

Nominations and Appointments

MC/23/51

(Names underlined are new appointments and are supported by Reasoned Statements)

Nominations for the 2023 Conference

1. Ministerial Candidates' Selection Committee

***RESOLUTION

51/1. The Methodist Council, acting under Standing Order 320(1)(ii), nominates to the Conference the following persons as members of the Ministerial Candidates' Selection Committee:

The Revds Dr Iain M Ballard, Nicola Briggs, Richard J Byass, Benjamin P Clowes, Ashley Cooper, Dr Jonathan Dean, Dr Graham Edwards, David R Emison, Gyula Fiak, Dr Jonathan K Gichaara, Mark P Hammond, Dr David Hinchliffe, Catherine Hutton, Philip J Jackson, David Jebb, Naomi Kaiga, Saidu Kanu, Dr Elizabeth A Kent, M Susan E Lawler, Farai Mapamula, Vindra Maraj-Ogden, Paul Mellor, Andrew C Moffoot, Anthony J D Morling, Charity Nzegwu, Dr Claire R Potter [SO 320(1)(i)], James Pritchard, Stephen E Robinson, Mary Sachikonye, Cleopas Sibanda, Tina F Swire, Stuart Wild, D Paul Wood [SO 320(1)(i)],

Deacons Melanie Beaven, Dawn N Canham, Joy Everingham, David Keegan, Belinda S Letby, Pamela Luxton, Jonathan Miller, Kerry R Scarlett, Sian M Street, Suzie Viana, Linda Watkin, Ruth Yorke

Ms E Jane Allin, Ms Winnie Baffoe, Ms Charlotte Ballard Scott, Mr Geoffrey Best, Ms Anne Browse, Ms Jenny Cheung, Ms Sharon Clutterbuck, Mr Peter Dawe, Ms Deborah Harrison, Ms Jo Henderson-Merrygold, Mr Paul Kybird, Mrs Jane Lloyd, Ms Victoria Loveday, Mrs Catherine Roots, Mrs Anne Vautreay, Mr Joshua Wilson

The Warden of the Methodist Diaconal Order has the right to attend but not to vote.

Reasoned statements:

Winnie Baffoe - A member of Bermondsey Central Hall, Winnie has skills in strategic development and experience of a range of church communities in Britain and Western Africa. Her academic training gives her insights into the development of people and its impact in communities.

Nicola Briggs - A presbyter ordained in 2019, currently serving in the Nottingham and Derby District, Nicola brings recent experience of her own vocational journey. She has been a member and co-secretary of the District Candidates Committee in the Nottingham and Derby District, has supported a candidate, serves as Synod Secretary and as a member of the District Chair Nomination Committee. She brings first hand experience of living with a disability which makes her aware of some of the challenges people can face in offering for ministry, and the support needed.

Jenny Cheung - A member of Loughborough Chinese Methodist Church, Jenny has served on the District Candidates Committee of the Northampton District. She is a trustee of Methodist World Mission. She is a civil servant working with revenue. She feels that she brings an understanding of differences in culture to the discernment process.

Deborah Harrison - A member of St Johns Church, Gloucester and a local preacher and youth worker, Deborah is trained in clinical theology and is not afraid to ask searching questions. She is involved in chaplaincy at a Bristol Cathedral Choir School and has experience in listening and counselling.

David Jebb - A presbyter ordained in 1990, currently serving in the Bedfordshire, Essex and Hertfordshire District, David brings a long and wide experience of ministry having served in diverse communities in Sri Lanka, America and different parts of Britain. He has supported 11 ministerial candidates during his ministry. He has served on a District Candidates' Committee and is currently a member of the World Methodist Council Christian Education Committee.

Naomi Kaiga - A presbyter ordained in 2000, currently serving in the Yorkshire West District, Naomi has served on the District Candidates' Committee and the Chairs' Nomination Committee. She has gifts of spiritual discernment, and her cultural background gives her a new perspective with regard to the diversity of the church.

Saidu Kanu - A presbyter ordained in 2014, currently serving in the London District, Saidu is keen to offer to others the nurture he has received in the church. He has previously served on the District Candidates' Committee in the Northampton District and has supported individual candidates. He has experience in healthcare chaplaincy and group therapies.

