

# Methodist Council Appointments, October 2023

MC/23/74

(Underlined names indicate new committee members. Reasoned statements as received are set out at the end of the committee listings.)

## \*\*\*RESOLUTION

**74/1. The Council appoints the committees, trustees, governors, management bodies and representatives as set out below.**

### **PART I: COMMITTEES APPOINTED BY THE COUNCIL FOR 2023-2024**

- (1) All We Can (Methodist Relief and Development Fund) Trustees (SO 245)**  
Mr Linbert Spencer OBE (Chair), Mr Warren Downey, Miss Jennifer D Evans, Mrs Hanna M Ferguson, Mr Richard E Griffiths, Mr Alistair M Johnson, Ms Anne Mpendo, Mrs Natalie J Newton, Mr Geoffrey Park, Mr Christopher M B Sutton (Vice-Chair), Mr Robert A Varley, Mrs Holly B Wilkinson, the Revd Sahr Yambasu, the Revd Dr Jongikaya Zihle
- (2) Authorisations Committee (SO 011)**  
The Revds Dr Andrew J Lunn (Chair), Dr Helen E Jenkins, Jennifer A Matthews, Dr Karl A Rutledge, Sally Thornton; Mrs Lorraine Darlow.  
In attendance: The Revd Dr Claire R Potter
- (3) Candidates' Appeals Committee (SO 326A)**  
The Revds Kenneth G Howcroft (Chair), Sylvester O Deigh, Sheila Foreman, Doreen C Hare, Nicholas A Oborski, Margaret P Jones, Philip S Turner, Nicola Vidamour;  
Deacons Al Henry, Richard Goldstraw, Andrew Packer, Myrtle Poxon;  
Lay members: Mrs Ann Leck; Mr David Hulse, Mr Colin Ride, Mrs Margaret Sawyer.  
In attendance: The Revd Dr David H Mullins (Convener)
- (4) Cliff College Committee (SO 341)**  
Chair: The Revd Loraine N Mellor  
Deputy-Chair: The Revd Mark Hammond  
Principal: The Revd Ashley R Cooper  
Up to 5 other persons: The Revd Dr Jonathan Dean  
Ms Jude Levermore  
The Revd Dr Janet Unsworth  
Methodist Council rep: The Revd Leslie Newton
- (5) Connexional Allowances Committee (SO 212(4))**  
The Revds Paul D Critchley, Stuart Gunson, Stephen J Lindridge; Deacon Jennifer A J Jones; Ms Janet Arthur, Ms Ruby Beech (Chair), Mrs Rachel Charter, Mr John Monkhouse, Mr Brian Oakley. (The same persons also act as the committee for each of the following: Aspinall Robinson Trust, Deaconesses Benevolent Fund, Fund for the Support of Presbyters and Deacons, Methodist Medical Benevolent Fund, Methodist Ministers' Children's Fund (Trinity Hall Trust), Methodist Ministers' Children's Relief Association.)
- (6) Finance Sub-Committee of the Strategy and Resources Committee**  
Mrs Anne Bolton (Chair); Mrs Helen Blair, Ms Sue Haworth, Mr Malcolm Pearson, the Revd Stephen J Radford.
- (7) Global Relationships Committee (SO 335)**  
Members: Chair - The Revd Dr Jennifer H Smith  
Connexional Treasurer – *removed*  
Connexional Secretary – Mr Doug Godfrey-Swanney  
One representative from each of the following:  
All We Can – the Revd Dr Jongikaya Zihle  
Methodist Church in Ireland – The Revd Dr Laurence Graham (Ministerial Secretary of World Mission Partnership)  
Methodist Council - *vacancy*  
Methodist Women in Britain – Mrs Barbara Easton

Chair of the World Mission Fund Grants Committee: Mr Paul Spray  
One other for their experience and expertise - Ms Jenny Borden (previously  
International Director at Christian Aid)  
Ex officio: The Connexional Ecumenical Officer - The Revd Michaela A Youngson  
The Interim Director of Global Relationships – Andy Dye  
Member of the senior management group of the Connexional Team - Ms Jude  
Levermore (Head of Mission)  
Member of the senior staff of All We Can - Ms Angela Zamaere Smith (Programmes  
Director)

