

Appointments for Methodist Schools

MC/23/23

Date of meeting	25-26 January 2023
Contact name and details	Douglas Jones, Group Accountant and Company Secretary, Methodist Independent Schools Trust djones@methodistschools.org.uk
Action required	Approval
Resolutions	The resolutions in the report enable the Methodist Council to: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• recommend Trustees of the Methodist Independent Schools Trust.• recommend Trustees of the Methodist Academies and Schools Trust.• recommend Trustees of the Epworth Education Trust.

Summary of content

Subject and aims	Recommendation of Methodist Independent Schools Trustees. Recommendation of Methodist Academies and Schools Trust Trustees. Recommendation of Epworth Education Trust Trustees.
Background context and relevant documents (with function)	Methodist Council is responsible for recommending up to five Trustees for Methodist Independent Schools Trust. Methodist Council is responsible for recommending Trustees for Methodist Academies and Schools Trust. Methodist Council is responsible for recommending Trustees for Epworth Education Trust. Council received a report MC/21/22 confirming that the Epworth Educational Trust had been formed following the merger of the Wesley Trust and the Acorn Trust. The merger was delegated by Council to be overseen by the Methodist Schools Committee.

Recommendation of Trustees to Methodist Independent Schools Trust

The Conference appoints up to five of the Trustees on the nomination of the Council which is invited to adopt the nominations made to it by the Trust.

***RESOLUTIONS

Methodist Independent Schools Trust

23/1. The Council adopts the re-nominations by Methodist Independent Schools Trustees of the Revd Stephen Burgess and the Revd Dr Calvin Samuel for a period of three years concluding 31 August 2026.

Recommendation of Trustees to Methodist Academies and Schools Trust

The Conference appoints Methodist Academies and Schools Trustees on the nomination of the Council which is invited to adopt the nominations made to it by the Trust.

***RESOLUTIONS

Methodist Academies and Schools Trust

23/2. The Council adopts the nomination by Methodist Academies and Schools Trustees of Mrs Janet Carolyn Glass for a period of three years concluding 31 August 2026.

23/3. The Council adopts the re-nominations by Methodist Academies and Schools Trustees of Mr Steven College, Dr David Kershaw and Mrs Annette Foster for a period of three years concluding 31 August 2026.

Recommendation of Trustees to Epworth Education Trust

The Conference appoints Epworth Education Trust Trustees on the nomination of the Council which is invited to adopt the nominations made to it by the Trust.

*****RESOLUTIONS**

Epworth Education Trust

23/4. The Council adopts the nomination by Epworth Education Trust Trustees of the Revd Stuart Ellis, Mr Steve Myers and Mr Gareth Roberts for a period of three years concluding 31 August 2026.

Reasoned Statements

Methodist Academies and Schools Trust

Mrs Janet Carolyn Glass

Janet is a Methodist and has served as a Trustee in her church, circuit and district. Janet has recently retired from teaching at a Methodist school where she held additional responsibilities such as Safeguarding and International Studies.

Epworth Education Trust

The Revd Stuart Ellis

Stuart is a Methodist minister, serving as superintendent of the Sherwood Forest Circuit. Stuart also serves as a Chair of Governors at a Special school in Ipswich. Previous to this Stuart served as a Headteacher in Essex in a junior school in an area of deprivation, following that he took on a role as an executive head in another school with oversight of a school in special measures. Stuart has experience in turning round inadequate schools and remains involved in a schools' Trust in Bromley.

Mr Steve Myers

Steve has extensive experience as a former school Governor and Chair of Governors at a Methodist foundation school within the Epworth Education Trust. Steve is a Trustee of Methodist Academies and Schools Trust. Steve presently works in Local Government and has experience in financial services management. Steve is a committed Christian and serves as Vice-Chair of this Parochial Church Council.

Mr Gareth Roberts

Gareth is a practising solicitor specialising in employment law. Gareth advises senior executives and companies on employment law / HR issues.