Pamela Luxton - A deacon ordained in 2016, currently serving in the Lincolnshire District, Pamela brings experience of two diaconal appointments, one focussed on a council estate and her current appointment in caravan chaplaincy. She describes herself as being a mature candidate from a working class background and wishes to demonstrate that it is possible for people from any background to candidate for ordained ministry.

Mary Sachikonye

A presbyter ordained in 2019, currently serving in the East Anglia District, Mary has assessment experience as a social worker. She is passionate about working with people in spiritual discernment. As a recently ordained minister she brings fresh memories of the processes. She brings experience of various cultural contexts and an understanding of how some cultural values and beliefs might impact expressions of calling.

Cleopas Sibanda - A presbyter ordained in 2003, currently serving in the Birmingham District, Cleopas brings skills gained from serving as a District Bishop and on Probationers' and Candidates' Committees in Zimbabwe. His experience of diversity and dynamism from an African context supported by 7 years of ministry in Britain brings a global perspective.

Suzie Viana - A deacon ordained in 2016, currently serving in the Southampton District, Suzie has been a member of the District Candidates Committee. She brings experience of Christian faith in Brazil, a heart for creative pastoral care and prayer, as well as courage to ask the difficult questions with much compassion. She is able to discern what God is saying and then work through how to implement God's calling.

Stuart Wild - A presbyter ordained in 1993, currently serving in the Lancashire District, Stuart brings experience of serving on the District Candidates' Committee in West Yorkshire and was secretary of the District Candidates' Committee in Bristol. He has an analytical approach to reading reports and is a good active listener and reflects theologically.

Ruth Yorke - A deacon ordained in 2007, currently serving in the Birmingham District, Ruth has been a member of the District Probationers' Committee and the Methodist Diaconal Order Religious Advisory Committee, as well as various other Connexional roles. She brings an understanding of diaconal ministry and the religious order, an ability at being effective in a team, and abilities at discerning gifts and recognising vocations.

2. Strategy and Resources Committee of the Council

***RESOLUTION

51/2. The Methodist Council, acting under Standing Order 213(2), nominates to the Conference the following persons as members of the Strategy and Resources Committee of the Council:

(i) Dr Daleep S Mukarji (Chair)

(iA) Ms Janet Arthur, Mrs Anne Bolton, Mr Nick Garrett, Professor David Matthews, Mrs Shelagh Morgan, the Revd Nicholas A Oborski, the Revd Marcus Torchon

(ii) to be confirmed (Connexional Treasurer)

(iii) *deleted*

(iv) *deleted*

(v) The Chair or Deputy Chair of the Ministries Committee: The Revd Gillian M Newton

(vA) The Chair or Deputy Chair of the Mission Committee: The Revd Dr Calvin T Samuel

(vi) District Chair: the Revd Kerry Tankard

(vii) The Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Conference Officer for Legal and Constitutional Practice, Connexional Secretary (non-voting): the Revd Dr Jonathan R Hustler, the Revd Michaela A Youngson, Mrs Joanne Anderton, Mr Doug Swanney.

3. Oversight Tutors

***RESOLUTION

51/3. The Methodist Council, acting under Standing Order 321(5)(b), nominates to the Conference the following persons as Oversight Tutors:

Where more than one oversight tutor is appointed for the same institution one shall be identified as having oversight responsibility. In the following list, that person is identified by an asterisk.

Queen's Foundation, Birmingham: * The Revd Dr Jane Craske, Deacon Melanie Beaven, the Revd Dr Christine Dutton, the Revd Dr Barbara Glasson, the Revd Dr Catrin Harland-Davies, the Revd Dr Gary P Hall, Deacon Julie Hudson, the Revd Dr Paul Nzacahayo, the Revd Dr Judith Rossall

4. Stationing Committee

***RESOLUTION

51/4. The Methodist Council, acting under Standing Order 322, nominates to the Conference the following persons as members of the Stationing Committee:

(i) Lay Chair: to be confirmed

- (ii) The Secretary and Assistant Secretary of the Conference: The Revds Dr Jonathan R Hustler and Michaela A Youngson
- (iii) Seven district Chairs and seven district Lay Stationing Representatives:
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| South-East | The Revd Nigel Cowgill
Mr Keith Norman |
| South-West | The Revd Dr Jonathan H Pye
Mrs Mary McNaughton |
| Wales/Midlands | The Revd Rachel Parkinson
Mrs Val Mayers |
| Yorkshire | to be confirmed
Mrs Gill Daly |
| East Midlands | The Revd Julian Pursehouse
Mrs Sue P Walters |
| North-West | The Revd Dr Sheryl M Anderson
Mr Malcolm Aspey |
| North/Scotland | The Revd S Mark Slaney
Mr Bill Offler |
- (iv) No more than two Team members with responsibility for presbyteral and diaconal selection; and for the stationing of probationers: The Revd Dr Claire Potter
- (v) *deleted*
- (vi) *deleted*
- (vii) The chair of the Stationing Advisory Committee: The Revd Dr Jongikaya Zihle
- (viii) The Warden or deputy Warden of the Methodist Diaconal Order: Deacon Karen McBride
- (ix) The chair and a lay member of the Diaconal Stationing Sub-committee: The Revd Dr David Hinchliffe; to be confirmed
- (x) The chair of the group responsible on behalf of the Stationing Committee for overseeing the matching of particular presbyters to appointments: The Revd Jennifer A Impey
- (xi) The convener of the Stationing Action Group: The Revd Dr Stephen J Lindridge

5. Audit Committee

***RESOLUTION

51/5. The Methodist Council, acting under Standing Order 213A, nominates to the Conference the following persons as members of the Audit and Risk Assurance Committee:

Mrs Sarah Atwell-King, Mr Adrian Burton, Mr Alan Kershaw (Chair), Mrs Susan M Mortimer, Mr Michael Rickard

6. Ecumenical Bodies

***RESOLUTION

51/6. Pursuant to SO 212(7), the Methodist Council nominates to the Conference the following representatives.

(a) *Churches Together in Britain and Ireland (CTBI): Annual General Meeting*
Mr Bala Gnanapragasam

(b) *Churches Together in Britain and Ireland: Senior Representatives' Forum:*
Mr Bala Gnanapragasam; the Revd Michaela A Youngson

(c) *Churches Together in England (CTE): Enabling Group*
The Revd Dr Jonathan H Pye, the Revd Michaela A Youngson

(d) *Scottish Christian Forum (formerly Action of Churches Together in Scotland (ACTS)): Members' Meeting:*

The Revd S Mark Slaney; the Revd A James Patron Bell

(e) *Cytûn (Churches Together in Wales): Enabling Group*
The Revd Dr Jennifer A Hurd

Proxies: The Revds Dr Ian D Morris, Philip A Poynor

James Patron Bell is the Ecumenical Officer for the Scotland District.

Appointments for the 2023 Conference

7. Precentor

***RESOLUTIONS

51/7A. Pursuant to SO 116B, the Council appoints the Revd Nathan Falla as Precentor for the Presbyteral Session of the 2023 Conference.

51/7B. Pursuant to SO 116B, the Council appoints Mr Matt Beckingham as Precentor for the Representative Session of the 2023 Conference.

8. Letter-Writer

***RESOLUTION

51/8. The Methodist Council, acting under Standing Order 116B, appoints the Revd Alan J Bolton to be the letter-writer for the Presbyteral and Representative Sessions of the 2023 Conference.

9. Conference Membership

***RESOLUTION

51/9. The Methodist Council, acting under Deed of Union Clause 14(4)(d) and Standing Order 107(3), appoints the following two associate members of the Conference as (full, voting) members of the 2023 Conference:

The Revd Eduardo Conde Almeida (Igreja Evangelica Metodista Portuguesa)
Presiding Bishop the Revd George T Mawire (Methodist Church Zimbabwe)

10. Memorials Committee

***RESOLUTION

51/10. The Methodist Council, acting under Standing Order 138(1), appoints the Memorials Committee for the 2023 Conference as follows:

