- to encourage supermarkets to continue to support the Fairtrade Foundation's Fairtrade mark.

The Conference additionally directs the Methodist Council to raise this issue with Sainsbury's senior management.

The Conference therefore encourages individual Methodists, churches, circuits and districts:

- to draw the attention of the public to this move which threatens the future of the Fairtrade accreditation and which will particularly impact upon the social premium currently paid to producer groups.
- to challenge large food and drink companies who are currently rethinking their supply chains, and looking to cut costs by devising their own environmental and labour policies.

The Conference adopted the Motion.

6/22

Notice of Motion 2017/204: Movement Day UK 2017

Movement Day UK, to be held 6/7 October 2017 at Westminster Central Hall, is a historic two-day gathering of church leaders and leaders and practitioners (emerging and established) from many areas of society who share a heart for the transformation of our towns and cities.

The diverse programme includes keynote addresses, seminars and practitioners facilitated sessions covering key areas of life today (from Children and Families to Business and from Local Government to the Media) as well as prayer for Christian Unity in Parliament Square.

Further details of Movement Day UK can be obtained by the Revd Ian Rutherford (City Centre Minister at Methodist Central Hall, Manchester) and on the Movement Day website www.movementday.uk

The Conference:

- Expresses support to the organisers of Movement Day UK 2017

- Encourages Methodist people to register to attend
- Encourages all ministers to consider identifying those who might benefit from attending or might contribute beneficially to the conversation planned by what they would input by attending.

The Conference adopted the Motion.

6/23 **Notice of Motion 2017/208 50th Anniversary of the Concordat between the United Methodist Church and the Methodist Church in Britain**

The partnership of Methodists around the world is a key component of how we engage with God's mission in every place. Through a range of relationships, agreements and memberships of various bodies the Methodist Church in Britain plays a full part in engaging in global mission and evangelism.

One such significant relationship is formalised in the Concordat between the United Methodist Church and The Methodist Church in Britain which was agreed by the Conference in 1968. Since that time there has been a variety of expressions of the importance of that relationship to both traditions, one being the presence of representatives at the Conference/General Conference of the respective body. This is just one facet of the ongoing work between our two traditions in Europe and around the world.

The Conference is therefore pleased to note that this 50th Anniversary of our Concordat will be celebrated in an act of worship on Sunday 12th August 2018 at Methodist Central Hall Westminster and that prior to that significant celebration and recommitment of the strong bonds between our two traditions there will be a day conference on Saturday 11th August which will bring together representative of the two churches for a time of learning, sharing, and looking to the future.

The Conference adopted the Motion.

6/24 **LETTERS**

6/24/1 A letter of sympathy was written in the name of the Conference to Mrs Christine Elliott, on the death of her mother in New Zealand.

6/24/2 A letter of congratulation was written in the name of the Conference to The Revd Charlotte Osborn, a former co-chair of the Connexional Candidates Committee, who was ordained as a deacon in the Church of England on Sunday 25 June. *[as corrected by 7/24]*

6/24/3 Letters of thanks were written in the name of the Conference to those who had spoken in the session resourced by the President and the Vice President on Monday, 26 June *[Daily Record 5/13]*, and to the Fijian Choir who had sung at the Conference Service on Sunday, 25 June.

6/25 The Conference shared in worship and adjourned at 18.25.

7/1 The Conference assembled at 9.15.

7/2 The Conference shared in a celebration of Holy Communion, in which the following, who have died in the last year, were remembered:

(a) the presbyters remembered in the Presbyteral Session and listed at 2/20,

for 'Donald Allen Bullen' reading 'Donald Alfred Bullen'

for 'Brian John Miffin' reading 'Brian John Mifflin'

(b) the deacons remembered in the Conference Diaconal Committee, and others who have since died:

Gwendoline Appleton
Marion Aspinall
Linda Judith Ireland
Susan Mary Jackson
Mary Mawson

Mavis McBride
Jean Miller
Jean Robinson
Leonard Russell Smith

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

David Dalziel

undertook senior roles in the Division of Education and Youth and the Connexional Team, convener of the Candidates Appeal Committee

Mary Jefferson

member of the Ministerial Candidates' Selection Committee, the Department of Education and Youth Children's Committee, an Editor of *Magnet*

John K Kilner

former member of the Board of the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes

Brian King

formerly Personnel Manager in the Connexional Team

Eric Watchman

formerly member of the Methodist Council, member of the Ministerial Candidates' Selection Committee

Pauline Webb

Vice-President of the Conference 1965-1966

(d) those who have served as Mission Partners:

Mrs Dena Burne
The Revd Peter Dolling
Mrs Brenda Gent
The Revd Terry Isherwood
Dr Mary Jefferson
Mr Raymond B Jowett
Mr James Keen
The Revd Fred King

Sierra Leone
India
Ghana
Zimbabwe
Sierra Leone
Sierra Leone
Zimbabwe/Samoa
Nigeria

Sister Mary Mawson	Sierra Leone
Mrs Grace Mortimer	Ghana/Nigeria
The Revd William Robinson	Ghana
The Revd Peter Russell	Nigeria/Zimbabwe
Mrs Barbara Todd	Nigeria
The Revd William Stanley Willis	British Guiana
The Revd Dr Kenyon E Wright	India

(e) 317 accredited Local Preachers whose names are recorded in a Book of Thanksgiving held at Methodist Church House;

(f) many others whose service is known to God.

7/3 The Conference adjourned at 10.25.

7/4 The Conference reassembled at 10.35.

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

The Revd Michaela A Youngson was designated for appointment as President of the Conference of 2018.

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

Mr Bala Gnanapragasam was designated for appointment as Vice-President of the Conference of 2018.

7/7 **Notice of Motion 2017/210: Building Relationships with People of All Faiths**

In the light of the recent terrorist attacks the Conference urges and challenges churches and circuits to foster and build relationships with people of all faiths, especially at this time the Islamic community, so that we might work together to create more open, tolerant and inclusive communities across Britain.

The Conference adopted the Motion.

7/8 The Conference adjourned at 11.00.

7/9 The Conference reassembled at 11.30.

7/10 **32. COVENANTS OF CARE – FINAL REPORT FROM WORKING GROUP**

7/10/1 The Conference adopted Resolution 32/1,

p 353, para 7.4.1
for 'Contracts and Agreements' reading 'Contracts'

7/10/2 The Conference adopted Resolution 32/2.

7/11 **49. COMMITTEE ON METHODIST LAW AND POLITY (2), Section K**

7/11/1 The Conference adopted Resolution 49/7.

7/11/2 The Conference adopted Resolution 49/8,

p 495, SO 236(3), line 1, for '*is a concern that*' reading '*exists where*'
replacing the proposed clauses (4) to (6) of SO 236 with the following:

- (4) *In relation to a safeguarding concern:-*
- (i) *“the subject” means the person about whom the concern exists;*
 - (ii) *“the relevant Circuit” means the Circuit in which the subject is stationed or is a member or with which, if the subject is not a minister or a member, he or she has the closest connection;*
 - (iii) *a “safeguarding officer” means the safeguarding officer as defined in Standing Order 232(1A) or the District Safeguarding Officer of the District of which the relevant Circuit forms part;*
 - (iv) *“the referring body” or “the referring person” means the body or person by whom the concern is referred to a safeguarding officer in accordance with clause (6) below.*
- (5) *A member of the Church who becomes aware that a safeguarding concern exists must act on that concern in accordance with the safeguarding policies and practice guidance adopted by the council as currently in place.*
- (6) *A body or person becoming aware of a safeguarding concern either in the context of a local church, circuit or district or in the exercising of a responsibility on behalf of the Church must refer that concern to a safeguarding officer.*

p 496, SO 237(1) replacing the proposed subclause (iii) with:
(iii) “the District Safeguarding Officer” means the safeguarding officer of the District of which the relevant Circuit forms part.

