

42. Authorisations Committee

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1. The Authorisations Committee has reviewed applications from Circuits to authorise those who are not ordained as presbyters to preside at services of Holy Communion in accordance with Standing Order 011. Careful consideration was given to applications using the established criteria set out in Book VI, Part 3 of CPD.
2. The Committee considered a total of 93 applications (including renewals after three years): 19 presbyteral probationers and 74 lay people. 81 authorisations are recommended to the 2022 Conference. The Committee declined to recommend 12 applications which did not meet the deprivation figure and which could not be accepted on the grounds of geographical deprivation, or for any other reasons.
3. The Committee considered nine applications made under the missional criterion and seven were approved (included in the above figures).
4. The work of the Committee allows its members to gain a picture from across the Connexion of changing patterns of worship in many Circuits. We continue to consider the way in which we do our work and whether changes are needed. In the last three years we have requested more commentary from Circuits in their application, to give us a better understanding of what lies behind the numeric data provided. This has been helpful in highlighting the issues for applications which are close to the numeric borderline, and we believe has improved the quality of our decision-making.
5. The Committee believes that the system we currently use, and which worked well in the past, now needs urgent review due to changes in patterns of worship and mission. The Faith and Order Committee has been tasked by the Conference with a review of the current criteria for Authorisations. That review will have access to the Authorisations Committee and our experience of current practice.
6. Applications for authorisations for deacons are no longer being considered, following the resolution of the 2019 Conference arising from the report *The Theology and Ecclesiology Underpinning the Diaconate and the Methodist Diaconal Order*.
7. Applications are scrutinised by Circuit Meetings and District Policy Committees before submission. During the COVID-19 pandemic we have moved to a system in which all applications are received electronically. This has been a positive development and one which will now form our normal practice.
8. All applications for consideration in 2023 should be submitted to the Ministries Vocations and Worship Team mvw@methodistchurch.org.uk by Friday 24 March 2023. The Committee will meet on Monday 17 April 2023 to consider the applications received.
9. 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 (DPC) 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). However, it should be noted that DPCs are required to re-examine cases at the end of year 1 and year 2 to check these are still appropriate.

10. The Authorisations Committee presents three lists to the Conference. List A records the recommendations of the Committee on the initial applications and renewals at the end of a three-year term. Lists B and C set out the recommendations of the Authorisations Committee on renewals for a second or third year.
11. The Committee welcomes informal consultations with any Circuit considering making an application for an authorisation.

***RESOLUTIONS

42/1. The Conference received the Report.

42/2. The Conference authorised the following persons to preside at the Lord's Supper for the year commencing 1 September 2022 in accordance with the provisions of SO 011:

AUTHORISATIONS TO BE PRESENTED TO THE 2022 CONFERENCE

Key: P = Probationer presbyter
L = Lay person
M = Approved under missional criterion

LIST A – New applications for authorisations for three years

Please note that circuit numbers are shown as on the applications, there may be some changes shown on the face of stations.

Circuit no	Circuit name	Application	Cat
1/1	Bathafarn Area of the Cymru Circuit	Elizabeth Jones	L
1/1	Glannau Maelor Area of the Cymru Circuit	Maryl Rees	L
1/1	Ceredigion a Merionnydd Area of the Cymru Circuit	Eluned Williams	L
2/16	Mid Glamorgan Mission	Paul Cooke	L
2/16	Mid Glamorgan Mission	John Cullwick	L
2/16	Mid Glamorgan Mission	Jane Williams	L
5/9	Tamworth and Lichfield	Wendy Walker	P
5/12	South Warwickshire	Sally Jones	P
6/5	Wigan	James Whelan	L
6/8	Bury	Thomas King	M
6/8	Bury	Blayze K White	P
7/22	North Wiltshire	Rachel Collins	P
9/4	Western Fells	Lilian Dixon	L
9/4	Western Fells	Vivienne Kendall	L
9/4	Western Fells	Douglas McDevitte	L
9/4	Western Fells	Amanda Taylor	M
9/7	Kirkby Stephen, Appleby and Tebay	David Askew	L
9/7	Kirkby Stephen, Appleby and Tebay	Wilf Capstick	L
9/13	Kendal	Tiras Dainty-Share	P

