

REPRESENTATIVE SESSION

ORDER OF BUSINESS

09:15 Service of Holy Communion

11:00 Coffee Break

11:30 Notice of Motion 2017/210

Agenda Item 32: Covenants of Care – final report from working group (Agenda pages 332-360, Order Paper page 33)
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Agenda Item 49: Committee on Methodist Law and Polity (2) Section K (Agenda pages 491-499, Order Paper pages 25-26)
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Agenda Item 33: Safeguarding Committee (Agenda pages 361-366)
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Agenda Item 34: Proposed Supervision and Professional Development Model for District Safeguarding Officers (Agenda pages 367-371, Order Paper page 14)
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Agenda Item 35: Calculating safeguarding time required for Districts (Agenda pages 372-377)
Resolutions 35/1, 35/2 (page 377)

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13:00 Lunch

14:15 **Agenda Item 27: Methodist Council, part 2** (Agenda pages 259-305 and Order Paper page 24)
Resolutions 27/10 (page 279), 27/20 (page 305), 27/21, 27/22 (Order Paper page 24)

14:30 **Agenda Item 42: Statistics for Mission** (Agenda pages 437-458)
Resolution 42/1 (page 452)

15:15 Discussions in district groups

16:15 Tea Break

16:45 **Agenda Item 18: Methodist Ministers' Pension Scheme** (Agenda pages 145-148 and Order Paper page 33)

Resolutions 18/1, 18/2, 18/3 (page 147), 18/4, 18/5, 18/6 (page 148), 18/7 (Order Paper page 33)

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Agenda Item 19: Supervision Policy (Agenda pages 149-179)

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Agenda Item 27: Methodist Council, part 2 (Agenda pages 259-305 and Order Paper page 24)

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Memorial M1

Memorial M2

Memorial M3

Memorial M7

Memorial M8

Resolution 27/16 (Order Paper page 24)

18:05 Closed Session

18:15 Evening prayers

18:30 Adjourn

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Synod Secretaries are asked to note that their meeting will be held at 13:00 in the Warwick Suite.

REPORT FROM THE CONFERENCE BUSINESS COMMITTEE

The Business Committee makes the following report concerning the way in which the Statistics for Mission report is to be discussed in the Conference:

The Connexional Secretary will present the report, and move resolution 42/1. There will be an opportunity for members of the Conference to ask questions and make general points about the report.

The Secretary of the Conference will make some observations about the implications of the report and the way in which the Conference is being asked to engage with the report. The detailed conversations and debate arising from the report will then take place in the district groups.

The Conference will have a further opportunity to respond to the report on Thursday morning, when Notice of Motion 2017/110, which seeks to introduce resolution 42/2 will also be moved and debated. This Notice of Motion is not resisted by the presenters of the business.

ADDITIONS AND CORRECTIONS TO THE CONFERENCE AGENDA

AGENDA ITEM 18: METHODIST MINISTERS' PENSION SCHEME (MMPS) (Pages 145-148)

Page 146. Paragraphs 1-4

Insert:

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.

Page 147, Paragraphs 11-14

Insert:

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.

***ADDITIONAL RESOLUTION

18/7. The Conference reappoints Mr Colin Pearson and Mr Graham Danbury as directors of Methodist Ministers' Pension Trust Limited.

AGENDA ITEM 32: COVENANTS OF CARE – FINAL REPORT FROM WORKING GROUP (Pages 332-360)

Page 353, Paragraph 7.4.1

For Contracts and Agreements read Contracts

AGENDA ITEM 46: AUTHORISATIONS COMMITTEE (Pages 470-477)

In the lists contained within the report:

For 12/1 Camborne-Redruth *read* 12/1 Camborne-Redruth and Hayle

For 12/11 St Ives and Hayle *read* 12/11 St Ives

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)