SO 237,
 (3), line 2, for *‘is raised’* reading *‘exists’*

(4)(i), for *‘is raised’* reading *‘exists’*

(4)(iii), for *‘is raised’* reading *‘exists’*

(4)(v), for *‘raises’* reading *‘reveals’*

(4)(ix), for *‘raises’* reading *‘reveals’*

(5), deleting the second full stop at the end of the clause

p 497, (9) for *‘must’* reading *‘will be expected to’*

replacing the proposed clause (11) with:
The subject, the District Chair, the District Safeguarding Officer (if not conducting the assessment) and the Superintendent of the relevant Circuit shall be given the opportunity to speak to the risk assessor.

(13) for *‘raising’* reading *‘referring’*

p 498, (17) for *‘any’* reading *‘such’*

7/11/3 The Conference adopted Resolution 49/9,

p 499, amending the proposed title of the Section to:
Section 69 Involvement of Sex Offenders in the Local Church when there is a Safeguarding Concern

SO 690,
 (2)(a) for *‘monitoring’* reading *‘monitoring’*

(2)(c), adding at the end:

The contract must also include a provision that its terms will be reviewed and may be amended in accordance with Standing Order 690A.

(5), amending the bold italicised text to read:

and may, if such a contract has not been signed, be removed from the community roll if not a member or be made the subject of a complaint under Part 11 if a member.

SO 690A(1), for 'clause (2) above' reading 'clause (2) of Standing Order 690'

7/12 FIRST REPORT OF THE LAW AND POLITY CONFERENCE SUB-COMMITTEE

7/12/1 The Law and Polity Conference Sub-Committee notes that in the report of the Covenants of Care working group at paragraph 7.1 (Agenda page 352), the group proposes, for the reasons there set out, the use of the term "safeguarding contract" for what have become known as covenants of care. Section 69 currently refers to "written contracts" and the use of the word "contract" in this context is therefore not new. The sub-committee wishes, however, to draw to the attention of the Conference that at page 82 of the Agenda, the Law and Polity Committee in paragraph 15 of its first report has already highlighted the need to explore the implications of the continued use of the word "contract" in section 69.

The sub-committee does not propose any changes to the draft amendments to Section 69 set out at pages 498-499 of the Agenda. However, in the light of the Supreme Court case and the steps already taken by the Conference in response, which form the background to the Law and Polity Committee's report at page 82, the sub-committee advises the Conference that in its opinion the continued use of the word "contract" in section 69 should be given further consideration over the course of the next year. It proposes that the Law and Polity Committee should consult with the Safeguarding Committee on the issue whether an expression which points to a legally enforceable relationship is appropriate and on a suitable alternative if the word "contract" is found to have unintended consequences, and should report its conclusions and recommendations to the Conference of 2018.

The Conference adopted the following Resolutions:

7/12/2 The Conference adopted as Resolution LP/1:

The Conference adopted the Report.

7/12/3 The Conference adopted as Resolution LP/2:

The Conference directs the Law and Polity Committee in consultation with the Safeguarding Committee to examine whether the use of the word "contract" in Section 69 is appropriate having regard to its legal implications and to bring to the Conference of 2018 a report of its conclusions and any proposals for consequential amendments to Standing Orders.

7/13 33. SAFEGUARDING COMMITTEE

The Conference adopted Resolution 33/1.

7/14 34. PROPOSED SUPERVISION AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT MODEL FOR DISTRICT SAFEGUARDING OFFICERS

7/14/1 The Conference adopted Resolution 34/1.

- 7/14/2 The Conference adopted Resolution 34/2 in the following form:
- The Conference directs the Council to proceed with producing detailed and costed proposals for professional supervision of District Safeguarding Officers based on the approach to supervision as set out in paragraphs 3.0 – 8.12 of the report.
- 7/15 **35. CALCULATING SAFEGUARDING TIME REQUIRED FOR DISTRICTS**
The Conference adopted Resolutions 35/1 and 35/2.
- 7/16 **27. METHODIST COUNCIL REPORT, part 2 (continued)**
- 7/16/1 The Conference adopted Resolutions 27/10 and 27/20.
- 7/16/2 The Conference adopted Resolution 27/16 in the following form:
- The Conference receives the Report.
- 7/16/3 The Conference adopted Resolutions 27/17, 27/18 and 27/19.
- 7/17 **Notice of Motion 2017/211: Religious freedom in Sri Lanka**
Since the Conference has gathered, the situation regarding religious freedom and harmony in Sri Lanka has deteriorated. A Sri Lankan government minister continues to threaten action which will seriously affect the constitutional rights of minority faith communities. In a nation still recovering from ethnic and religious conflict, this situation could quickly become dangerous.
- The Conference therefore:
- a) reaffirms its solidarity with sisters and brothers in the Methodist Church Sri Lanka;
 - b) calls on the British Government to make urgent representations to the President and Prime Minister of Sri Lanka:
 - i) to urge restraint and uphold the freedoms of Sri Lankans of all faiths as guaranteed by the Constitution; and
 - ii) to take firm actions to protect its citizens and bring the perpetrators of religiously-motivated violence to justice;
 - c) calls on the Methodist people to hold the Sri Lankan people in prayer and to act for justice, peace and freedom.
- The Conference adopted the Motion.
- 7/18 The Conference adjourned at 13.05.
- 7/19 The Conference resumed at 14.15.
- 7/20 **Notice of Motion 2017/207: Supernumeraries and care costs.**
Last year the York and Hull District sent a memorial to the Conference (2016/M9) about the support of ministers or their partners requiring care. The District thanks the Conference for its reply in which it directed the Connexional Allowances Committee to explore this with interested parties and report back to the 2018 conference. The York and Hull District notes the Connexional Allowances Committee's response to the reply in paragraph 3.8 on page 114.

The Conference clarifies that the memorial was raised with great concern that couples are not split up when only one of them meets the local authority criteria for nursing or residential provision. Whilst this is not just of concern for ministerial couples, but for all couples, Christian or not, supernumerary ministers they have very often followed Connexional encouragement not to acquire property during their ministry as part of the covenant relationship with the Methodist Church, understanding that they would be looked after for their entire lives. This agreement (not to acquire property) is no longer required of those now entering ministry, but it affects many supernumeraries.

The Conference believes that it should be a priority for the Connexion to honour marriage by enabling couples to live together when the housing provision provided by MMHS is no longer sufficient. The Conference notes that whilst local authorities do make provision for those who need care, there is, as the MHA report notes on page 96, a shortfall which is unaffordable for ministers who have no property to sell, and can be £200 per week or more, particularly when they wish to choose a Methodist home.

The Conference notes that many Methodist couples have spent their ministry in encouraging their churches to support MHA and often, naturally, prefer to be cared for in a Christian environment. The Conference therefore requests that MHA explore ways to respond to a growing need to receive couples into their care when one partner may not be eligible for local authority support, and also to plan to be able to offer shared accommodation in one room at a lower rate especially when one partner is able to relieve pressure on the facilities by providing a more caring role.

