Committee Appointments

Methodist Church House Management Committee

Appointment of a new committee member commencing April 2014

*****RESOLUTION**

48/1. The Council appoints David A Quick to the Methodist Church House Management Committee with immediate effect.

Reasoned Statement

Mr Quick is an architect, with over 40 years experience. He is the District Property Secretary for the Leeds District, chairs the Yorkshire Historic Churches Trust and serves on the national council of the Chapels Society.

Richard Barrett

The Council is asked to note that since it appointed Richard Barrett to the Management Committee, he has changed employer. As there is now a potential conflict of interest, he has withdrawn from the Management Committee.

Diaconal Candidates and Probationers Oversight Committee

Further to the appointments made by the October and January meetings of the Council, the Council is asked to note that the membership of the Diaconal Candidates and Probationers Oversight Committee for the remainder of this connexional year is as follows:
The Revds Sheryl Anderson (Connexional Team), William Anderson, Jennifer Impey (Chair), Donald Pickard, Deacons Margaret Cox, Susan Culver (Warden of the MDO), Claire Gill, Anthony Martin, Mrs Rosemary Harrison, Miss Marion Mear, Dr Malcolm Stevenson

Connexional Grants Committee

*****RESOLUTIONS**

48/2. The Council appoints Mrs Helen Woodall as Chair of the Connexional Grants Committee, for an initial period of three years from 1 September 2014.

48/3. The Council appoints Mr Bala Gnanapragrasam to the Connexional Grants Committee, for an initial period of three years from 1 September 2014.

48/4. The Council appoints Dr Daleep Mukarji to the Connexional Grants Committee, for an initial period of three years from 1 September 2014.

Reasoned statements

Mrs Helen Woodall is an experienced leader and manager, whose previous roles have included (at Board level) leadership of the Adullam Homes Housing Association, and chairing the Carrs Lane Conference Centre Ltd. In service of the Methodist Church, she is a member of the Discipleship Ministries and Learning Network Committee and of the Nomination of District Chairs Panel, and

has previously been a member of the Strategy and Resources Committee. She has been a trustee of the Birmingham Methodist City Centre Mission since 2006, and its Treasurer since 2010.

Mr Bala Gnanapragrasan is an experienced senior executive, with many years of business and community experience in people management, leadership and motivation, programme/project management. He has worked in international business and in the public sector, where his roles have included chairing the University Hospital Lewisham NHS Trust. He was Synod Secretary for the London District between 2006 and 2012.

Dr Daleep Mukarji OBE is the Vice-President of the Methodist Conference. He recently retired as director of Christian Aid.

Connexional Team appointment

The Revd Dr Stephen Skuce
Director of Scholarship, Research and Innovation for an initial period of five years from 1 September 2014.

The Revd Dr Stephen Skuce has been a presbyter of the Irish Conference since 1989. He has served as a circuit minister in the Aughnacloy and the Charlemont and Cranagill Circuits and has been Superintendent of the Ballinamallard and Trillick Circuit. He has been a mission partner with the Methodist Church, Sri Lanka (1997-2001), a chaplain at University College Dublin and an adjunct lecturer at a number of universities and colleges in Ireland and Sri Lanka. Since 2005 Stephen has been stationed at Cliff College, initially as Postgraduate Tutor and latterly as Academic Dean and Research Programme Leader. He is a Fellow of the Higher Education Academy, an External Examiner at a number of HE institutions and an Honorary Research Fellow at the University of Manchester. Stephen's PhD was on Irish Methodist inter-faith understanding. His published work has been in the areas of inter-faith understanding, mission and Wesleyan studies. He is passionate about helping the church to grow, to articulate our faith better, the future of the Wesleyan tradition and being part of the World Church. Stephen has permission from the Irish Methodist Conference to seek this appointment.

*****RESOLUTION**

48/5. The Council recommends to the Conference, pursuant to SO 315(4), that the Revd Dr Stephen Skuce be stationed to serve the Connexional Team for an initial period of five years from 1 September 2014.