

54. Authorisations Committee

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1. The Authorisations Committee has reviewed applications from Circuits for authorisations to preside at services of Holy Communion where there are insufficient ordained presbyters to make this provision, or where the missional criterion is met.
2. The Committee has, as always, paid careful attention to the details in the applications, and given due consideration to the requests for help.
3. The Committee considered a total of 80 new applications, 35 presbyteral probationers, 3 deacons and 42 lay people. 78 authorisations are recommended without further qualification to the 2015 Conference. Two diaconal applications were accepted due to exceptional circumstances. One diaconal application was declined although further clarification was sought regarding their submitted nomination. The Committee has declined to recommend one lay application on the grounds of not meeting the deprivation figure and on the basis that the Circuit should explore further the practice of Extended Communion.
4. The Committee again had the opportunity to consider applications made under the missional criterion approved by the 2012 Conference. The Committee considered two applications made under this criterion, and both were approved. The Committee will be requesting feedback from those Circuits granted authorisations under missional criteria.
5. Application forms are available for authorisation of probationer presbyters, deacons, lay persons, missional applications and renewals after the three-year term. These will be available to District Chairs in October. Applications need to be considered by Circuit Meetings, District Policy Committees and Synods before submission.
6. In the case of rare applications for authorisations for deacons, these should only be submitted following a thorough consultation with the Warden of the Methodist Diaconal Order and on the basis that the Circuit will make every effort to train a lay person to take up the role the following year. Future applications will be subject to the views of the Faith and Order Committee following their report to the 2016 Conference.
7. All applications for consideration in 2016 should be submitted to the Conference Office by Friday 25 March 2016. The Committee will meet at the end of April 2016 to consider the applications received.
8. Authorisations, when granted, are for one year and their scope is limited to the Circuit in which the person resides. If the District Policy Committee is satisfied that the person authorised remains suitable and the circumstances of the Circuit have not changed, it may on the application of the Circuit Meeting recommend a renewal of the authorisation for a second or third year, and the Authorisations Committee supports any such recommendation without further investigation (see lists B and C below). District Chairs should note that they need to advise the Authorisations Committee as soon as a probationer is recommended for ordination and therefore the Circuit no longer requires an authorisation.
9. The Committee draws attention to the provisions in SO 011(7) whereby in emergencies arising after the meeting of the Conference by the death of a presbyter or otherwise, the President,

or the Vice-President on his or her behalf, may grant an authorisation having immediate effect and continuing until the 31 August following the next meeting of the Conference.

10. The Committee welcomes informal consultations with any Circuit considering making an application for an authorisation.
11. The Committee is grateful to all the Circuits and Districts for supplying this detailed information.

***RESOLUTIONS

54/1. The Conference received the Report.

54/2. The Conference authorised the following persons to preside at the Lord's Supper for the year commencing 1 September 2015 in accordance with the provisions of SO 011:

AUTHORISATIONS TO BE PRESENTED TO THE 2015 CONFERENCE

Key: P = Probationer Presbyter

D = Deacon

L = Lay person

M = Approved under Missional Criterion

LIST A – New applications for authorisations for three years

Circuit No	Circuit Name	Application	Cat
2/7	Buckley and Deeside	Robert A Balfour	P
2/12	Conwy and Prestatyn	Judith Holliman	P
2/16	Mid Glamorgan Mission	Eileen Gardiner	L
2/16	Mid Glamorgan Mission	Stephen Richardson	D
2/19	Newport and Lower Wye	Ruth Lownsborough	P
5/1	Birmingham	Alexandra C Dunstan	P
5/10	Coventry and Nuneaton	Penelope J Thorne	P
5/18	Bromsgrove and Redditch	Ruth Wilson	P
5/21	Blackheath and Halesowen	David Nightingdale	L
7/2	Bristol and South Gloucestershire	Patrick D Stonehewer	P
7/13	North East Somerset and Bath	Martin Slocombe	P
7/16	Somerset Mendip Circuit	H Craig Manley	P
7/20	Wiltshire United Area	Wendy J Tucker	P
9/9	Penrith	Timothy M Cooke	P
10/1	Guernsey	Karen Le Mouton	P
11/16	Kidsgrove	Lester J Meredith	L
11/24	Staffordshire Moorlands	Don Haslam	L