The Conference therefore strongly encourages MHA to engage with the Connexional Allowances Committee's discussions on enabling financial provision for married couples to remain together. It further encourages those involved in these matters in the name of the Church to campaign for a way to keep married couples together until death.

The Conference adopted the Motion.

7/21 **42. STATISTICS FOR MISSION**

7/21/1 The Conference adopted Resolution 42/1,

p 453, in the 'Connexion' row of the chart, for '208,738' reading '208,574' and for '+1667' reading '+1831' [as corrected by 8/42/1]

7/21/2 The Conference moved into District groups at 15.18 to confer about the above Report.

7/22 The Conference adjourned at 16.15.

7/23 The Conference reassembled at 16.45.

7/24 **DAILY RECORD**

The Daily Record for Tuesday, 27 June was presented, taken as read, and adopted as printed,

at 6/24/2, for 'member' reading 'co-chair'

7/25 **18. METHODIST MINISTERS' PENSION SCHEME (MMPS)**

7/25/1 The Conference adopted Resolution 18/1,

p 146, *inserting* after para 4:

The 2016 Conference agreed that consideration be given to using the Pension Reserve Fund to cover the cost of the financial impact of continuing to use the RPI for pension increases awarded on 1 September 2016 and 1 September 2017. The Conference is now informed that the Actuary has calculated the difference between the cost of granting an RPI-based pension increase and the cost of granting a CPI-based pension increase to be:

£2.9m for the 1 September 2016 pension increase; and
£2.3m for the 1 September 2017 pension increase.

This gives a total cost of £5.2m.

p 147, *inserting* after para 14:

Under its Articles, six directors of Methodist Ministers' Pension Trust Limited (MMPTL) must be nominated by the Council and appointed by the Conference. One-third of the church-appointed directors retire by rotation each year and are eligible for reappointment.

Mr Colin Pearson and Mr Graham Danbury are due to retire by rotation on 31 August 2017 and the Conference is asked to reappoint both directors from 1 September 2017.

7/25/2 The Conference adopted Resolution 18/2, 18/3, 18/4, 18/5 and 18/6.

7/25/3 The Conference adopted as Resolution 18/7,

The Conference reappoints Mr Colin Pearson and Mr Graham Danbury as directors of Methodist Ministers' Pension Trust Limited

7/26 **19. SUPERVISION POLICY**

The Conference adopted Resolutions 19/1 and 19/2,

p 172, para 2.2, *inserting* an additional bullet point after the 4th bullet point:

- No Supervisor or Minister may supervise or receive the records of supervision for any Minister with whom they are in a close personal relationship (eg spouse or child/parent).

7/27 **27. METHODIST COUNCIL, part 2 (continued)**

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

p 286, first unnumbered/unlettered para, last line, *for* 'MCOOM' *reading* 'Ministerial Coordinator for the Oversight of Ordained Ministries (MCOOM)'

p 293, para 27, *adding* after 'apparent' the following text: 'that many of the fresh expressions resources have a wider application.'

7/27/2 The Conference adopted Resolution 27/12 in the following form:

The Conference adopts the 15 proposals regarding transferring ministers as set out in paragraph 16 with the exception of recommendation 10 which it refers to the Connexional Allowances Committee.

7/27/3 The Conference adopted Resolutions 27/13 and 27/14.

7/27/4 The Conference adopted as Resolution 27/21:

The Conference revokes Standing Order 730(11).

7/27/5 The Conference adopted as Resolution 27/22:

The Conference directs the Law and Polity Committee to bring Standing Order amendments to effect the proposals as set out in paragraph 16 of this report to the 2018 Conference.

7/28 **60. Memorials M1, M2, M3, M7 and M8**

The Conference received Memorials M1, M2, M3, M7 and M8 and adopted as its replies those recommended by the Memorials Committee,

p 550, M2, line 1, *for* 'Representative Session' *reading* 'Presbyteral Session'

7/29 **5. CONFERENCE ARRANGEMENTS**

The Conference adopted Resolutions 5/1, 5/2, and 5/7.

7/30 The Conference went into closed session at 18.08.

7/31 The Conference received a report on behalf of the Convenors of Connexional Discipline, Pastoral and Appeal Committees.

7/32 The Conferenced noted that Paul J Flowers had ceased to be a presbyter in Full Connexion with the Conference and that Lyndsey Josephine Phillpot had ceased to be a student presbyter.

7/33 The Conference resumed in open session at 18.13.

7/34 **LETTERS**

7/34/1 Letters of thanks were sent in the name of the Conference to all the members of the Conference arrangements team.

7/34/2 A letter of greeting and congratulation was sent in the name of the Conference to the President of the Uniting Church in Australia on its 40th anniversary.

7/34/3 Letters of greeting were sent in the name of the Conference to the Chairs of the West Yorkshire, Leeds, York and Hull and Sheffield Districts on the creation of new Yorkshire Districts.

7/34/4 A letter of greeting and thanks was sent in the name of the Conference to Mr Adrian Bagg, on his stepping down as Chief Executive of MHA.

7/34/5 A letter of thanks was sent in the name of the Conference to Ms Ruth Sprague who had created the textiles and written material used for *Walking the Way: A Reflection on pilgrimage using weave and words*.

- 7/34/6 Letters of thanks were written in the name of the Conference to The Revd Dr Jane V Craske and Mr Craig Price for their musical contributions to the worship.
- 7/35 The Conference shared in worship and adjourned at 18.26.

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

8/2 **CONFERENCE-ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES**

The Conference elected the following to serve as Conference-elected Representatives at the Conferences of 2018-2020:

Mrs Ruby Beech
The Revd David M Goodall
The Revd Kenneth G Howcroft

8/3 **CONFERENCE BUSINESS COMMITTEE**

The Conference elected the following to serve on the Representative Session Business Committee for the Conferences of 2018-2020:

Mr Stephen H Cooper
The Revd Stephen J Radford
Mr Frank Watson

8/4 **42. STATISTICS FOR MISSION (continued)**

8/4/1 The Conference adopted as Resolution 42/2:

The Conference, in recognising the most significant corporate risk facing the Methodist Church in Great Britain is that it further declines and ceases to exist because of an “inability to create new Methodist disciples”, and in responding to the Statistics for Mission report:

- 1) calls Methodist members to enthusiasm in prayer and acts of personal evangelism.
- 2) calls Methodist churches to direct their work and wealth to the priority of making new disciples.
- 3) calls Methodist Circuits to resource the forming of new Methodist societies wherever possible, to offer witness and worship in new places, or in places where Christian presence has long since diminished.
- 4) calls Methodist Districts to include disciple-making as a priority for forthcoming synods.

8/4/2 **Notice of Motion 2017/206: Growth Plan or End of Life Plan**

In the light of the address given by the President of the Conference, the Conference with immediate effect encourages every Church Council annually to address and answer the question ‘do you have a growth plan or an end of life plan?’ The answer should be presented to the Circuit Meeting in order to aid their wider, strategic oversight of mission and ministry. The responses should also be annually reported to the District in order to fuel their discussions of Standing Order 962.

Should a local church offer no growth plan (within two years) they should be strongly encouraged and supported as they consider their end of life plan.

The Conference directs the Council to undertake work on how this can best be implemented and report to the 2018 Conference.

The Conference adopted the Motion.