- (8) **Grading and Remuneration Sub-Committee of the Strategy and Resources Committee**  
Ms Janet Arthur (Chair), the Revd Dr Ruth Midcalf, Mr Keith Webster, with four independent job  
grade evaluators appointed to serve in a voluntary capacity as job evaluation panel members for  
Methodist Council Connexional Team posts: Dr Helen Carter, the Revd David Goodall, Ms Jane  
Wadsworth Willcocks.
- (9) **Joint Advisory Committee on the Ethics of Investment**  
The Revd Rachel Parkinson (Chair); Mr Jonathan Cape, the Revd Dr Sheryl M Anderson, the Revd Dr  
Vincent Jambawo, Ms Rachel J Lampard, the Revd Dr Mike Long.
- (10) **Justice Dignity and Solidarity Committee (SO 336)**  
Two co-chairs: The Revd Charity Nzegwu, *a vacancy*  
Deacon Karen McBride, the Revd Naomi N Kaiga, the Revd Delyth A Liddell, the Revd Patricia  
Mukorombindo, Susan Spencer, Gauri Taylor-Nayar, the Revd Amy Walters
- (11) **Law and Polity Committee (SO 338)** Appointed by the Council but reporting to the Conference  
(i) The Secretary of the Conference: The Revd Dr Jonathan R Hustler  
(ii) The Secretary of the Committee: Mrs Joanne Anderton  
(iii) Mr Simon Birks, the Revd James A Booth, the Revd Andrew Charlesworth, the Revd James A  
Cruddas, the Revd Jennifer M Dyer, Mrs Susan Eldridge, Mr David L Gibson, the Revd Helen R  
Hollands, the Revd Kenneth G Howcroft, Mrs Susan R Howdle, Mrs Nwabueze Nwokolo, the  
Revd Thomas J Osborne, Miss Elizabeth Ovey, Mr Richard Price. Mr Thomas Pye, the Revd  
Keith A Reed, Professor Diane Rowland, the Revd Ian S Rutherford, the Revd Dr James N  
Tebbutt (Chair), the Revd E Adam Wells.
- (12) **Listed Buildings Advisory Committee (SO 332)**  
The Revd Anthony J Parkinson (Chair), Dr Peter Forsaith (Deputy Chair); the Revd David Crouchley.  
Mr Ian Hume, Mr Peter Iles, Mr Jeremy Lake, Mr Martin Lougher, Mr Mark Pearce, Professor Roy  
Swanston, Dr Christopher Wakeling, Ms Helen Whittaker,
- (13) **London Committee (SO 363)**  
Chair: The Revd Dr David Hinchliffe  
Two representatives of the Beds, Essex, Herts District: The Revd Dr David M Chapman; Mr Bob  
Butcher  
Two representatives of the London District: The Revd David J Gillman; The Revd Eleanor Jackson  
Two representatives of the South-East District: The Revd Dr David Hinchliffe; Mr Colin Pearson  
One representative of those circuits in Northampton/East Anglia Districts previously in the London  
North-East and London North-West Districts: *vacant*  
Chair of London District: The Revd Dr Jongikaya Zihle  
Treasurer: Mr Michael A Allan  
Grants & Accounts Officer and Secretary: Mr Will S Quansah  
Property and development Officer: *vacant*
- (14) **Medical Committee (SO 212(5))**  
Dr Ajay George (Chair); Dr Sarah Ashley, Deacon Karen McBride, Dr Mark Prentice, Dr Ninian  
Thomson.  
In attendance: The Wellbeing Advisers (Conveners) – Mrs Josephine Lawrence
- (15) **Methodist Forces Board (SO 1007)**  
The Revds David J Barrett, Andrew de Ville, Alasdair Nicholl, Richard M Smith, Timothy L Wilkinson;  
Cdr Mark Barton, Ms Shirley Hewitt, Mr Doug Godfrey-Swanney (Chair), Ms Sue Walters,  
Attendees (non-voting capacity): Mr Phil Maltby, the Revd Robin Waugh, Revd Stephen Caddy

**(16) Methodist Heritage Committee (SO 337)**

**Chair:** The Rt Hon the Lord Beith

The Revd Julie Coates (liaison officer for Methodist Collections), Ms Mary Ellis (liaison officer for Methodist Archives),

Professor Charles Forsdick, Dr Peter Forsaith, the Revd Lesley Hardy, Ms Samantha Parfitt, the Revd Jennifer R Pathmarajah, Mrs Sarah Friswell (Epworth Old Rectory), Ms Jane Allin (John Wesley's New Room), Judith Lampard (Wesley's Chapel and Museum of Methodism), the Revd Helen Kirk (Englesea Brook Chapel and Museum of Primitive Methodism)

In attendance: Ms Jo Hibbard (Representative of the Connexional Secretary), Ms Olivia Threlkeld (Representative of the Connexional Team)

**(17) Methodist Schools Committee**

**Chair:** The Revd Dr Roger Walton

**Appointed by ILET:** Dr David Kershaw

**Appointed by MIST:** The Revd Dr Calvin Samuel, Mrs Elaine Cleland

**Appointed by MAST:** Mr Steve Colledge

**Appointed by Epworth Education Trust:** the Revd Stuart Ellis

**Co-opted:** Dr Christopher Stephens

**Connexional Team Representative:** *Vacant*

**In attendance:** Mrs Barbara Easton, Ms Judith Fenn, Mrs Julie-Ann Hewitt, Miss Charlotte Taylor, Mrs Olabisi Olayinka (Clerk)

**(18) Ministerial Candidates and Probationers Oversight Committee (SO 321)**

(i) no more than two representatives of oversight committees of training institutions: Mrs Judith Elliot, the Revd Margaret Mwilu.

