

## 41. Authorisations Committee

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1. The Authorisations Committee has reviewed applications from Circuits to authorise those who are not ordained as presbyters (both lay people and probationer 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 78 applications (including renewals after three years): 23 presbyteral probationers and 55 lay people. 74 authorisations are recommended to the 2023 Conference. The Committee declined to recommend four applications which either did not meet the deprivation figure and which could not be accepted on the grounds of geographical deprivation, or for any other reasons relating to the criteria.
3. The Committee considered five applications made under the missional criterion and all were approved (included in the above figures).
4. The Faith and Order Committee has been tasked by the Conference with a review of the current criteria for Authorisations. A report comes to Conference 2023 which, if agreed, will lead to a new set of criteria.
5. 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*.
6. Applications are scrutinised by Circuit Meetings and District Policy Committees before submission. We are grateful to those circuits and districts which supply us with full and accurate details, as that helps us complete our part of the process with the minimum of uncertainty and delay.
7. All applications for consideration in 2024 should be submitted to the Ministries Vocations and Worship Team [mvw@methodistchurch.org.uk](mailto:mvw@methodistchurch.org.uk) by Friday 22 March 2024. The Committee will meet on Monday 15 April 2024 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 (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.
9. 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.
10. The Committee welcomes informal consultations with any Circuit considering making an application for an authorisation.

**\*\*\*RESOLUTIONS****41/1. The Conference received the Report.****41/2. The Conference authorised the following persons to preside at the Lord's Supper for the year commencing 1 September 2023 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**

<b>Circuit no</b>	<b>Circuit name</b>	<b>Application</b>	<b>Cat</b>
2/13	Gwent Hills and Vales	Hugo Potgeiter	L
2/13	Gwent Hills and Vales	Celia Price	L
2/18	Neath Port Talbot	Clem Raymond	L
2/18	Neath Port Talbot	Robin Sherwood	L
2/27	Vale of Glamorgan	Phillipa Doble	L
5/1	Birmingham	Danielle Wilson	M
5/12	South Warwickshire	Tina Brooker	P
5/12	South Warwickshire	Sheila Brown	L
6/1	Bolton	Sarah Hooks	P
9/14	South Lakes	Hayley Edmondson	P
9/16	South West Cumbria United Area	Hayley Edmondson	P
9/16	South West Cumbria United Area	Janet Ladds	L
9/16	South West Cumbria United Area	Bob Mantle	L
12/1	Camborne, Redruth and Hayle	Archie Rowe	L
12/7	St Austell	Jenny Taylor	L
12/8	Bodmin Padstow & Wadebridge	Sophie Doyle	M
12/12	Fore Street, St Ives	William Thomas	M
12/19	Liskeard and Looe	David Nicholls	L
12/20	Camelford and Week St Mary	Peter Daniel	L
12/20	Camelford and Week St Mary	Julie E Swann	M
13/7	Cleveland and Danby	June Feather	L
13/10	Bishop Auckland and Sildon	Rachel E Pinkney	P
14/10	Norfolk Broads	Judith H E Bell	P
15/1	Isle of Man	Rita Norrey	L
17/6	East Lincolnshire	Susan Alldread	L
17/6	East Lincolnshire	Tricia Johnson	L
17/6	East Lincolnshire	Richard Neale	L