8/5 **Notice of Motion 2017/209: Day of Prayer and Fasting**

The Conference recognises the challenges and changes facing every community in these islands and the urgent call of God on the Methodist people to share the love of God in Jesus Christ in word and action. The Conference therefore calls on every local church to launch the new Methodist year with a day of prayer and fasting and directs the Methodist Council to ensure that the Connexional Team promote such a day with appropriate resources.

The Conference adopted the Motion.

8/6 **27. METHODIST COUNCIL Part 2 (continued)**

The Conference adopted Resolution 27/15.

8/7 **60. Memorials**

8/7/1 The Conference received Memorials M27, M28, M29 and M30 (Engaging effectively with the Prevent strategy) and adopted as its replies those recommended by the Memorials Committee.

8/7/2 The Conference received Memorials M4, M5, M6, M9, M10, M11, M17, M18, M19, M20, M26 and M31 and adopted as its replies those recommended by the Memorials Committee.

8/7/3 **Additional Memorial M38: Nuclear weapons ban treaty**

The Wolverhampton and Shrewsbury District Synod, Representative Session (Present: 136; Voting: 96 for, 1 against) notes that during 2017, the United Nations (UN) is convening the negotiation of a nuclear weapons ban treaty and regrets that Her Majesty's Government is not participating in the negotiations.

The nuclear weapons ban treaty will render the use, deployment and further development of nuclear weapon systems illegal under international law, which will follow other international treaties such as the chemical weapons and biological ban treaties which were introduced because such indiscriminate weapons are clearly incompatible with the principle of protection of civilians in international humanitarian law.

Further, the treaty will give the international community the opportunity to work towards a world free from the risk of the devastating impacts of nuclear weapons. Currently even a small scale local exchange would expose the world to devastating impacts. It would give rise not only to an immediate, devastating and non-discriminated loss of life but would also have an impact on the global environment which would be wide-ranging and affect many future generations. The Synod believes that the use, or potential use, of nuclear weapons threatens the God-given dignity and worth of all human beings and the whole of creation.

The Synod believes that the UK's reputation and desire to promote international law and to encourage multilateral disarmament should compel the UK to support actively this important UN process.

Therefore, the Synod asks the Conference to direct the Secretary of the Conference to write to Her Majesty's Government urging it to engage with the UN process at the earliest opportunity and to publish the text of the letter and its response on the Methodist Church website.

The Conference adopted as its reply to M38:

The Conference thanks the Wolverhampton and Shrewsbury District Synod for its memorial. In 2014, the Conference adopted Notice of Motion 209 calling for "the negotiation of a new international treaty to bring about the elimination of all nuclear weapons". In 2018 the United Nations will host a High Level Conference on Nuclear Disarmament. Following the UK's opposition to the negotiation of a nuclear ban treaty the Conference urges the Government to use the high level meeting in 2018 to advocate for robust action and to seek to restore confidence in the UK's commitment to multilateral disarmament. The Conference draws attention to new resources published by the Joint Public Issues Team on the nuclear ban treaty and multilateral disarmament.

The Conference therefore accepts the memorial.

8/7/4 **Additional Memorial M39: Welcoming refugees**

The York and Hull District Synod, Representative Session (Present 102; Voting 99 for, 1 against) has requested that synod representatives write to their local MPs in the District to express their concern about the situation regarding Syrian and other refugees.

In this context, the Synod is pleased to note that the overseas aid budget has been maintained at 0.7% of GDP. This will help to reduce the inequalities between nations that are a driving force for irregular migration. The Synod is also pleased to note that some aid is being focused on the camps in countries adjacent to Syria. Enhancing the experience of good governance in the camps will build a better Syria after the conflict.

The Synod is deeply disappointed with the progress towards accepting 20,000 people from those camps as particularly vulnerable persons. The Synod is also deeply disappointed that the "Dubs Children" scheme for vulnerable children has been curtailed at 350 against a suggested 3000 when the amendment was included in the Immigration Act 2016. We hope that this is being done in a way that will lay the foundation for a better Syria.

This is perceived as an unwillingness to appreciate the contribution of migrants and refugees to our society and to honour the tradition of hospitality to asylum seekers that government ministers are all too ready to boast about.

The Synod therefore requests that the Conference considers ways in which it can influence the Government and encourage it to review its actions in relation to the treatment of displaced persons, ensuring that their welfare is high on the Government's agenda. In particular, it asks that the Conference puts pressure on the Government to review its decision not to accept the number of unaccompanied child refugees originally intended under the Dubs amendment.

The Conference adopted the same reply to M39 as to M20.

8/8 **6. TRUSTEES FOR THE BAILIWICK OF GUERNSEY METHODIST CHURCH PURPOSES**

The Conference adopted Resolution 6/1.

8/9 **7. TRUSTEES FOR JERSEY METHODIST CHURCH PURPOSES**

The Conference adopted Resolution 7/1.

8/10 **8. ALL WE CAN – METHODIST RELIEF AND DEVELOPMENT**

The Conference adopted Resolution 8/1.

8/11 **9. COMMITTEE ON METHODIST LAW AND POLITY (1)**

8/11/1 The Conference adopted Resolutions 9/1, 9/2, 9/3 and 9/8.

8/11/2 The Conference adopted Resolutions 9/9 and 9/10,

p 86, SO 1124(11), line 7, for *'Or'* reading *'or'*

8/11/3 The Conference adopted Resolutions 9/11, 9/12, 9/13 and 9/14.

8/12 **10. WESLEY HOUSE, CAMBRIDGE**

The Conference adopted Resolutions 10/1, 10/2, 10/3 and 10/4.

8/13 **11. METHODIST FORCES BOARD**

The Conference adopted Resolution 11/1.

8/14 **12. METHODIST DIACONAL ORDER GENERAL REPORT**

The Conference adopted Resolutions 12/1 and 12/2.

8/15 **13. METHODIST HOMES (MHA)**

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

8/16 **17. METHODIST MINISTERS' HOUSING SOCIETY**

The Conference adopted Resolution 17/1.

8/17 **25. STATIONING COMMITTEE**

The Conference adopted Resolution 25/1.

8/18 **28. ECUMENICAL REPORT**

8/18/1 The Conference adopted Resolution 28/1,

p 309, **6. Scotland**, in relation to the final sentence, *noting* that the synods of the three partners have now agreed to the proposal

p 311, para 9.2, line 1, for *'part'* reading *'party'*

8/18/2 The Conference adopted Resolution 28/2.

- 8/19 **38. WESTMINSTER COLLEGE OXFORD TRUST LIMITED**
The Conference adopted Resolution 38/1.
- 8/20 **39. TRUSTEES FOR METHODIST CHURCH PURPOSES**
8/20/1 The Conference adopted Resolution 39/1.
- 8/20/2 **Additional Report**
Further to Section 4(3) of the Methodist Church Act 1939, the Board nominates the Revd Stephanie J Jenner and Mr Ian C White for appointment to the Board.
- Reasoned Statements**
The Revd Stephanie J Jenner is the Superintendent for the Bridport and Dorchester Circuit with a broad experience at district level.
Mr Ian C White is a solicitor and a connexional trustee for Central Hall, Manchester and is a former member of the Methodist Council representing the Chester and Stoke-on-Trent District.
- The Conference adopted as Resolution 39/2:

The Conference appoints the Revd Stephanie J Jenner and Mr Ian C White as members of the Board of the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes.
- 8/21 **40. MANAGING TRUSTEES OF JOHN WESLEY'S CHAPEL, THE NEW ROOM, AND 4 & 5 CHARLES STREET, BRISTOL**
The Conference adopted Resolutions 40/1 and 40/2.
- 8/22 **41. RELIEF AND EXTENSION FUND FOR METHODISM IN SCOTLAND**
The Conference adopted Resolutions 41/1 and 41/2.
- 8/23 **44. JOINT COVENANT ADVOCACY AND MONITORING GROUP**
The Conference adopted Resolution 44/1.
- 8/24 **45. CENTRAL FINANCE BOARD**
The Conference adopted Resolutions 45/1 and 45/2.
- 8/25 **47. REFERRED MEMORIALS AND NOTICES OF MOTION**
The Conference adopted Resolution 47/1.
- 8/26 **54. MANAGING TRUSTEES OF THE METHODIST CENTRAL HALL, WESTMINSTER**
The Conference adopted Resolutions 54/1 and 54/2.
- 8/27 **23. CONNEXIONAL CENTRAL SERVICES BUDGET for three years commencing with 2017/18**
The Conference adopted Resolution 23/1.
- 8/28 **24. CONNEXIONAL CENTRAL SERVICES BUDGET 2017-18 - DISTRICT ALLOCATIONS**
The Conference adopted Resolution 24/1 in the following form:

The Conference adopts the district allocations of the assessment to the Methodist Church Fund (MCF) as set out in the Report as Option A on p 228.

8/29 **46. AUTHORISATIONS COMMITTEE**

8/29/1 The Conference adopted Resolution 46/1.

8/29/2 The Conference adopted Resolution 46/2,

p 472 to 477, wherever they appear:

<i>for</i>	12/1	Camborne-Redruth
<i>reading</i>	12/1	Camborne-Redruth and Hayle
<i>for</i>	12/11	St Ives and Hayle
<i>reading</i>	12/11	St Ives

adding:

Report of an appeals committee appointed under SO 011(3)

5/1	Birmingham Circuit	Adam Sanders	M	(not upheld)
21/10	Chorley and Leyland	Tony Simpson	P	(upheld)

p 472, List A

<i>adding</i>	12/7	St Austell	J Paul Parker	P
<i>adding</i>	21/10	Chorley and Leyland	Tony Simpson	P

p 473, List A

<i>adding</i>	28/3	Shropshire and Marches	Shalome M Cooper	P
<i>adding</i>	32/1	Lerwick and Walls	David M Lees	P

p 474, List A

<i>adding</i>	35/28	Blackheath and Crystal Palace	Alberta Konadu-Yiadom	P
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p 475, List B

<i>deleting</i>	13/17	Barnard Castle and Teesdale	Audrey Williams	L
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p 476, List C

<i>adding</i>	5/10	Coventry and Nuneaton	Penelope J Thorne	P
<i>deleting</i>	12/5	Newquay, Perranporth and St Agnes	David Parker	L

p 477, List C

<i>deleting</i>	12/8	Bodmin, Padstow and Wadebridge	Penny Manders	L
<i>deleting</i>	12/19	Liskeard and Looe	David Nicholls	L

8/30 The Conference adjourned at 11.15.

8/31 The Conference reassembled at 11.45.

8/32 **58. PRESBYTERS AND DEACONS BECOMING SUPERNUMERARY OR RETURNING TO THE ACTIVE WORK**

8/32/1 The Conference adopted Resolution 58/3,

pp 540-541, **3. Presbyters requesting permission to become supernumerary**
deleting John D Anderson (12)

adding J Roy Boffey (23)
for Alan R Boyd *reading* *Alan R Boyd
adding Andrew J Hill (36)
for Stuart B Jennings *reading* *Stuart B Jennings
adding Peter A Smith (27)

8/32/2 The Conference adopted Resolution 58/4 in the following form:

The Conference permits the following presbyters to return to the active work:
Ian L Coverdale, Laura C Hardy, Michael J Pullan, Stephen Watts.

8/32/3 The Conference adopted Resolution 58/5.

8/33 **50. MINISTERIAL CANDIDATES' AND PROBATIONERS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE**

8/33/1 The Conference adopted Resolution 50/1,

pp 501-502, *replacing* the proposed amendments to SO 721 *with*:

721 Length and Form of Pre-ordination Training and Probation. (1) The length and form of pre-ordination training and probation for each accepted candidate shall be determined by the Presbyteral Session of the Conference or Conference Diaconal Committee, as appropriate, on the recommendation of the Ministerial Candidates and Probationers Oversight Committee.

(2) Such recommendations shall be designed to ensure that the requirements of Standing Orders 722 and 724 are fulfilled and shall normally consist of a period of at least four **and no more than seven** years between acceptance as a candidate and reception into Full Connexion. Such period shall include at least two years on probation after the completion of pre-ordination training, or, where such training has been undertaken concurrently with probation, at least one further year after its completion.

(2A) Any period during which a candidate's training or probation is deferred or suspended under Standing Order 726 or clause (4) below shall not be taken into account in calculating the minimum period of four years specified in clause (2) above, but shall be taken into account in calculating the maximum period of seven years.

(3) *[unaltered]*

(4) ~~If~~ candidates ~~who~~ are permitted to continue their studies for a degree or to engage in some other activity after acceptance by the Conference shall ~~defer~~ **the** commencement of the period of pre-ordination training and probation **shall be deferred** for one or more years and it shall begin on a date to be determined by the Conference or Conference Diaconal Committee, as the case may be, **meeting** in the connexional year next following the accepting Conference.

~~(5) The length of training and probation shall be extended by any period during which the candidate's probation is deferred or suspended under Standing Order 726~~

(5A) If an application made under Standing Order 726 or 726A for the deferral or suspension of a candidate's training or probation would, if granted, prolong the total period of training and probation beyond seven years the committee shall, in addition to any other considerations, take into account the provisions of clause (2) above, and unless it rejects the application or can and does recommend a deferral or suspension limited to one involving no prolongation of that period beyond seven years it shall recommend either (i) both the deferral or suspension and the extension applied for, with reasons for the latter, or (ii) the discontinuance of training or probation.

and *inserting* a new clause 726(2A) and new SO 726A on p 502:

726 Deferment or Suspension of Probation

(2A) If an application under clause (1) or (2) above would if granted prolong the period of training or probation beyond seven years the application shall include an application for an appropriate extension beyond the seven year period.

726A Deferment or Suspension of Training

A candidate or student presbyter or student deacon may apply to defer or suspend training and the provisions of Standing Order 726 shall apply as nearly as possible.

pp 502-503, *deleting* para 10

8/33/2 The Conference adopted Resolutions 50/2 and 50/3.

8/33/3 The Conference adopted Resolution 50/4 in the following form:

The Conference amends Standing Order 721 and adds a new clause 726(2A) and Standing Order 726A as set out in the Report as amended by Resolution 50/1.

8/33/4 The Conference agreed to the withdrawal of Resolution 50/5.

8/34 **51. MINISTERIAL CANDIDATES' AND PROBATIONERS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE**

The Conference by a Standing Vote adopted Resolution 51/3.

8/35 **52. REPORT TO THE REPRESENTATIVE SESSION OF BUSINESS CONDUCTED BY THE CONFERENCE DIACONAL COMMITTEE**

8/35/1 The Conference adopted Resolutions 52/1 and 52/3,

p 512, para 4.5(b)
for Beverley Jane Gibson from 2019 to 2020
reading 'No case'

p 513, para 4.12
for 'No case' *reading* Beverley Jane Gibson

p 513, in the chart
deleting *Gibson Beverley Jane 2020

8/35/2 The Conference by a Standing Vote adopted Resolution 52/2.