(ii) three persons each of whom [...] **has recent and relevant experience of discerning vocation for candidates:** The Revd Jackie Bellfield, Deacon Jenny Jones, Miss Marion Mear (Deputy Chair),

(iiiA) three person each of whom is a current or recent member of a district Probationers Committee; Mr Dave Kitchen, Mrs Carol Reeves, Mrs Denise Tomlinson.

(iii) one district Chair: The Revd Nigel Cowgill (Chair).

(iiiA) one recent ordinand in their third, fourth or fifth year of ministry: The Revd Leigh Maydew.

(iv) *[deleted]*

(v) two of the Team members responsible for presbyteral candidates, initial presbyteral training and presbyteral probationers: The Revd Dr Jonathan Dean, the Revd Dr Claire R Potter.

(vi) *[deleted]*

(vii) *[deleted]*

(viii) further deacons where necessary to ensure that the committee includes at least two: Deacon Flip de Uil, Deacon Jacqueline Esama-John.

(viiiA) further lay people where necessary to ensure that the committee includes at least two: Mrs Anne Baldwin.

(viiiB) further presbyters where necessary to ensure that the committee includes at least two: the Revd Donald Ker, The Revd Caroline A Walker.

(ix) *[deleted]*

(x) the Warden or deputy Warden of the Methodist Diaconal Order; Deacon Karen McBride (Warden of the MDO), Deacon Ruth Richey (Deputy Warden of the MDO).

(xi) up to five further members, selected in collaboration with the Justice, Dignity and Solidarity Committee, to ensure that leadership is offered regarding the concerns of [...] **justice, dignity and solidarity,** having regard to the leadership also offered by other members of the [...] **committee;**

(xii) a further member to be the safeguarding adviser to the committee if no other member of the committee is able to act as the safeguarding adviser.

**(19) Oxford Institute of Methodist Theological Studies Committee (OIMTS) (SO 335A)**

The Revds Dr Martin Wellings (Chair), Dr George P Bailey (Secretary), Colin A Smith (Treasurer). A *vacancy* (representative from the Global Relationships Committee).

Connexional Team Liaison: The Revd Dr Jonathan Dean

**(20) Presbyteral and Diaconal Reinstatements Panel (SO 761(4))**

Members of the Ministerial Candidates' Selection Committee (appointed by the Conference) and the Revds John N Bates, Michaela A Youngson, Dr David H Mullins.

**(21) Property Development Committee (SO 992)**

- (i) Chair: Professor Roy Swanston
- (ii) The Secretary of the Conference (who may delegate the task under SO 116E): The Revd Dr Jonathan R Hustler
- (iii) three District Property Secretaries – Mr Lee O’Neil (Bolton and Rochdale), Mr Maurice Aspey (Darlington), Mr David Stabler (Newcastle)
- (iv) a representative of the Board of the Trustees of Methodist Church Purposes – Mr Ian C White
- (vi) up to eight others (with expertise in the following areas: mission and evangelisation, surveying, property management, conservation architecture, funding of property developments, legal issues, planning:  
Mrs Anne Goodman, the Revd Nichola G Jones, the Revd Jennifer R Pathmarajah, Ms Alethea Siow, the Revd Martin H Turner, Mr Richard Wills  
*Connexional Team members attending the PDC: Doug Godfrey-Swanney, Stephen Hetherington, Matthew Tattersall*

**(22) Safeguarding Committee (SO 232)**

- (i) Judith Davey-Cole (Chair);
- (ii) *At least ten persons with relevant experience:*  
Deacon Lorraine Brown; Ms Carolyn Godfrey, Mrs Sarah Chadwick, Ms Sarah Crouchley, Mrs Barbara Hutchinson, Mr David Jones, Mr Reg Marriott, Ms Constantia Pennie, Ms Monica Ricketts, Mr Graeme Snelling, Ms Gina Tagoe, Mr Sandy Youngson.  
*At least five persons who, by virtue of their relevant experience, will in the judgment of the Council, command wide respect:*  
The Revds John Hellyer (Deputy Chair), Mr Nick Oborski, Gwyneth M Owen; Ms Jane Stacey  
*In attendance:* Mr Tim Carter (Director of Safeguarding), the Revd Dr Jonathan R Hustler, Ms Nicola Sylvester (Policy Manager)

The SGC also has seats for representatives from Action for Children, Methodist Homes and the Methodist Survivors’ Advisory Group. These are not voting members and they do not serve on Safeguarding Panels.

