# **The** Methodist **Conference** 2014

## DAILY RECORD No 1 PRESBYTERAL SESSION Thursday, 26 June 2014

1/1 The Conference in its Presbyteral Session assembled in Birmingham at 14.15, The Revd Ruth M Gee, the President of the Conference, in the Chair.

#### 1/2 HOLY COMMUNION

The Conference shared in a service of Holy Communion, during which the sermon was preached by The Revd Dr Kathleen M Richardson.

- 1/3 The Conference adjourned at 15.23.
- 1/4 The Conference reassembled at 16.17.

#### 1/5 MEMBERSHIP OF THE CONFERENCE

The Conference adopted the membership of this Session of the Conference, being those presbyters who are listed in the Agenda (pp 581-587) as members of the Representative Session, with any substitutions duly made, together with the officers of this session appointed by the last Conference, associate members, and those presbyters listed in the Agenda (p 588) who have received the permission of their Synods or, where appropriate, the President to attend this Session by their own arrangement, with the following corrections:

#### Isle of Man District

The Revd Gillian M Newton vice The Revd G Dee Haines

#### **West Yorkshire District**

Deleting 240 The Revd Dr Roger Walton [duplicate entry] and renumbering below accordingly

#### **London District**

For The Revd Nicolas A Oborski reading The Revd Nicholas A Oborski

#### **Associate Members**

Bishop Kaleem John *vice* Bishop Munawar Rumal Shah, Church of Pakistan The Revd Dong-Hwa Tae *vice* Susan Nam, Korean Methodist Church

#### Presbyters attending the Conference at their own expense

Adding The Revd Peter J Pillinger

#### 1/6 **LETTERS**

The Conference directed that letters of greeting be sent to presbyters with more than 70 years of service:

The Revd G Thackray Eddy (1936)

The Revd John Garfoot (1942)

The Revd Edward H Griffiths (1942)

The Revd Eric Jones (1942)

The Revd Ronald Kettell (1943)

The Revd Horace C Marshall (1943)

The Revd Arthur P Middlehurst (1942)

The Revd James Mills (1943)

The Revd R Keith Parsons (1938)
The Revd Dr William Strawson (1942)
The Revd Arthur S Valle (1940)

#### 1/7 HOURS OF SESSION

The Conference agreed that these should be 14.15-15.45 and 16.15-18.15 on Thursday, 26 June; 09.15-10.45, 11.15-12.45, 14.15-14.45, 15.15-16.30 and 17.00-18.30 on Friday, 27 June.

#### 1/8 APPOINTMENT OF SCRUTINEERS

The Conference appointed the Committee of Scrutineers as follows:

The Revd Christine Gillespie The Revd Dr Alan Smithson
The Revd Karen A Hilsden The Revd Amy Walters
The Revd Dr Helen E Jenkins The Revd Timothy R Woolley

#### 1/9 APPOINTMENT OF ATTESTORS

The Revds David Newlove and Faith M Nyota were appointed to attest the 'written portion' of the Daily Record of the Presbyteral Session.

#### 1/10 58. THE REPORT OF THE PRESBYTERAL SESSION BUSINESS COMMITTEE

The Conference adopted Resolution 58/1.

#### 1/11 11. CONFERENCE ARRANGEMENTS

The Conference adopted Resolutions 11/3, 11/4, 11/5 and 11/6.

#### 1/12 PASTORAL ADDRESS

The President and the Vice-President of the Conference, The Revd Ruth M Gee and Dr Daleep Satyanand Mukarji, expressed thanks to the Conference, and the President addressed the Conference.

#### 1/13 40. WORKING PARTY ON MARRIAGE AND CIVIL PARTNERSHIPS

The Revd Ashley R Cooper and the Revd Dr Jane Leach led the Conference in a discussion of this matter.

1/14 The Conference shared in worship, and adjourned at 18.19.