8/36 **59. PRESBYTERS AND DEACONS FROM OTHER CHURCHES**

8/36/1 The Conference by a Standing Vote adopted Resolution 59/1,

p 543, (2) **Presbyters of other autonomous Methodist Conferences**
deleting Lynita Conradie 22/1 Methodist Church of Southern Africa
for 'Methodist Church Fii' *reading* 'Methodist Church Fiji' in the entry for Josefa R Mairara 26/FC

8/36/2 The Conference by a Standing Vote adopted Resolution 59/2.

- 8/36/3 The Conference adopted Resolutions 59/3, 59/4 and 59/5.
- 8/37 **55. DESIGNATIONS FOR APPOINTMENT OF DISTRICT CHAIRS**
- 8/37/1 The Conference adopted Resolutions 55/1, 55/2 and 55/3.
- 8/37/2 The Conference, with the required majority, adopted Resolutions 55/4, 55/5 and 55/6.
- 8/38 **56. COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS**
- 8/38/1 The Conference adopted Resolution 56/1.
- 8/38/2 The Conference adopted Resolution 56/2,
- p 527, **Panel for the Nomination of District Chairs**
adding Deacon Josephine F A Critchley
- Currently stationed in the North Fylde Circuit. Within the Lancashire District, she is part of the Child Friendly Church Award team, convenes the Lay Employees support group, and participates on the mission team alongside lay and ordained colleagues.
- 8/38/3 The Conference adopted Resolution 56/3.
- 8/38/4 The Conference adopted Resolution 56/4,
- p 528, **Panel for Connexional Complaints Teams**
adding The Revd Nicholas A Oborski
- A Local Complaints Officer for seven years, committed to seeking reconciliation and justice for those who find themselves in disagreement. His experience prior to ministry has given him an ability to weigh issues and to consider carefully complex issues to reach balanced and fair conclusions.
- 8/38/5 The Conference adopted Resolution 56/5,
- p 529, **Ministerial Candidates' Selection Committee**
deleting The Revds Dr Jonathan R Hustler, Philip J Jackson, Dr Calvin T Samuel, Kathryn Stephens, Deacon Ann Shephard, Mrs Veronica Hickox, Mr Rene Lamisere.
adding The Revd John S Lampard, Deacon Suzanne Peat
- John Lampard is a supernumerary presbyter in the City Road circuit and a former Connexional Local Preachers' Secretary. In the absence of a Ministerial Coordinator for Oversight of Ordained Ministries within the Team, he has agreed to serve as Secretary to this committee.
- Suzanne Peat serves in the West Durham circuit and is a member of the Darlington District Candidates Selection Committee and Probationers committee. She was a member of the Wesley Study Centre Oversight Committee until 2014. Prior to ordained ministry, she worked as a Youth Pastor and Cliff College Evangelist; in both roles, she was involved in helping people to discern their Christian vocation and calling.
- 8/38/6 The Conference adopted Resolutions 56/6 and 56/7.

- 8/38/7 The Conference adopted Resolution 56/8,
p 530, **Stationing Committee**
Wales/Midlands, for 'To be confirmed' reading Mrs Val Mayers
- 8/38/8 The Conference adopted Resolutions 56/9, 56/10 and 56/11.
- 8/38/9 The Conference adopted Resolution 56/12,
p 532, **The Methodist Council**
(iii) District Chairs
deleting The Revd Michaela A Youngson
(iv) District representatives
deleting The Revd Mary V B Shannahan
adding The Revd Mark Dunn-Wilson, The Revd Novette S Headley, Professor Ken Mortimer, Mr Richard Wills
(ix) Representatives of racial justice
for 'to be confirmed' reading The Revd Olufemi R W Cole-Njie, The Revd Stephen J Poxon
- The Revd Mark Dunn-Wilson is nominated to the Council by the Cornwall District.
The Revd Novette Headley is nominated to the Council by the Northampton District.
Professor Ken Mortimer is nominated to the Council by the Bristol District.
Mr Richard Wills is nominated to the Council by the Lincolnshire District.
- 8/38/10 The Conference adopted as Resolution 56/12A:
The Conference delegates to the Council the appointment of a representative to the Council from the Chairs' Meeting and from the Birmingham District.
- 8/38/11 The Conference adopted Resolution 56/13.
- 8/38/12 The Conference adopted Resolution 56/14,
p 533, **Officers of the Conference Representative Session**
Record Secretary: for 'to be confirmed' reading Mr David Ridley
- Presbyteral Session**
Assistant Record Secretary: for 'to be confirmed' reading The Revd Rosemarie E G Clarke
- 8/38/13 The Conference adopted Resolutions 56/15, 56/16, 56/17, 56/18 and 56/19.
- 8/39 **57. APPRECIATIONS**
- 8/39/1 The Secretary of the Conference expressed the appreciation of the Conference for the work of the Assistant Secretary of the Conference, The Revd Helen D Cameron, and the chair of the Stationing Committee, Mr Andrew Owen.
- 8/39/2 The Conference adopted Resolutions 57/1 and 57/2.

8/40 **REPORT OF THE LAW AND POLITY SUB-COMMITTEE**

8/40/1 **Report**

Under Standing Order 131(25) the Law and Polity Conference Sub-Committee may move without notice a resolution seeking to make consequential provisions or to give better achievement of the intention of the Conference. The following resolutions are brought pursuant to this Standing Order.

8/40/2 The Conference adopted as Resolution LP/3:

By way of consequential provision the Conference amends Standing Order 730(12) and (13) as follows:

730 (12) In the case of an application by a person resident outside the home Districts, ~~whether or not within clause (11) above,~~ the Methodist Council...

(13)(a) ~~Notwithstanding clause (11) above,~~ if the Ministerial Candidates Selection Committee...

8/40/3 The Conference adopted as Resolution LP/4:

By way of consequential provision following its acceptance of Notice of Motion 106, the Conference directs the Council, in response to the memorials from the East Anglia, Manchester and Stockport, Northampton, York and Hull, South East and Cumbria Synods accepted by the Conference of 2015:

(a) to bring a fuller report of the findings of the Training Review Group to the Conference of 2018; and

(b) to include in its report an account of the evaluations made by the Strategy and Resources Committee of those recommendations and any provisions for implementation which have been made or are proposed.

8/40/4 The Conference adopted as Resolution LP/5:

By way of consequential provision following its acceptance of a Notice of Motion regarding Resolution 14/3, the Conference further amends Resolution 14/3 to read:

The Conference adopts the report and recommendations in paragraphs 1.17 to 1.20 (amending para 1.19 as set out in Daily Record 5/18/2) with effect from 1 September 2017 but not the recommendation in paragraph 1.21.

The Conference directs the Connexional Allowances Committee to bring to the Conference of 2018 an appropriate recommendation for the use of any balance outstanding in the Computers in Ministry scheme fund.

8/40/5 The Conference adopted as Resolution LP/6:

For the better achievement of its intention, the Conference amends Resolution 22/2 to read:

The Conference directs that the guidance contained in paragraph 2.4.5 of this report on record keeping and pastoral ministry as amended from time to time in accordance with the statements made to the Conference should be placed

on the Methodist Church website alongside the section on confidentiality contained in the 2008 Conference report *With Integrity and Skill*.

8/40/6 **Consultation on special resolutions**

Special Resolutions adopted by the Conference are required to be confirmed at the next Conference before coming into effect, with appropriate consultation in the intervening period. It is the Sub-Committee's responsibility to advise the Conference on that consultation.