**(23) Stationing Advisory Committee (SO 323)**

The Revd Dr Jongikaya Zihle (Chair), the Revd Michaela A Youngson, Mrs Pamela J Lavender, Deacon Karen McBride, Mr Keith Norman, the Revd Dr Claire R Potter, the Revd Eleanor M E Reddington, Deacon Stephen F Roe (SAC Panel Convener), the Revd Nutan Suray.

**(24) Place for Hope Steering Group**

*Place for Hope Members:*

Carolyn Merry: Director of Place for Hope – overall lead for the work of Place for Hope  
Katie Bradley: Place for Hope – Programme Manager for the Way of Peace project with The Methodist Church

Martina Hunt: Place for Hope - Training Development Manager with responsibility for PWT  
*Place for Hope will co-opt other members of the team onto the group as appropriate and provide a substitute where necessary.*

*Chairs’ Representative*

The Revd Dr Andrew J Lunn: Chair of the Manchester & Stockport and Bolton & Rochdale Districts. Andrew has served as a member of the steering group for the RMT Pilot Project and will be able to provide continuity in the work as it is phased across the Connexion. Andrew will arrange a substitute Chair when not available to attend steering group meetings.

*Lay member*

David Kendrew: lay member of the church, he is a full time mediator and has wide experience in dispute and conflict resolution. David is a member of the panel for Connexional Discipline, Pastoral and Appeal Committees and one of the Convenors of Discipline, Appeals and Pastoral. He has served on the steering group for the pilot project and will provide continuity and maintain links with Complaints and Discipline.

*Connexional Team members*

Brec Seaton: Learning & Development Officer, the Learning Network. Brec has served as a member of the steering group for the RMT Pilot Project and is the lead officer for this aspect of the Learning Network’s Positive Working Together shared work area.

Graham Jones: Learning & Development Officer, the Learning Network. Graham has served as a member of the steering group for the RMT Pilot Project and will be able to provide continuity in the work as it is phased across the connexion.

Tricia Mitchell: Learning & Development Manager (LDM), the Learning Network. Tricia is one of the newly appointed LDMs within the single Learning Network and is the LDM linked in with this area of shared work.

Richard Armiger: Head of Ministries and Learning. Richard is the Methodist Church lead on this work, is a trustee of Place for Hope (as part of this partnership work), a member of the Connexional Team Senior Management Group and provides the link into other aspects of the Connexional Team's work.

*Those named above will form the main steering group. The steering group will co-opt additional people with specific expertise or interest from time to time to ensure that the relevant information is available to the main steering group.*

## **PART II: TRUSTEES, GOVERNORS, MANAGEMENT BODIES**

### **(25) Connexional Manse Committee**

The Revd Paul Davis (Chair), Mr Richard Farmery, Mr Cliff Lewer, Mr Chris Linford, Mrs Hilary Porter, Mr David Stabler, Mr Doug Godfrey-Swanney.

### **(26) Methodist Modern Art Collection Management Committee**

Professor Ann Sumner (Chair), Ms Sarah Allard, Mr Ian Baker (Secretary, Friends Group – until November 2023), Ms Katharine Farnham-Dear, Ms Emily Fuggle, Ms Rebecca Gibbs, the Revd Catherine Hutton, the Revd Graham R Kent, Mr David Maddock (Secretary, Friends Group – from November 2023), Ms Corinne Miller, Mr Peter Shears, Ms Helen Stanton

In attendance: Ms Jo Hibbard (Representative of the Connexional Team), Ms Olivia Threlkeld (Representative of the Connexional Team, MH&CO).

### **(27) Queen Victoria Seamen's Rest Trustees**

Sir Alastair Norris, the Revd Jennifer Impey, Mrs Theodora Ogwezi, Mr Ian Pattison, Ms Geraldine Pearce, Mr Philip Sheppard, Mr Terence Simco MBE (Chair), Mrs Mathilda Small-Byam, Miss Jean Thomas, Mrs Nadine Wilkinson.