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

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

Page 474, List A

Add 35/28 Blackheath and Crystal Palace Alberta Konadu-Yiadom P

Page 475, List B

Delete 13/17 Barnard Castle and Teesdale Audrey Williams L

Page 476, List C

Add 5/10 Coventry and Nuneaton Penelope J Thorne P

Delete 12/5 Newquay, Perranporth and St Agnes David Parker L

Page 477, List C

Delete 12/8 Bodmin, Padstow and Wadebridge Penny Manders L

Delete 12/19 Liskeard and Looe David Nicholls L

AGENDA ITEM 49: COMMITTEE ON METHODIST LAW AND POLITY (2) (Pages 482-499)

Page 495

Amend the draft Standing Order 236 to read as follows:

- (3) *A safeguarding concern exists where:*
- (i) *the words, actions or behaviour ...*
- (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) *...*
- (5) *A member of the Church who becomes aware that a safeguarding concern exists must act on that concern ...*
- (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 ...*

Page 496

Amend the draft Standing Order 237 to read as follows:

- (1) *In this Standing Order:-*
- (i) *...*
 - (ii) *...*
 - (iii) *“the District Safeguarding Officer” means the safeguarding officer of the District of which the relevant Circuit forms part.*
- (3) *A connexional or district risk assessment may be undertaken in relation to any person about whom a safeguarding concern exists ...*

(4) *A connexional safeguarding officer acting on behalf of the Safeguarding Committee may require a connexional risk assessment following a request from a District Safeguarding Officer or in any other case when:-*

- (i) *a safeguarding concern exists about any person ...*
- (ii) *...*
- (iii) *a safeguarding concern exists about a person ...*
- (iv) *...*
- (v) *a blemished disclosure reveals a safeguarding concern ...*
- (vi) *...*
- (vii) *...*
- (viii) *...*
- (ix) *a statutory agency provides information which reveals a safeguarding concern*
...

Delete the second full stop at the end of 237(5).

Page 497

In draft Standing Order 237(9) for “must” read “will be expected to”.

Amend draft Standing Order 237(11) to read:

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.

In draft Standing Order 237(13) for “raising” read “referring”.

Page 498

Amend draft Standing Order 237(17) to read:

Instead of or prior to commissioning or carrying out a risk assessment, a safeguarding officer may take such other reasonable steps ... as are consistent with the safeguarding policies ...

In Standing Order 690(2)(a) for “*monitoring*” read “*monitoring*”.

At the end of Standing Order 690(2)(c) add:

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

Page 499

Amend Title of Standing Order to read:

Section 69 Involvement of ~~Sex Offenders~~ in the Local Church when there is a Safeguarding Concern

Amend Standing Order 690(5) to read:

A person to whom clause (1) above applies shall not be placed on the community roll maintained by the Local Church in accordance with Standing Order 054(7) before signing a contract in accordance with clause (2) above **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.**

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.

Proposed: Mr Bala Gnanapragasam

Seconded: The Revd Samuel E McBratney

(Signed by 8 other members of the Conference)

1. The Revd Dr Barbara C Glasson
 2. The Revd David M Goodall
 3. The Revd Dr Jonathan H Pye
 4. Deacon Eunice Attwood
 5. Deacon Karen McBride
 6. The Revd Rachel Parkinson
 7. Dr Stephen Leah
 8. Mr John Cooper
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**PRESBYTERS, DEACONS AND LAY PEOPLE
WHO HAVE ENTERED INTO REST 2017**

Presbyters

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
Donald Alfred Bullen	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

Deacons

Gwendoline Appleton	Mavis McBride
Marion Aspinall	Jean Miller
Linda Judith Ireland	Jean Robinson
Susan Mary Jackson	Leonard Russell Smith
Mary Mawson	

Lay People

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 <i>Magnet</i>
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

Those who have served as Mission Partners and have died since the last Conference:

Mrs Dena Burne	Sierra Leone
The Revd Peter Dolling	India
Mrs Brenda Gent	Ghana
The Revd Terry Isherwood	Zimbabwe
Dr Mary Jefferson	Sierra Leone
Mr Raymond B Jowett	Sierra Leone
Mr James Keen	Zimbabwe/Samoa
The Revd Fred King	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

317 accredited Local Preachers; the names reported by the Districts are recorded in a Book of Thanksgiving held at Methodist Church House.

And many others whose service is known to others and to God.