The substance of the Sub-Committee's advice is set out in the following resolution:

The Conference adopted as Resolution LP/7:

The Conference, having considered the advice of the Law and Polity Conference Sub-Committee, directs in accordance with Standing Order 126 that the appropriate consultation in respect of Special Resolution 9/5 shall be by submission to the Methodist Council under Standing Order 126(1)(c).

8/41 **THE STATIONS**

8/41/1 The Stations were presented to the Conference in the form of the Draft previously circulated with the following amendments:

THE WALES SYNOD

2/9 Cardiff
For reading Irfan M John (Synod Enabler, Ethnic Minority Congregations)
Irfan M John (Synod Enabler, Culturally Diverse Congregations)

2/12 Conwy and Prestatyn
Deleting John D Anderson

THE BIRMINGHAM DISTRICT

5/1 Birmingham
Deleting John R Barnett (AP)

Adding **The Queens Foundation**
Paul Nzacahayo

5/4 Birmingham (Sutton Park)
Adding Andrew J Brazier

5/10 Coventry and Nuneaton
Deleting Samuel E McBratney (Permission to Study)

For Reading Rachel A Burgess (Spirituality and Holistic Healing)
Rachel A Hextall (Spirituality and Holistic Healing)

5/13 Mid-Warwickshire
Adding Samuel E McBratney (Permission to Study)

5/16 South West Worcestershire
Adding Henry Lewis (WA)

Supernumeraries:
Adding Brian W G Skutt

THE BOLTON AND ROCHDALE DISTRICT

6/8 Bury
Adding Darren J Holland (URC Mission and Discipleship Mentor)

THE BRISTOL DISTRICT

7/2 Bristol and South Gloucestershire

Adding David JL Willis

Deleting Henry Lewis (WA)

Supernumeraries:

Adding M Joy Newbold (D)

7/7 Gloucestershire

Adding Nigel Bishop (Hospital Chaplain)

Deleting Lucille Rogers (Permission to study)

7/13 North East Somerset and Bath

Supernumeraries:

Deleting M Joy Newbold (D)

7/15 Gordano Valley

Supernumeraries:

Deleting David J Harris

7/20 Wiltshire United Area

Adding Heather A Wilson

THE CHANNEL ISLANDS DISTRICT

10/1 Bailwick of Guernsey

For Karen Le Mouton

reading Karen A V Le Mouton

THE CHESTER AND STOKE-ON-TRENT DISTRICT

11/8 Cheshire South

Deleting A Peter Hancock

11/15 Stoke-on-Trent North

Deleting Jill Taylor (D) (WA)

11/18 Stoke-on-Trent (Burslem Mission)

Adding A Peter Hancock

11/22 North Staffordshire

Adding Jill Taylor (D) (WA)

THE CORNWALL DISTRICT

Deleting Mark Dunn Wilson, Secretary of the Synod

Adding Simon J Clarke, Secretary of the Synod

12/1 For Camborne-Redruth

reading Camborne, Redruth and Hayle

Supernumeraries:

Adding R Anthony Broad

Adding Andrew D Sowden

12/7 St. Austell

Supernumeraries:

Adding Peter A Smith
Adding Anita M Hart

12/8 Bodmin, Padstow and Wadebridge
Deleting David M C Matthews (AP)

12/9 West Penwith
Supernumeraries:
Deleting Stephen D Bales

12/11 For St. Ives and Hayle
reading St. Ives
Deleting D Mark Richards
Supernumeraries:
Deleting R Anthony Broad
Deleting Andrew D Sowden

12/14 The Lizard and Mounts Bay
For Amanda Stevens (*Retreats and Spirituality Enabler*)
reading Amanda Stevens (*District Retreats and Spirituality Enabler*)
Adding Harry Chant (AP)
Supernumeraries:
Add Stephen D Bales
Add Andrew J Hill

12/22 Saltash
Deleting Thomas J Osborne

THE DARLINGTON DISTRICT
13/12 West Durham
For Susan J Wigham (S)
reading Susan J Wigham
Supernumeraries:
Adding Colin R Wilson
Adding Joyce Wilson (D)

THE EAST ANGLIA DISTRICT
14/5 Ely and Newmarket
For Michael David Newton (AP)
reading M David Newton (AP)

14/26 Cambridge
Adding Andrew J Bell (WA)

THE LINCOLNSHIRE DISTRICT
17/11 Barton and Brigg
Supernumeraries:
Deleting T Manville Wiles

17/12 Sleaford
Deleting Peter Lee (Lecturer at RAF Cranwell)
Supernumeraries:
Adding T Manville Wiles

THE LIVERPOOL DISTRICT
18/9 Wirral

Supernumeraries:

Adding John P Barnett

18/13 Sankey Valley
Adding Malcolm Fife (AP)

THE MANCHESTER AND STOCKPORT DISTRICT

19/1 Manchester
For Sarah Lowe
reading † Sarah Lowe
For Caroline F Ryder (WA)
reading Caroline F Ryder (University Chaplain)

19/11 Oldham and Saddleworth
For Lindsay Neal (S)
reading Lindsay Neal
For Luiz F Cardoso (RR)
reading Luiz F Cardoso
Deleting Darren J Holland

19/20 High Peak
Supernumeraries:
Adding David A Harrison

THE NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE DISTRICT

20/1 Newcastle upon Tyne (Central and East)
Adding Paul D Cleever-Thorpe
Deleting Michael P Holland (S)
For Peter Howell
reading Peter Howell (S)

20/2 Newcastle upon Tyne (West)
Supernumeraries:
Deleting James W Errington

20/5 North Shields and Whitley Bay
Deleting Malcolm D Hickox
Supernumeraries:
Adding Malcolm D Hickox

20/6 South East Northumberland Ecumenical Area
Adding Joy Sykes (D) (WA)

20/8 Tynedale
For Jennifer M Pryde
reading Jennifer M Porterpryde

20/16 Sunderland
Adding Michael P Holland (S)
Deleting Paul D Cleever-Thorpe
For Kathryn Stephens (S)
reading Kathryn Stephens

THE LANCASHIRE DISTRICT

For **21/1 Burnley with Pendle**
reading **21/1 Burnley and Pendle**

21/10 **Chorley and Leyland**
For Gyula F Fiak (RR)
reading Gyula F Fiak
For David J Gallimore (D) (Chaplain MHS Beechville)
reading David J Gallimore (D) (WA)
For Lynda J Gallimore (D) (WA)
reading Lynda J Gallimore (D) (Chaplain MHS Beechville)

21/15 **North Fylde**
Supernumeraries:
Adding F John Swales

THE NOTTINGHAM AND DERBY DISTRICT

22/1 **Nottingham (North)**
For Lynita Conradie (RR)
reading Lynita Conradie

22/14 **Mid Derbyshire**
Adding Kevin Price (AP)

22/23 **Sherwood Forest**
For Christopher P Briggs (S)
reading Christopher P Briggs (Who shall act in respect of ministerial
duties under the direction of the Chair of District)

THE NORTHAMPTON DISTRICT

23/2 **Wantage and Abingdon**
Adding John D Anderson (WA)

23/3 **Witney and Faringdon**
Supernumeraries:
Adding Ian D Young

23/15 **Stamford**
For Ruth Charlesworth (S)
reading Ruth Charlesworth
For Sara P Cliff (Teacher, who shall act in respect of ministerial
duties under the direction of the Secretary of the Conference)
reading Sara P Cliff (WA) (Teacher, who shall act in respect of
ministerial duties under the direction of the Secretary of the
Conference)