11/15	Potteries Mission	Paul Owen	L
11/18	Stoke-on-Trent Mission	Alison Price	M
12/3	Falmouth and Gwenapp	Jenny Lockwood	L
12/7	St Austell	Bernard Goudge	L
12/7	St Austell	Mary Lightfoot	L
12/7	St Austell	Tony Warren	L
12/8	Bodmin, Padstow and Wadebridge	Myra Williams	L
12/14	The Lizard and Mounts Bay	Rebecca Fugill	P
12/17	Launceston Area	Sam Beazley	M
12/20	Camelford and Week St Mary	Sophie Doyle	L
12/20	Camelford and Week St Mary	Loveday Paynter	L
12/22	Saltash	Marguerite Smith	L
12/24	Mid Cornwall	Christine Roberts	L
13/11	Durham and Deerness	Fiona Weir	M
14/15	Central Norfolk	Jonathan Bell	P
17/6	East Lincolnshire	Nick Adams	L
17/6	East Lincolnshire	Neil Baxter	L
17/6	East Lincolnshire	Roger Maidens	L
18/19	Lancashire West	Alexandra Laing	P
19/1	Manchester	Catharine Hughes	P
19/8	Altrincham	Kevin Jaquiss	L
21/1	Burnley and Pendle	Richard Hoyle	L
21/2	West Pennine Moors	Matt Smith	P
22/2	National Forest East	Susanna Draper	L
22/13	Borders Mission	Jacqueline Dawson	L
22/13	Borders Mission	Michael Render	L
23/5	Banbury	Philip Robinson	P
23/12	Melton Mowbray	Jennifer Oliver	L
23/13	Hinckley	Judith Cooke	L
23/14	East Mercia	Patricia Basson	L
23/14	East Mercia	Kate Hitchcox	L
23/28	Amersham	James Patterson	P
24/16	Tiverton and Wellington	Richard Allington	L
24/16	Tiverton and Wellington	Gill Atkinson	L
24/16	Tiverton and Wellington	Ruth Hartley	L
24/16	Tiverton and Wellington	Dawn Nadim	L
24/16	Tiverton and Wellington	Hazel Parsons	L
24/22	South Molton and Ringsash	Sheila Collier	L
24/23	Torrige	David Ley	L
25/1	Sheffield	Michelle Deans	P
25/1	Sheffield	Nick Waterfield	M
25/14	Doncaster	Susanna Brookes	L
25/14	Doncaster	Alice Curry	L
25/14	Doncaster	Jack Key	M

25/14	Doncaster	Christine Ogley	L
25/17	Rotherham and Dearne Valley	David Guy	L
25/17	Rotherham and Dearne Valley	Anne Holmes	L
25/17	Rotherham and Dearne Valley	Clive Taylor	L
25/19	Trinity	Keith Abel	L
26/2	Winchester, Eastleigh and Romsey	Peter Castle	L
26/2	Winchester, Eastleigh and Romsey	John Evans	L
26/11	Isle of Wight	Mike Hackleton	L
26/11	Isle of Wight	Jane Morris	L
26/11	Isle of Wight	John Wells	L
27/1	Leeds South and West	Mo Onyett	P
27/34	Calderdale	Caroline Stead	L
28/3	Shropshire and Marches	Vivienne Thomas	L
28/4	Walsall	Peter Kelsall	L
29/1	Kairos	Liane Kenset	M
34/7	Tendring	Steve Sutton	P
34/10	Southend and Leigh	Bob Briant	L
34/10	Southend and Leigh	Agnes Sam	P
34/12	Herts and Essex Borders Ecumenical Area (HAEBEA)	Marcia Tull	P
34/13	St Albans and Welwyn	Rosemary Mutopo	P
34/14	West Hertfordshire and Borders	Joyce Mayisiri	P
36/1	Hants-Surrey Border	Anne Day	P
36/11	Redhill and East Grinstead	Elisabeth Brooks	P

LIST B – Renewals after one year for applications granted in 2021

Circuit no	Circuit name	Application	Cat
2/20	South West Wales	John Birch	L
2/25	Welshpool Bro Hafren	John Harbron	L
5/6	Birmingham (West) and Oldbury	Michael Hall	L
9/4	Western Fells	Paul Harold	P
10/1	Bailiwick of Guernsey	Sarah Caddell	P
11/8	Cheshire South	Sarah M Butcher	P
11/18	Stoke Mission	Glynis Cooper	L
11/18	Stoke Mission	Amy Wyatt	L
11/24	Staffordshire Moorlands	Gill Meredith	L
12/7	St Austell	John Keast	L
12/8	Bodmin, Padstow and Wadebridge	Caroline Bailey	L
12/8	Bodmin, Padstow and Wadebridge	Rod Harrison	L
12/24	Mid Cornwall	Miranda Knight	L
13/3	Stockton	Jan Smith	L