### **(28) Southlands Liaison Group (who are also Trustees of the Southlands Methodist Trust except for the Chaplain, Head of College, representative of the Connexional Team, and the senior member of the academic staff)**

Chair: The Revd Dr Timothy S Macquiban

Deputy Chair: The Revd Canon Dr Jennifer H Smith

Head of Southlands College (ex officio): Dr Christopher W B Stephens

Chaplain of Southlands College (ex officio): The Revd Nicola Morrison (Liaison Group only)

A Senior Member of Academic Staff based in Southlands College nominated by the University: Prof Sunitha Narendran (Liaison Group only)

Representative of the Connexional Team (ex officio): The Revd Dr Jonathan Dean

The Revd Dr Stan Brown, Mrs Barbara Easton, the Revd Janet Corlett, the Revd Dr Joanne H Cox-Darling, Mr Alan Davis, Dr Clive Norris,

In attendance: the College Student President and Wellbeing Officer.

### **(29) MICL Directors**

Richard Wills (Chair), Valerie Owen, Derek Picot, Doug Godfrey-Swanney, Tim Swindell.

### **(30) Governors of the Queen's Foundation**

The Revd Helen Kirk, the Revd Debbie Caulk

### **(31) The Aldershot Methodist Military Trust**

The Revd Richard Smith

### **(32) Luther King Centre Educational Trust board**

The Revd Dr Graham Edwards

### PART III: ECUMENICAL NOMINATIONS FOR APPOINTMENT BY THE COUNCIL

#### Committees appointed by the Council

- (33) Methodist Members of **Life in Covenant**: Ruth Gee (Methodist Co-Chair); Michaela Youngson (Methodist Co-Secretary); The Revd Novette Headley; the Revd Dr Jonathan Pye (representing MAPUM) the Revd Dr Martin Wellings (representing F&O)
- (34) Methodist members of the **British Methodist-Roman Catholic Dialogue Commission**: The Revd Dr Carole Irwin, Marian J Jones, Matthew A Laferty, Ian S Rutherford, Neil A Stubbens (Co-Secretary), Dr Stephen D Wigley, the Revd Michaela A Youngson; Professor Tom Greggs
- (35) Methodist members of the **Methodist-Anglican Panel for Unity in Mission**: The Revds Dr Jonathan H Pye (Co-Chair), Dr Jimmy Dube, Dr R F Leão Neto (Co-Secretary), Graham R Kent; Ms Miriam Moules, Ms Jane Dale
- (36) Methodist members of the **Methodist-United Reformed Church Liaison Group**: The Revds Dr David M Chapman (Co-Chair), Laura Carnall; Mr Dudley Coates
- (37) **Ecumenical Stakeholders' Forum**  
*vacant* (Chair),  
The Revd Catherine Gale (Wales Synod)  
Mr Ian Morris (Synod Cymru)  
The Revd S Mark Slaney (Scotland and Shetland)  
The Revd Michaela A Youngson (Assistant Secretary of the Conference, Ecumenical Officer)  
The Revd Dr Jonathan H Pye  
*vacant* (Ecumenical Officer)  
Mrs Emma Weaver

#### Ecumenical Representatives to other bodies

- (38) **Church of England General Synod**: Mrs Susan Howdle
- (39) **Churches' Legislation Advisory Service**: The Revd Dr Jonathan R Hustler; Mrs Joanne Anderton
- (40) **The Commission of the Covenanted Churches in Wales**:  
The Revds Catherine Gale, Dr Jennifer A Hurd; Ms Miriam Moules
- (41) **The Free Churches' Group**: The Revds Nigel Cowgill, Michaela A Youngson
- (42) **World Day of Prayer** (formerly Women's World Day of Prayer): Dr Elizabeth Burroughs

### PART IV: COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES TO OTHER BODIES

- (43) **Churches Ministerial Counselling Service Steering Group**  
*A vacancy*; the Wellbeing Adviser: Ms Linda Robotham.
- (44) **Free Churches Endorsement, Oversight and Support**  
The Revd Robert Wilson
- (45) **Leys School Governors**  
The Revds Paul Glass, Julian M Pursehouse, Alison E Walker; Ms Judith Fenn, Mrs Patricia Graves, Mr David Humphreys.
- (46) Methodist Representative to the **United Reformed Church Assembly Executive**  
The Revd Dr David Chapman
- (47) **Churches' Funerals Group**  
The Revd Louise Gough, The Revd Shaun L Sanders.