- 2/1 The Conference assembled at 09.15, and shared in worship.
- 2/2 **OBITUARIES**
- 2/2/1 The Conference adopted the Obituaries as printed and circulated to the Conference,

in the Obituary for Ernest Charles Willis, for "His wife Olive survives him" reading "His wife Olive survived him by two months",

and the Obituaries below,

directing that if, after checks have been carried out in the Conference library, it is necessary to correct inaccuracies in these Obituaries, the Secretary of the Conference be authorised to make such corrections before the Obituaries are published in the Minutes of the Conference.

- 2/2/2 Alan Albert Francom: Born in Heswall, Wirral on 16 April 1936 the eldest child of George and Marjory Francom. He had one brother, Roy, and a sister, Ann. He began training as a local preacher in 1956 shortly before meeting his future wife Maureen. Alan entered National Service in April 1958 and married Maureen in June, 3 weeks before being posted to Kingston, Jamaica. His Commanding Officer allowed him to continue as a local preacher whilst in Jamaica. He was told that if he was ever caught without his Bible he would be arrested by the Military Police, so he never went anywhere without a pocket Bible. During his 2 years in Jamaica Alan felt the call to ministry. He attended Hartley Victoria College in 1961 and served in the following circuits: Jamaica District West, Caribbean Conference, Hyde & Denton, Birmingham Mission, Camborne, and Wolverhampton. Alan's experiences in the Caribbean and Central America were formative. He went to Panama with Maureen and young daughters Carol and Mary in August 1964 to help to rebuild a church destroyed by a tornado in Bocas-del-Toro. He served 5 villages, travelling either on foot or by canoe. Medical facilities were non-existent, so Alan carried medicines and held clinics every morning. Between them, Alan and Maureen had to be doctor, nurse and dentist to those in need. In 1968 Alan moved with his family (by this time they had added John and Miriam) to the city of Colon where he was also Headmaster of a Methodist School and a chaplain to American Green Berets. They fostered Stephen in 1972, the first of many foster children, and adopted him in 1977. Alan continued to study throughout his ministry; he received the degree of Master of Theology from Oxford University and was an avid reader to his life's end. He retired to Wolverhampton in 2001, more recently moving to Gobowen where, despite significant ill-health, he continued to preach and provide pastoral support to the village chapel. He died on 21 March 2014 in the seventy-eighth year of his age and the fiftieth year of his ministry.
- 2/2/3 William Bell Glenesk: Born in Toronto, Canada on 18 October 1926. While at university William worked at Woodgreen Community Centre in a deprived area of Toronto. It was there, while working with troubled and difficult teenagers that he was spotted by the Revd Ray McCleary who encouraged him to pursue a career in the church. After completing his ministerial training he went to serve the United Church of Canada at Magnetewan in northern Ontario. William then went to Columbia University in New York City to study for a further degree in philosophy and

history. Initially part-time and later full-time he was appointed pastor of Spencer Memorial Presbyterian Church in Brooklyn Heights. Throughout the 1960s William ministered there and became a well known figure in New York. He introduced modern dance and other creative arts into worship at the church. His qualifications in dance and music enabled him to take an active part himself. He acted in films and appeared on television, his best known appearance being an edition of the Johnny Carson Show in which he performed the marriage of the musician Tiny Tim live on television. After ministering for a short period at The Village Presbyterian church in Greenwich Village, William returned to Canada to teach speech arts and drama at the Toronto Royal Conservatory. He moved to England and in 1986 was received by transfer into Full Connexion. He served in the following circuits: London Mission (Hammersmith & Fulham) and London Mission (North & Central). He also worked as a chaplain at Pentonville Prison. In retirement he continued to preach for many years. William was a man of great intelligence and many gifts. While in New York he frequently expressed dread that worship could ever be routine and his use of the creative arts in worship was years ahead of the time. William was a real character of very decided opinions and not by any means an easy man to know. He died at Whixley on 18 May 2014 in the eighty-eighth year of his age and the sixtysecond year of his ministry.