18/9	Wirral	Ruth Dowson	P
19/19	Alderley Edge and Knutsford	Sincere Makunde	P
20/6	South East Northumberland Ecumenical Area	Richard Porter	P
22/1	Nottingham North East	Jason McMahon-Riley	P
22/2	Nottingham South	Paul A Johns	L
22/16	East Staffordshire and South Derbyshire	Rachel Moss	P
23/13	Northampton	Samantha Gillard	P
23/27	High Wycombe	Rachael Prince	P
24/1	Plymouth and Devonport	Janet Dobinson	M
24/7	Tavistock	Sandra Dodd	L
24/10	South Devon	Rachel Mitchell	L
24/11	Bude and Holsworthy	Courtney Drew	L
24/11	Bude and Holsworthy	Michael Reeves	L
24/11	Bude and Holsworthy	Mark Shepherd	L
24/20	Ilfracombe and Barnstaple	Sylvia Edwards	L
24/22	South Molton and Ringsash	Susan Procter	L
24/23	Torrige	Roy Harris	L
24/23	Torrige	Elsie Potter	L
24/23	Torrige	Frank Watson	L
24/24	West Devon	Angela Banfield	L
24/28	Teignbridge	Sharon Hurlow	L
25/14	Doncaster	Sean Worsley	L
25/17	Rotherham and Dearne Valley	Edward A Siddall	L
26/1	Southampton	Penny Thorne	P
26/4	Basingstoke and Reading	John Banks	P
26/6	Meon Valley	Rosie Banks	L
26/11	Isle of Wight	Shirley Whittingstall	L
27/17	Aire and Calder	Christopher J Holmes	P
27/21	Settle	Wendy Holt	L
27/31	Airedale	Tracy Ann Birks	P
28/3	Shropshire and Marches	Ruth Downes	L
28/3	Shropshire and Marches	Mike Hallworth	L
28/3	Shropshire and Marches	Adrian Williams	L
28/9	Stafford	Jean Harrison	L
28/9	Stafford	Robert Johnson	L
28/12	Black Country	Juliet Kisob	P
28/14	Gornal and Sedgley	William Caldwell	L
29/24	Ripon and Lower Dales	Sarah L Caddell	P
29/36	Goole and Selby	Joseph Kwallah	P
34/1	North Bedfordshire	Paul Cooper	L

34/6	Colchester	Hannah Chun	P
34/10	Southend and Leigh	Heather Simmons	P
34/11	South Essex	Fiona Smith	P
36/17	Hastings, Bexhill and Rye	Alan Hurrell	L
36/17	Hastings, Bexhill and Rye	Jill Sayers	L
36/18	Weald of Kent	Kirsty S McGhee	P
36/21	North Kent	Oscar Siu	L
36/25	South Kent	Roy Hollands	L

#### LIST B – Renewals after one year for applications granted in 2022

Circuit no	Circuit name	Application	Cat
1/1	Bathafarn Area of the Cymru	Elizabeth Jones	L
1/1	Glannau Maelor Area of the Cymru	Maryl Rees	L
1/1	Ceredigion a Merionnydd Area of the Cymru	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
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
12/14	The Lizard and Mounts Bay	Rebecca Fugill	P
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
22/13	Borders Mission	Jacqueline Dawson	L
22/13	Borders Mission	Michael Render	L
22/22	National Forest East	Susanna Draper	L
23/5	Banbury	Philip Robinson	P
23/11	Hinckley	Judith Cooke	L
23/12	Melton Mowbray	Jennifer Oliver	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	Hazel Parsons	L
24/22	South Molton and Ringsash	Sheila Collier	L
24/23	Torridge	David Ley	L
25/1	Sheffield	Nick Waterfield	M
25/14	Doncaster	Susanna Brookes	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
26/8	Dorset South and West	Chris Warren	L
26/8	Dorset South and West	Timothy Wells	L
26/11	Isle of Wight	Mike Hackleton	L
26/11	Isle of Wight	Jane Morris	L
27/1	Leeds South and West	Michelle 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
36/8	West Sussex (Coast and Downs)	Steven Donnison	P

#### LIST C – Renewals after two years 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
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
12/24	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
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
26/9	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
36/25	South Kent	David Smith	L

**Additional Report** (Order Paper p29)

One appeal was received against the recommendations of the Authorisations Committee. Under Standing Order 011(3), such appeals are heard by a further committee appointed for the purpose from amongst the members of the next Conference by the Methodist Council. The report of the appeals committee is required to be presented along with the General Report of the Authorisations Committee.

The Council duly appointed an appeal panel which reviewed the paperwork from the Authorisations Committee along with the additional information in support of the appeal from the Circuit concerned. On the basis of new information, and noting that this had changed since the submission date for the Authorisations Committee's consideration, the panel agreed to uphold the one appeal and therefore adds the following to the lists printed in the Agenda:

Probationer Kirsty McGhee in the Weald of Kent (36/18 Circuit), now included in List A above.