## PART V: DIRECTORS OF THE PENSION SCHEMES

- (48) **Employer-Nominated Director for the Methodist Ministers' Pension Scheme (MMPS)**  
Mr Martin Tingle, Mr Luke Wilcox  
*Appointments made under delegated authority from the Conference*
- (49) **Employer-Nominated Director for the Pension and Assurance Scheme for Lay Employees of the Methodist Church (PASLEMC)**  
Mr Pete Harris, Mr Martin Tingle

## PART VI: ADDITIONAL APPOINTMENTS

- (50) **Committee for the Discernment of Ordained Vocation**  
\*\*\*RESOLUTION  
74/2. **The Council co-opts the following members to the Committee for the Discernment of Ordained Vocation under the terms of Standing Order 320(2A): Paula Dawson, Richard Goldstraw, Julie Morton, Chris Sandy, Denise Tomlinson, Helen Webster and Jackie Wright**
- (51) **Epworth Education Trust**  
\*\*\*RESOLUTION  
74/3. **The Council adopts the nomination by Epworth Education Trust Trustees of Mr James Lockwood, Mr Luke Cowell and Mrs Lesley Brookbanks for a period of four years concluding 31 August 2028.**

### Reasoned Statements

- (16) **Jane Allin** is nominated to the Methodist Heritage Committee to represent John Wesley's New Room (JWNR). Ms Allin is a Trustee at JWNR and is the Synod Secretary of the Plymouth and Exeter Methodist District.
- (18) **Anne Baldwin** is a lifelong Methodist, she has served in Church, Circuit and District in a wide variety of roles, including several years as a volunteer chaplain in a multi faith team at her local university. In 2016 she went to Sri Lanka on the "Explore Worldwide" programme, returning there as a Mission Partner between 2018-2020. She worked at the Theological College of Lanka which trains all the Protestant clergy on the island, teaching English, working in the library and supporting students, lecturers, spouses and children in a wide variety of ways.
- (6) **Anne Bolton** is Connexional Treasurer, and a member of the SRC, treasurer of Westminster College Oxford Trust, and formerly a Board member of Methodist Insurance. Anne's working experience includes 20 years as school Bursar, including 5 years at Kent College Pembury. She is a Cambridge Mathematician with an MBA. A lifelong Methodist, Anne is currently in the High Wycombe circuit.
- (51) **Lesley Brookbanks** has a diverse range of educational experience in various contexts. Lesley has served as Deputy Headteacher and Headteacher of three Anglican primary schools from 1998 to 2018. Additionally, she has worked as an associate adviser for Lancashire's Monitoring and Intervention team, supporting schools in difficulty. Over the past five years, Lesley has been an associate adviser for Blackburn Diocese, utilising her headteacher skills to support and develop others. Lesley has also gained insight into SIAMS and Ofsted inspections as a school governor since December 2022. As a MAST Trustee for nine years, including three years as SIAMS manager, she has witnessed the evolution and development of MAST and the Methodist MATS. Lesley expresses a commitment to Methodist Schools and seeks to continue contributing positively through an Epworth Trustee role, following the conclusion of her MAST trustee position.
- (16) **Julie Coates** has a clear passion and commitment to our heritage story, recently completing her sabbatical on the topic of heritage in the Methodist Church. She has everyday experience of mission in church, circuit and district; this perspective will be of great benefit to the work of the Methodist Heritage Committee.
- (51) **Luke Cowell** has 15 years of experience as a Non-Exec Director, leading organizations in various sectors such as Education, B2B, Fintech, Market Research, and Retail Services. He has also run his

own management consultancy firm. Prior to his consultancy firm, Luke worked at West Kirby School & College as a Management Consultant and later as the Charity's Operations Director, Company Secretary, and Clerk. He understands the role and responsibilities of a Trustee and is eager to contribute his operational and people expertise to the Board in order to support the Trust's purpose and charitable aims for the benefit of the young people it serves.