2/2/4 Trevor Taylor Rowe: Born in Hull on 17 December 1929. Trevor was brought up by parents John and Elsie with elder brother Colin in a Christian household with regular church attendance and night-time prayers. He attended Hymers College which had such a profound influence on him that his association with 'Old Hymerians' continued throughout his life. His higher education commenced in 1948 at Hull University where he read for a BSc in Physics and Mathematics. It was here that he met Frances, marrying in 1955. They had two daughters Lindsay and Alison. Trevor would have made a fine scientist but he had a strong call to offer for the Methodist Ministry and commenced training at Wesley House Cambridge, being ordained in 1952. He gained a theology MA and post graduate BD through researches into St Augustine. He served in the following circuits: Market Weighton, Hull (East), Southport (South), Birmingham (Moseley Road & Sparkhill), Birmingham (South West) at The Oueen's College, General Secretary of the Division of Ministries at Westminster, Worcester and retired to the Malvern & Ledbury Circuit. In his first appointment he said the people there were 'good, kind and welcoming Methodists', he continued studies of New Testament Greek, herded pigs, visited farming families on remote homesteads, and set up a youth club! 'All good ministerial training', he would say. In Birmingham he served a run-down inner-city area coping with mass immigration and all the ensuing challenges which that entailed; but he thrived on it. The defining moment of Trevor's ministry was when he was appointed Tutor in Pastoral Theology at the new Ecumenical Queen's College in Birmingham where he said he was able to use his gifts to the full. Trevor held many appointments throughout his ministry, including Acting Principal at The Queen's College, Governor/Secretary and then Chairman of Governors, Kingswood School Bath, and served on many committees. He wrote several publications focusing on pastoral ministry, most notably The Fernley Hartley Lecture, Saint Augustine Pastoral Theologian, Epworth 1974. He had a truly wonderful life and ministry rooted in a deep faith in Christ. Countless individuals, local churches and circuits have benefitted from his rich ministry. Sadly, dementia crept up on him during retirement. He died on 1 June 2014, in the eighty-fifth year of his age and the sixtysecond year of his ministry.

2/2/5 Albert Edward David Salmon: Born in Rotherhithe, South London, on 22 January 1916. David left school at 14 and had various jobs during the depression years ranging from a cinema ice cream seller to rope making and carpet wholesaling. Having been challenged by a work colleague, he committed his life to Christ and

became a Methodist member at 16, then a local preacher and went to Cliff College as a student for two years. His experiences on the mission treks taught him that God would provide for his needs whatever the circumstances and gave him a lifelong thirst for preaching. David moved to Liverpool where he was active in church work. In 1939, he registered as a conscientious objector and was assigned to land reclamation and forestry work. On 23 September 1944, he married Harriett and they lived near Thetford. His social conscience in defence of foreign workers cost him his forestry job but earned him another working on a poultry farm. In 1950 they moved to Consett, Co. Durham and he began the full time church work that was his real calling. His ministry was characterized by the strength, grace and direction of his preaching, with its certainty, clarity and simplicity as an evangelical preacher with a social heart. As a Lay Pastor David served also in Sunderland, Kirkwhelpington (Northumberland), and Kidlington (Oxford) where people valued his ministry, particularly among young people. He was accepted for training at Hartley Victoria College, Manchester, having charge of four local churches and was ordained in 1961. He served in the following circuits: Stretford & Urmston, Manchester (Droylsden & Openshaw), Castleford, Nuneaton & Atherstone, Gateshead & Jarrow. Retiring in 1981, David took an active supernumerary post in the Whitstable & Herne Bay Circuit. He moved to Barrington in the Cambridge Circuit in 1984 where he continued to preach, as well as in surrounding circuits. In 1991 he moved to Foxton and continued to preach regularly until ill health forced him to cease. David died peacefully at home on 27 May 2014, in the ninety-ninth year of his age and the fifty-third year of his ministry.