- (i) a former President or Vice-President appointed for three years who shall chair the committee; **The Revd Kenneth G Howcroft**
- (ii) **the Secretary of the Conference and the Assistant Secretary of the Conference;**
- (iii) **the Connexional Secretary;**
- (iv) **the Conference Officer for Legal and Constitutional Practice;**
- (v) **the Secretary of the Faith and Order Committee;**
- (vi) a member of the Ministries Committee; **Mr Peter Baffoe**
- (vii) a member of the Strategy and Resources Committee; **Mrs Shelagh Morgan**
- (viii) one district Chair, **the Revd Dr Andrew Lunn**
two presbyters, **the Revds Jill Pullan and Georgina Bondzi-Simpson**
one deacon, **Deacon Ruth Yorke**
one synod secretary **Mrs Susan Smith**
and two lay persons, **Ms Katharine Crew and Mr Michael Pryke** each nominated by a district Policy Committee from a different stationing region, according to a rota.

Those appointed under paragraphs (vi), (vii) and (viii) are appointed for a period of three years.

The President and Vice-President designate and the Chair of the Business Committee shall be in attendance but without a vote.

11. Conference Financial Committee

***RESOLUTION

51/11. The Methodist Council, acting under Standing Order 136A, appoints the Financial Committee for the 2023 Conference as follows:

The Revd Timothy A Swindell, Mr Doug Swanney, the Revd Karen Beecham, Mr Andrew Lowe, Ms Sandie Smith

Andrew Lowe and Sandie Smith are members both of the Council and the Conference.

12. Chief Scrutineer

***RESOLUTION

51/12. The Methodist Council, acting under Standing Order 139, appoints the Revd Philip Jackson as Chief Scrutineer for the Presbyteral and Representative Sessions of the 2023 Conference.

Appointments for the 2024 Conference

13. Ecumenical Associate Members

***RESOLUTION

51/13. The Council recommends to the Conference that the following churches and Christian bodies be invited to appoint associate members of the 2024 Conference (SO 107(1)(i)):

If there are to be six:

The Church of England
The Church in Wales
The Scottish Episcopal Church
The United Reformed Church
The Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales
Malankara Orthodox Church

If there are to be four:

The Church of England
The Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales
The United Reformed Church
The Scottish Episcopal Church

14. Diaconal Representation

*****RESOLUTION**

51/14. The Methodist Council, acting under Standing Order 105(1A), approves the following rota for diaconal representation at the Conference of 2024:

Birmingham, Bristol, East Anglia, Manchester and Stockport, Newcastle upon Tyne, Nottingham and Derby, Southampton, Wolverhampton and Shrewsbury, Bedfordshire Essex and Hertfordshire, London, South East

Council appointments

15. Irish Conference

*****RESOLUTION**

51/15. The Council appoints Mr James Carver and the Revd Mark Slaney to accompany the President and the Vice-President to the Irish Conference.

16. Candidates' Appeal Committees

*****RESOLUTION**

51/16. Pursuant to SO 326A, the Council appoints the Revd Dr David H Mullins as convener of the Candidates' Appeal Committees.

David Mullins is a supernumerary presbyter, and serves as the President's Governance Adviser.

17. Singing the Faith Reference Group

*****RESOLUTION**

51/17. The Council appoints the Revd Ian Howarth as chair of the Singing the Faith Reference Group.

Ian Howarth is a supernumerary presbyter, having recently served as Chair of the Birmingham District.

A music graduate, through his ministry he has served as Conference precentor, Connexional Music Advisor and member of the main committee and music sub-group of the Music Resources group which produced Singing the Faith. He continues to be actively involved in preaching and leading congregational music.

18. British Methodist-Roman Catholic Dialogue Commission

*****RESOLUTION**

51/18. The Council appoints the Revd Dr Nicola Price-Tebbutt to the British Methodist-Roman Catholic Dialogue Commission.

Nicola Price-Tebbutt was the Secretary of the Faith and Order Committee from 2013-2022, and is now the Director of Scholarship and Research in the Connexional Team.

19. United Reformed Church General Assembly

*****RESOLUTION**

51/19. The Council appoints the Revd Dr Reynaldo F Leao-Neto as its representative to the United Reformed Church General Assembly 2023.

Reynaldo F Leao-Neto is the Assistant Ecumenical Officer in the Connexional Team.