

Connexional Team Appointments

The Council is asked to make the following appointments:

Learning and Development Officer (Ministry Development) in the East Central Region

The Revd Dr Tim Woolley

For a five year appointment from 1 May 2014 as Learning and Development Officer (Ministry Development) in the East Central Region

The Revd Dr Tim Woolley has been a presbyter since 2002, serving his first appointment in the Guildford circuit. Since 2007 he has served as Director of Mission in the Northampton District, encouraging the development of Fresh Expressions of Church, personal faith sharing and creative use of buildings in mission. Tim has recently completed a PhD from Manchester University through Cliff College on the historiography of the Primitive Methodist creation narrative. He is a tutor with the Methodist E-Academy, and a marker and MA supervisor at Cliff College, where he also contributes teaching to the Summer School programme in Wesleyan Studies. He is also a part time tutor for the University of Oxford Department of Continuing Education. He is passionate about mission and evangelism, Free church history and theological education for the whole people of God.

*****RESOLUTION**

7/1. The Council recommends to the President that, pursuant to clause 29(b) of the Deed of Union, the Revd Dr Tim Woolley be stationed to serve the Connexional Team from 1 May 2014 until the adoption of the stations at the 2014 Conference and recommends to the Conference that, pursuant to SO 315(4), Dr Woolley be appointed to continue in that appointment for a period of four years from 1 September 2014.

Minister of Ponte Sant' Angelo Methodist Church, Rome and the Methodist representative to the wider ecumenical community in Rome.

The Revd Dr Timothy A Macquiban MA

Dr Macquiban brings a wealth of pastoral ministry and ecumenical engagement to this appointment. He is currently Superintendent of the Cambridge Circuit and Minister of the city centre Wesley Church, the members of which are from twenty one different nationalities. The English language PSA congregation is also an extremely multicultural community including many members from Africa and East Asia. He is very experienced in leading worship and promoting both mission and Christian education in such a diverse situation.

In addition to this, Dr Macquiban has a long engagement in academic and ecumenical work. He has been Tutor at Wesley College, Bristol, Principal Lecturer at Westminster College, Oxford, and Principal of Sarum College, Salisbury. He has supported World Church partnerships and World Development in many settings. In 1990 he served as a locum in Rome and since then has chaired the English Waldensian Committee. After two decades as Secretary and Co-Chair of the Oxford Institute of Methodist Theological Studies he has maintained strong links with international Methodist studies. This summer he has been appointed to Co-Chair the World Methodist Council / Baptist World Alliance dialogue.

Dr Macquiban is extremely well qualified to understand the nuances of denominational and doctrinal conversations and to promote practical and contextual mission and theology.

The Scrutiny Group considered this appointment, and approved the following resolution on behalf of the Council.

*****RESOLUTION**

7/2. The Council recommends to the Conference that the Revd Dr Timothy A Macquiban be appointed to serve, pursuant to SO 315(4), for an initial period of five years from 1 September 2014 as Minister of Ponte Sant' Angelo Methodist Church, Rome and the Methodist representative to the wider ecumenical community in Rome.