11/24	Staffordshire Moorlands	Jean Forrester	L
12/3	Falmouth and Gwenapp	W Gerald Triggs	L
12/5	Newquay, Perranporth and St Agnes	David Parker	L
12/5	Newquay, Perranporth and St Agnes	Michael Fairhead	L
12/7	St Austell	John Keast	L
12/8	Bodmin, Padstow and Wadebridge	Jill Garbett	L
12/8	Bodmin, Padstow and Wadebridge	Penny Manders	L
12/11	St Ives and Hayle	William Rodney Orr	L
12/14	Lizard and Mounts Bay	William T Reed	L
12/14	Lizard and Mounts Bay	Paul M Benney	P
12/17	Launceston Area	Johanna C Smart	P
12/19	Liskeard and Looe	David Nicholls	L
17/1	Epworth and Scunthorpe	Helen Croft	P
17/7	Wolds and Trent	Sarah J Parkin	P
19/7	Stretford and Urmston	Margaret Curtis	L
22/14	Mid Derbyshire	Geraldine Stamp	L
22/14	Mid Derbyshire	Keith Bryan	L
22/23	Mansfield	John Yarrien	P
23/11	Hinckley	Judith Cooke	L
23/12	Melton Mowbray	Mike Sergeant	L
23/12	Melton Mowbray	Lesley Sergeant	L
23/14	Rugby and Daventry	Charity D Madenyika	P
23/26	Milton Keynes	Nicola Martyn-Beck	P
23/26	Milton Keynes	Rob Winn	L M
23/29	Vale of Aylesbury	Arthur Sara	L
24/1	Plymouth and Devonport	Donna A Leigh	P
24/11	Bude and Holsworthy	Muriel Hodges	L
24/11	Bude and Holsworthy	Clive Smale	L
24/20	Ilfracombe and Barnstaple	Martin Reardon	L
25/1	Sheffield	Richard Wilshaw	L
25/11	Bolsover and Staveley	Kevin Laming	L
25/14	Doncaster	Barry Parker	L
25/14	Doncaster	Susanna Brooks	L
26/3	Kennet and Test Valley	Muriel Wood	L
26/4	Basingstoke and Reading	Ruth K Midcalf	P
26/4	Basingstoke and Reading	Peter Frank	L
26/5	Yeovil and Blackmore Vale	Denise Binks	P
26/16	Isle of Wight	Mary White	L
26/21	Weymouth	Tim Wells	L
26/21	Weymouth	Pam Woodland	L

26/23	Salisbury	Stephen M Hawkes	P
27/21	Settle	Wendy Holt	L
28/2	Brownhills and Willenhall	Mike Smith	L
28/3	Shropshire and Marches	James I Eaton-Challinor	P
28/12	Black Country	Patricia Mukorombindo	P
29/37	Hull (Centre and West)	Iain M Ballard	P
31/1	Edinburgh and Forth	Stephanie A Njeru	P
34/4	South Bedfordshire	J Stephen Jones	L
34/4	South Bedfordshire	Roger J Owers	L
34/9	Chelmsford	Alberta A Konadu-Yiadom	P
35/2	West London Mission	James A Cruddas	P M
35/31	Barking Dagenham and Ilford	Angela Potheary	P
35/35	Barnet and Queensbury	Benjamin Twumasi	P
36/1	Hants-Surrey Border	Gina A Hoff	P
36/5	Staines and Feltham	Paul Murphy	L
36/9	Worthing	Gabriele E Britton-Voss	P
36/21	North Kent	Kan W-C Yu	P
36/25	South Kent	Hugh Burnham	L
36/25	South Kent	Joy P Brumwell	L
36/27	Canterbury and East Kent	Miriam S Moul	P

LIST B – Renewals after one year for applications granted in 2014

Circuit No	Circuit Name	Application	Cat
2/6	Bridgend	Rachel Wheeler	P
2/18	Neath Port Talbot	Clement Raymond	L
6/5	Wigan	Gillian M Sharp	P
7/7	Gloucestershire	Naomi Cooke	P
7/15	Gordano Valley	Deborah C Mallett	P
7/20	Wiltshire United Area	Simon C Edwards	P
9/13	Kendal	Wendy A Thornton	P
9/14	South Lakes	Joanna R Rand	P
11/1	Chester and Delamere Forest	Christine M Dutton	P
11/15	Stoke-on-Trent North	Paul Owen	L
11/18	Stoke-on-Trent (Burslem Mission)	Lingyu Ji	P
12/1	Camborne-Redruth	John Bailey	L

12/11	St Ives and Hayle	Kenneth Bassett	L
12/12	St Ives Fore Street	William R Orr	L
13/12	West Durham	Janet Titterton	P
13/17	Barnard Castle and Teesdale	William Bartle	L
14/3	Bury St Edmunds	Rita Carr	P
14/5	Ely and Newmarket	Sang Woo Seo	P
16/3	Leeds Headingley and West	Daniel Woodhouse	P
17/2	Lincoln North	Helen Hooley	P
17/3	Lincoln South	Melanie J Greenall	P
18/9	Wirral	Steven E Carpenter	P
19/8	Altrincham	Rosalind Watson	P
22/3	Nottingham East	Tim Nash	L M
22/11	Ashbourne	Merle Wilde	D
22/13	Borders Mission	David Hopkinson	L
22/13	Borders Mission	Harry Smith	L
22/16	Trent and Dove	Lewis J Greaves	P
23/5	Banbury	Hazel Stagg	L
23/7	Leicester Trinity	David J L Willis	P
23/11	Hinckley	Neville Spark	L
23/21	Peterborough	Gareth P Baron	P
24/1	Plymouth and Devonport	Kate E Konrad	P
24/3	Exeter Coast and Country Circuit	Margaret Cole	L
24/11	Bude and Holsworthy	Michael Reeves	L
24/16	Tiverton and Wellington	Anne Browse	L
24/16	Tiverton and Wellington	Hilary Young	L
24/20	Ilfracombe and Barnstaple	Sylvia Edwards	L
24/22	South Molton and Ringsash	Gloria Manning	L
24/22	South Molton and Ringsash	Arthur Mildon	L
24/23	Torrige	Elsie Potter	L
24/24	West Devon	Iris Bray	P
24/25	West Somerset	Margaret Lintern	L
24/27	Ringsash	Colin Rice	L
24/28	Teignbridge	Catherine M Wagstaff	P
25/1	Sheffield	William E Fletcher	P
25/10	Chesterfield	Tracey J Harris	P
25/14	Doncaster	Andrew J Mumford	P
25/17	Rotherham and Dearne Valley	Wayne Ashton	L