- (50) **Paula Dawson** is a member of Beeston Methodist Church, Nottingham. She is a registered nurse and has experience in a range of professional roles including recruitment and selection. She is a good listener and communicator with good organisational skills and a desire to work collaboratively. She is a local preacher and church steward and has been a circuit steward.
- (7) **Barbara Easton** was a Methodist Women in Britain World Federation Area Officer from 2021-2026 as well as President of the Britain and Ireland unit of the World Federation of Methodist and Uniting Church Women. Barbara was also Vice-President of the Conference 2021-22.
- (32) **Graham Edwards** is superintendent of the Macclesfield Circuit, and a member of the Faith and Order Committee.
- (11) **Susan Eldridge** has recently retired from a long career at Aviva where her role in the pensions area included summarising complex technical documents and drafting/ reviewing communications to support the Scheme Actuaries. She is known for her attention to detail and proof-reading skills. Susan has wide experience of Methodism at local, circuit and district level and is currently in the final year of her term as lay Synod Secretary for the East Anglia District.
- (16) **Mary Ellis** is nominated to be Liaison Officer for Methodist Archives, in line with her professional experience as Head of Archives and Libraries Development at the Welsh Government's Culture Division and her personal account as a member of the Methodist church.
- (17) **Stuart Ellis** is superintendent of the Sherwood Forest Circuit and is chair of governors for a special school in Ipswich. Stuart has been a head teacher in a junior school and executive head in another school with oversight of a school in special measures. During this time, he worked as school governor in an infant school. He has also worked as non-executive director for an Ambulance Trust, gaining board level experience.
- (45) **Judith Fenn** is the Chief Operating Officer of Methodist Independent Schools Trust. Judith was a head of department, pastoral lead and deputy head before making the move to the Independent Schools Council and overseeing the induction of newly qualified teachers in independent schools.
- (16) **Charles Forsdick** is nominated to be Chair of ARAG and a member of the Methodist Heritage Committee. He has practical and professional experience of archives use and is currently working at the University of Liverpool in the French department. His particular engagement with colonial history and the afterlives of slavery (particularly in Haiti) will be a valuable contribution to the work of the Methodist Heritage Committee and its commitment to our global heritage and story.
- (26) **Emily Fuggle** is a professional curator, currently working at London South Bank University, and undertaking a Visual Studies PhD. Nominated to the MMACC to develop exhibitions practice and collections care and management.
- (45) **Paul Glass** is the Superintendent Minister of the Wey Valley Circuit. Past member of the Board of Management of Methodist Schools and Governor of Woodhouse Grove. Paul served as a Chaplain to Kent College Canterbury for 15 years and also Pastoral Visitor of the Methodist Schools group under the auspices of MIST. Currently Methodist Chaplain to the University of Surrey with special responsibility for GSA (the Guildford School of Acting).
- (50) **Richard Goldstraw** is a deacon ordained in 1994. Richard is currently serving in the London District. He brings a breadth of experience from district candidates' and probationers' committee and previous service on the Connexional Candidates Committee at various times. He has also supervised student ministers on placements. He is a good listener and has skills of discernment having journeyed alongside many people discerning their call.
- (16) **Lesley Hardy** has significant academic and professional experience of engaging with heritage as a tool for mission in an Anglican context. Her input to policy and guidance for members around the



connexion looking to preserve and celebrate their heritage will be of great benefit to the Heritage Committee.

- (11) **Helen Hollands** is Superintendent Minister of the South Kent Circuit and Assistant Chair of the South East District. She has a background in law, having qualified as a solicitor and lectured in law at the University of Kent. She is an accredited supervisor and a school governor and has received training in conflict transformation. She is committed to ecumenism, has previously served as District Ecumenical Officer and is currently co-Chair of Kent Church Leaders.
- (3) **Kenneth Howcroft** is a supernumerary presbyter in the Tamworth and Lichfield Circuit. He is a former President of the Conference, and a former Assistant Secretary of the Conference. As such he has been involved as Chair or Convener of many committees and panels making judgements about ministers and ministries. He was previously the Leader of the then Formation in Ministry Office and in which he was also the Secretary for Presbyteral Ministry. As such he was involved in both candidates' selection processes and appeals processes. This last year he was one of two principal drafters of the Standing Orders for the new procedures
- (18) **Donald Ker** is a supernumerary presbyter from the Methodist Church in Ireland, now living in the West Midlands. He serves as a Supervisor in the Reflective Supervision scheme and an Accompanist in the Discernment of Vocation programme as well as preaching regularly on the Birmingham Circuit. His previous service in Ireland included responsibility for the Ministerial Candidates' process of the Irish Conference, twelve years on the staff of Edgehill College, Belfast, and being Secretary of the Irish Conference. He delights in encouraging people to discover and grow into their calling but also seeks to be realistic about the pressures of ministry and the need for the Church to have mature and wise leadership.
- (16) **Helen Kirk** is nominated to the Methodist Heritage Committee to represent Englesea Brook Chapel and Museum. She is Chair of the Chester and Stoke-on-Trent District and Chair of Trustees at Englesea Brook.
- (16) **Judith Lampard** is nominated to the Methodist Heritage Committee to represent the Museum of Methodism and John Wesley's House. Ms Lampard is a local preacher and has been a Heritage steward at the museum for 10 years.
- (51) **James Lockwood** is the Headmaster of Woodhouse Grove School (since January 2016); having previously served as Headmaster of the Royal Hospital School, near Ipswich. James has over 25 years' experience in the Independent School sector, including residential/boarding settings. He sits on the British Board of Film Classification's Advisory Panel on Children's Viewing and is Chair of the British Board of Film Classification Video Appeals Committee (VAC). James is the Associate Director of Bradford City AFC.
- (26) **David Maddock** is a retired teacher who was Head of the Art Department at Leicester Grammar School for 27 years, with a MA and PhD in critical art theory. David is a member at Christchurch in the Leicester Trinity Circuit. He is nominated as the new Secretary of the Friends, engaging with our Friends across the country and building on the work of the outgoing Secretary and will also have a keen interest in engaging young people with the Collection.
- (50) **Julie Morton** is a deacon ordained in 2016, Julie is currently serving in the Nottingham and Derby District. She brings previous experience as a HR officer in the Health Service which included interviewing people from a variety of disciplines. She has an ability to listen well and to establish relationships quickly and easily. She is keen to enable others to have a supportive experience of the candidates' committee.
- (3) **David Mullins** is a supernumerary presbyter in the St Albans and Welwyn Circuit. He serves in the Conference Office as President's Governance Adviser, a role he has held for the past four years. In this role he has pastoral and administrative responsibilities in relation to ministers, including working alongside the Wellbeing Team supporting ministers with ill-health and serving as convener of the Resignation Advisory Committee. He would seek to bring these pastoral and administrative skills to the new role.
- (11) **Tom Osborne** is in his twelfth year of presbyteral ministry, and his seventh serving as Superintendent of the Tendring Circuit. He is a member of the Beds, Essex and Herts District Policy