23/28 **Amersham**
Deleting John M Parry (AP)

23/29 **Vale of Aylesbury**
Supernumeraries:
Deleting C James Gorringe

THE PLYMOUTH AND EXETER DISTRICT

24/23 **Torrige**
For Stephen Hill (S)
reading Stephen Hill

THE SHEFFIELD DISTRICT

Deleting Thomas D Read, Secretary of the Synod
Adding R Margaret K Mwailu, Secretary of the Synod

25/1 **Sheffield**
Deleting Louise E Grosberg (S)
Adding Jennifer S Mullis (Permission to serve in an appointment outside the control of the church)

For **Urban Theology Unit**
reading **Urban Theology Union**
Deleting Ian K Duffield (AP)

Cliff College
Deleting Stephen F Skuce (RR) (Principal)
Adding Ashley R Cooper (Principal)

25/11 **Bolsover and Staveley**
For K M Jane Harris (Assistant Chaplain – Nottingham City Hospital)
reading K M Jane Harris (Chaplain – Rotherham NHS Trust)

25/19 **Trinity**
For Jennifer S Mullis
reading Jennifer S Mullis (Permission to serve in an appointment outside the control of the church)

THE SOUTHAMPTON DISTRICT

26/1 **Southampton**
Adding Peter Lee (Southampton University)

26/9 **Poole Bay**
Supernumeraries:
Adding Jane M Ashplant

Adding:
26/22 **Portland**
Gwyneth M Owen (S)

THE YORKSHIRE WEST DISTRICT

27/15 **Wharfedale and Aireborough**
Supernumeraries:
Adding Greta M Wainwright (D)

THE WOLVERHAMPTON AND SHREWSBURY DISTRICT

28/3 **Shropshire and Marches**
For † Shalome S Cooper
reading † Shalome S MacNeill Cooper

28/13 **Dudley and Netherton**
For Michael J Pullan (S)
reading Michael J Pullan

28/14 **Gornal and Sedgley**
Supernumeraries:
Adding Gordon Morton

THE YORKSHIRE NORTH AND EAST DISTRICT

29/10 **Bridlington**

Supernumeraries:

Deleting F John Swales

29/14 Pocklington and Market Weighton

Deleting Brenda Fuller (D)

29/32 South Holderness

Adding Denise A Creed (D)

29/33 York

Adding Louise E Grosberg (Hospital Chaplain)

Supernumeraries:

Deleting Greta M Wainwright (D)

THE SCOTLAND DISTRICT

31/10 North of Scotland Mission

Supernumeraries:

Deleting Michael D Burch

Adding Raymond Cummins

31/13 Inverness

Supernumeraries:

Deleting Raymond Cummins

THE BEDFORDSHIRE, ESSEX AND HERTFORDSHIRE DISTRICT

34/1 North Bedfordshire

Supernumeraries:

Adding C James Gorringe

Adding Susan D M Howe

34/7 Tendring

Deleting Andrew J Bell

34/15 North Hertfordshire

For Binda R Panzu(RR)

reading P Ruffin Binda (RR)

THE LONDON DISTRICT

35/1 City Road

Adding Keith G Riglin (AP)

Methodist Church House

Deleting Nigel Bishop (WA)

Deleting Alwin J Samuel (WA)

Adding Kevin M Hart

35/12 London Mission (North West)

Adding Karen McBride (D) (Warden of the Methodist Diaconal Order)

35/22 New River

Supernumeraries:

Deleting Robinson A Millwood

35/28 Blackheath and Crystal Palace

For Alberta Konadu-Yiadom

reading † Alberta Konadu-Yiadom

35/34 **Enfield**
Deleting Karen McBride (D) (Warden of the Methodist Diaconal Order)

35/36 **Harrow and Hillingdon**
For Nicholas J Skelding (S)
reading Nicholas J Skelding

For Andrew R Pottage
reading Andrew R Pottage (S)

For Ian J Worsfold (City University Chaplain)
reading Ian J Worsfold (City, University of London Chaplain)

Supernumeraries:
Deleting Anita M Hart

35/42 **Bromley**
Adding Raymond J Coster (AP)

THE SOUTH EAST DISTRICT

36/4 **Thames Valley**
Deleting Gary J Homewood (WA)

For **36/8** **Worthing**
reading **36/8** **West Sussex (Coast and Downs)**

36/18 **Weald of Kent**
Adding Gary J Homewood (WA)

SERVICE IN OTHER CONFERENCES AND CHURCHES

PERMISSION TO RESIDE ABROAD

Adding John Y T Amankwatia (Ghana)
For Harriet P Bacon (Barbados)
reading Harriet P Bacon (D) (Barbados)
Adding Roger O Baylis (Spain)
Adding Alwin J Samuel (Pakistan)
For Gordon H Wallace (Ireland)
reading Gordon H Wallace (D) (Ireland)

THE CONNEXIONAL TEAM

For Adrian Roux (26/2)
reading Adrian Roux (AP) (26/2)
For Stephen F Skuce (RR) (25/13) and (26/4)
reading Stephen F Skuce (RR) (26/4)

FORCES CHAPLAINS

(c) Royal Air Force
Deleting Kevin M Hart

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

Deleting all names in this section

ASSOCIATE PRESBYTERS

Deleting Linda Bond (34/1)

Adding David J Page (11/8)
Adding Andrew Scaife (18/9)

8/41/2 The Conference, by a Standing Vote, adopted the Stations.

8/42 **DAILY RECORD**

8/42/1 The Daily Record for Wednesday, 28 June was presented, taken as read, and adopted as printed,

at 7/21/1, adding

p 453, in the 'Connexion' row of the chart, for '208,738' reading '208,574' and for '+1667' reading '+1831'

8/42/2 The Conference adopted the Daily Record for Thursday, 29 June in headings only.

8/42/3 The Written Portion of the Daily Record of the Representative Session was presented in headings only and adopted.

8/43 **EXPRESSIONS OF THANKS**

8/43/1 The ex-President, The Revd Roger L Walton, and the ex-Vice-President, Ms Rachel J Lampard, expressed the thanks of the Conference to the President and Vice-President of the Conference.

8/43/2 The Conference expressed its thanks to the Connexional Team, the Conference Arrangements Team, the Business Committee, the Conference Secretariat and the staff in the Record Office.

8/44 **LETTER**

A letter of thanks was sent in the name of the Conference to Mr Gary Williams for taking part in the video *Hearing other voices within the Methodist Church*.

8/45 **ATTESTATION**

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

8/46 **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, 22 June 2017, be duly entered in the Journal of the Conference, subscribed by the President, the Vice-President and the Secretary, and shall be taken as, and shall be, the Acts of the Conference to all intents and purposes whatsoever.

8/47 **ADJOURNMENT**

The Conference, by a Standing Vote, resolved to adjourn to the Conference of 2018, which would meet in Nottingham on Thursday, 28 June in its Presbyteral Session, and on Saturday, 30 June in its Representative Session.

8/48 The Conference adjourned at 13.00.

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II. Responses to Notices of Motion referred by previous Conferences

For a report about work done and work in progress on Notices of Motion brought to previous Conferences, see item 47 of the Agenda (adopted Daily Record 8/25).

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REPLIES TO MEMORIALS OF PREVIOUS CONFERENCES**

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