13/3	Stockton	Jim Wilkinson	L
14/10	Norfolk Broads	Shaun Cushion	L
19/8	Altrincham	Dorothy Bretherton	L
19/15	Bramhall and Wythenshawe	David Allaby	L
19/15	Bramhall and Wythenshawe	Nick Harding	L
19/15	Bramhall and Wythenshawe	John Ream	L
20/8	Tynedale	Gareth Sherwood	P
21/15	North Fylde	Sarah Lamb	P
23/1	Oxford	Stephen Spain	P
23/12	Melton Mowbray	Anne Yates	L
23/29	Vale of Aylesbury	Arthur Sara	L
24/11	Bude and Holsworthy	Muriel Hodges	L
24/11	Bude and Holsworthy	Clive Smale	L
24/20	Ilfracombe and Barnstaple	Martin Reardon	L
26/8	Dorset South and West	Peter Jenner	L
26/8	Dorset South and West	Chris Warren	L
26/8	Dorset South and West	Timothy Wells	L
26/9	Poole Bay	Janet Baker	L
26/9	Poole Bay	Brian Tucknott	L
26/11	Isle of Wight	Marian Izzard	L
28/2	Brownhills and Willenhall	Mike Smith	L
28/13	Dudley and Netherton	Charlotte Harding	L
28/13	Dudley and Netherton	William Jones	L
28/13	Dudley and Netherton	Peter Roberts	L
29/33	York	John Bailey	L
29/33	York	John Hayward	P
31/10	North of Scotland Mission Circuit	Jonathan Garde	P
36/8	West Sussex (Coast and Downs)	Steven Donnison	P
36/25	South Kent	Gillian Songer	P
36/25	South Kent	David Smith	L

LIST C – Renewals after two years for applications granted in 2020

Circuit no	Circuit name	Application	Cat
2/18	Neath Port Talbot	Clement Raymond	L
2/18	Neath Port Talbot	Robin Sherwood	L
5/1	Birmingham	Danielle Wilson	M
9/13	Kendal	Don Spivey	L
12/3	Falmouth and Gwenapp	Morwenna Bennett	L
12/3	Falmouth and Gwenapp	Lesley Parsons	L
12/14	The Lizard and Mounts Bay	David Pascoe	L

12/14	The Lizard and Mounts Bay	Sylvia Richards	L
12/14	The Lizard and Mounts Bay	Shirley Wearne	L
12/19	Liskeard and Looe	David Nicholls	L
13/3	Stockton	Jan Smith	L
13/3	Stockton	Jim Wilkinson	L
13/4	Castle Eden	John G Kidd	L
14/1	Norwich	Sean Worsley	L
23/14	Rugby and Daventry	Lucy Anne Catling	M
24/1	Plymouth and Devonport	Janet Dobinson	L
24/10	South Devon	Rachel Mitchell	L
24/11	Bude and Holsworthy	Courtney Drew	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	Roy Harris	L
24/23	Torrige	Elsie Potter	L
24/24	West Devon	Angela Banfield	L
24/24	West Devon	Vicki Brown	L
24/25	West Somerset	Margaret Lintern	L
24/27	Ringsash	Colin Rice	L
25/17	Rotherham and Dearne Valley	Edward Archer Siddall	L
26/4	Basingstoke and Reading	Stephen Appiah	L
26/4	Basingstoke and Reading	David Munns	L
26/6	Meon Valley	Rosie Banks	L
28/3	Shropshire and Marches	Sue Matthews	L
28/14	Gornal and Sedgley	William Caldwell	L
34/4	South Bedfordshire	Martin Wallis	L
34/9	Chelmsford	Sue Johnson	L
34/10	Southend and Leigh	Colin Turner	L
36/17	Hastings, Bexhill and Rye	Alan Hurrell	L
36/17	Hastings, Bexhill and Rye	Jill Sayers	L
36/25	South Kent	Roy Hollands	L