Committee and has previously served as a member of the Conference Business Committee. His ministry at local, circuit, district and connexional level means he has experience of daily engagements with CPD as a working document and he is known amongst colleagues as someone who both understands it and can explain it in relatable ways.

- (16) **Samantha Parfitt** is nominated to be the Liaison Officer for Methodist Collections, Samantha is a Lay Pioneer at Walsingham Methodist Church – where she has used Methodist heritage and collections to engage young people. Samantha is effective at utilising collections for evangelism and mission, and recognises the importance of preserving objects that tell our story – past, present and future.
- (9) **Rachel Parkinson** is nominated by the Chairs' Meeting
- (11) **Thomas (Tom) Pye** is a self-employed barrister at Four Brick Court Chambers, London, with a specialist family law practice and a particular focus on public child law proceedings, having been called to the Bar in 2018. As well as having the critical analysis and legal drafting skills required for the Law and Polity Committee's work, Tom also has an MA in Theology and has previously worked in the field of professional regulation and discipline.
- (50) **Chris Sandy** is a presbyter ordained in 2018, Chris is currently serving in the Bedfordshire, Essex and Hertfordshire District. He brings experience of both the District Candidates' and Probationers' committees as well as experience as a mentor and supervisor for candidates. He has good interpersonal skills with an eye for detail. He is researching in the area of cross-cultural leadership in the Methodist Church in Britain. He has professional experience of working with people from many nationalities and cultures in his previous roles as a driver trainer and manager as well as now as a cross-cultural circuit minister.
- (26) **Peter Shears** is part-time teacher and lay reader with a 'Christianity & the Arts' MA from King's University. Nominated to the MMACC to develop relationships with schools and work for young people.
- (26) **Helen Stanton** is a theological educator at Queen's Foundation Birmingham in doctrine, spirituality and ethics with social justice work experience at Christian Aid. Nominated to provide interpretation writing and exhibition support.
- (50) **Denise Tomlinson** is a member of Teddington Methodist Church in the London District. Denise brings a commitment to supporting the journey to ordained ministry. She has been a member of CSC in the past and a member of her District Candidates' Committee, as well as Synod Secretary. She is a member of the District Probationers' Committee and MCPOC. She is a worship leader. She is able to see a 'big picture' and identify underlying issues, sensing what is not said as well as what is.
- (50) **Helen Webster** is a deacon ordained in 2013, Helen is currently serving in the Wolverhampton and Shrewsbury District. She brings experience from serving on District Candidates' Committees in two districts as well as membership of the Religious Order Advisory Committee for 6 years. She has skills of good listening and is a reflective and creative thinker. Her focus on the call to be part of the religious order will be helpful.
- (11) **Adam Wells** is currently Superintendent of the Amersham Circuit. He is a member of the Solidarity Circle for Visually Impaired people and has wide experience of Methodism gained over many years, including serving on the Connexional Grants Committee (property stream), District Policy Committee/ Executive Probationers' Committee and District Safeguarding Group, as well as undertaking other informal District work.
- (50) **Jackie Wright** is a deacon ordained in 2016, Jackie is currently serving in the Sheffield District. She has experience on her District Probationers' Committee and brings wide and varied experiences of people and situations. She feels that ordained ministers need to be able to understand and appreciate the 'wider picture'.