26/3	Kennet and Test Valley	Carmel Ieraci	P
26/4	Basingstoke and Reading	Tim Hedgecock	L
26/5	Yeovil and Blackmore Vale	Jennifer Gardner	L
26/6	Meon Valley	Grace Westerduin	L
26/7	East Solent and Downs Circuit	John D Mills	P
27/35	Huddersfield	Joanna M Brown	P
27/35	Huddersfield	Susan M Burton	P
28/3	Shropshire and Marches	Sue Mathews	L
28/3	Shropshire and Marches	Christine Jones	L
28/3	Shropshire and Marches	Brian Wallace	L
28/14	Gornal and Sedgley	William Caldwell	L
29/10	Bridlington Circuit	John G Hughes	P
29/16	Tadcaster	Stephen P Jakeman	P
29/31	North Yorkshire	Rosemary E Coles	P
29/33	York	Julia D Skitt	P
29/34	Ryedale	Tanya Short	P
34/15	North Hertfordshire	Steven R M Cooper	P
35/34	Enfield	Papa K B Owusu	P
35/40	Purley	Suzanne L Shortman	P
36/13	Central Sussex United Area	Paul Tabraham	P

LIST C: Renewals after two years initially granted in 2013

Circuit No	Circuit Name	Application	Cat
1/1	Cymru (Bathafarn)	Elizabeth Jones	L
1/1	Cymru (Glannau Maelor)	J Philip Davies	L
1/1	Cymru (Glannau Maelor)	Goronwy Ellis	L
1/1	Cymru (Glannau Maelor)	Vera Jones	L
1/1	Cymru (Glannau Maelor)	Maryl Rees	L
1/1	Cymru (Glannau Meirion A Dyfi)	Eluned Williams	L
1/1	Cymru (Mon Ac Arfon)	Stephen F Roe	D
1/1	Cymru (Powys)	John Ellis	L
1/1	Cymru (Powys)	Tom Ellis	L
2/3	Bangor and Holyhead	Howard Jackson	L
2/3	Bangor and Holyhead	Royce Warner	L
5/6	Birmingham (West) and Oldbury	Michael Hall	L
9/4	Whitehaven	Douglas McDevitte	L
9/4	Whitehaven	Alan Moore	L

9/15	South Lakes	John Biggs	L
9/15	South Lakes	Bryan Bucknell	L
9/16	South West Cumbria United Area	Bob Mantle	L
11/8	Cheshire South	Jennifer A Matthews	P
12/1	Camborne - Redruth	Marquis Honeychurch	L
12/3	Falmouth and Gwennap	Mike Ely	L
12/7	St Austell	Tony Warren	L
12/20	Camelford and Week St Mary	Glenton Brown	L
12/20	Camelford and Week St Mary	Robin Heywood	L
12/20	Camelford and Week St Mary	Brian Parkman	L
13/7	Barnard Castle and Teesdale	Audrey Williams	L
17/16	East Lincolnshire	Deryck Hand	L
17/16	East Lincolnshire	Roger Maidens	L
17/16	East Lincolnshire	Keith Locke	L
22/14	Mid-Derbyshire	John Moorley	L
22/14	Mid-Derbyshire	Valerie Rollisson	L
23/8	Leicester North	Jo Kay	L
23/8	Leicester North	Sue Moore	L
23/8	Leicester North	Susan Smith	L
23/13	Northampton	John Atkin	L
23/13	Northampton	Norma Baxter	L
23/13	Northampton	David Houghton	L
23/13	Northampton	Linda Leathersich	L
23/13	Northampton	Maggie Munday	L
23/13	Northampton	Paul Wilson	L
23/14	Rugby and Daventry	Janet Thomas	D
24/20	Ilfracombe and Barnstaple	Geoffrey Harding	L
24/25	West Somerset	Mollie Brooks	L
25/14	Doncaster	Donald Reasbeck	L
25/17	Rotherham and Dearne Valley	Anne Holmes	L
26/8	Romsey	Susan Parsons	L
26/16	Isle of Wight	Margaret Potts	L
26/16	Isle of Wight	Jeff Ryall	L
26/16	Isle of Wight	John Wells	L
27/18	Skipton and Grassington	Glennis Hobbs	L
28/14	Gornal and Sedgley	Jemima E Strain	P

31/13	Inverness	David Saunders	M
34/14	West Herts and Borders	Derek J McLean	P
36/21	North Kent	Bart Woodhouse	M