- 2/2/6 Thomas Teasdale: Born in Felling-on-Tyne, on 10 December 1923. He was educated at Felling Primary School and Dunstan Board School. In 1949, he went for a year's training at Cliff College. After being accepted as a candidate, he trained at Hartley Victoria College 1951-54. He served in the following circuits: Abergavenny, Sheffield Mission, Holsworthy, Harrogate and Bedale. He retired in 1988, remaining in the Bedale Circuit where he continued to exercise a pastoral ministry. Tom was always humble regarding his own abilities. He read widely, was an excellent listener, powerful in prayer and deep in insight. As an evangelist he helped people to come to faith through his personal witness and preaching and enabled others grow in their faith through his ministry of teaching and encouragement. Tom's pastoral, healing and counselling ministries were particularly appreciated. In Bedale he spent a day a week at the doctor's surgery, available to anyone seeking pastoral care and quickly became a respected member of the team there. Tom formed many deep, loyal and lasting friendships which he has sustained throughout his years in retirement. When recent circuit reorganisation took Bedale out of the Darlington District, Tom asked to be listed in the North Yorkshire Dales Circuit so as to affirm his established friendships with ministerial colleagues in the Darlington District. Tom was married twice, first in December 1954 to Hilda Robinson. Tom and Hilda were blessed with two sons, Gareth (who married Elaine) and Jonathan (who married Andrea). Following the death of Hilda in 1983, Tom married Joan Mullerworth in October 1984, thereby adding Louise, Stephen and Jonathan into his family circle. Tom was close to his grandchildren, taking a keen interest in them and their activities. Just six days after his death, his first great-grandchild was born. He died on 10 May 2014 in the ninety-first year of his age and the sixtieth year of his ministry.
- Albert William Wathes: Born in Ashby-de-la-Zouch, Leicestershire on 16 January 1926. He was known by all his friends as Bill. He was received into full connexion in 1958 and served in the following circuits. Presteigne and Kington, Uttoxeter and Ramsor, the Tiruchirapalli-Tanjore Diocese and the Medak Diocese, South India, Ossett and Horbury, Kirkoswald, Coalville, as a Supernumerary he lived in the Ashby and Coalville Circuit which eventually became National Forest East. Bill died

on 24 May 2014, in the eighty-ninth year of his age and the fifty-ninth year of his ministry. At his own request there is no further obituary.

2/3 The Conference went into closed session at 09.41.

#### 2/4 46. PRESBYTERAL CANDIDATES AND PROBATIONERS OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

#### 1. **Candidates for Presbyteral Ministry**

2/4/1 The Conference concurred with the recommendations of the Candidates Appeals Committee.

#### 2/4/2 **LETTER**

The Conference directed that a letter of greeting and concern be sent to Mr David M Dalziel.

The Conference recommended, with the required majority, acceptance by the 2/4/3 Representative Session of the following candidates, to proceed unconditionally into pre-ordination training:

> Kido Baek **David Jonathan Bintliff** Raymond Frederick Paul Borrett Stephen John Boxall Jane Elizabeth Braund Liam Benjamin Dacre-Davis Andrew Gavin Fishburne Ruth Gillian Sarah Fry Donna Marie Broadbent-Kelly Charles Daniel James Connor Jacob Henry Donkoh Sharon Mary Gardner Jacqueline Ann Goaten Jeremy Harry Arthur Hackett Christopher John Hardy [as corrected

Elizabeth Mary Harris Christopher Andrew Jackson Kenneth Peter Kingston **David Michael Lees** Angela Louise Makin Alison Frances Mares **David Mcaloon** Charity Nzegwu **Timothy Paul Simms David John Speirs** Rebekah Joy Stennett Christine Sutherby Laurent Robert Vernet Yang Sun Yi **Mmasape Temana Zihle** 

by 5/22/1]

2/4/4 The Conference recommended, with the required majority, acceptance by the Representative Session of the following candidate, to proceed into pre-ordination training upon fulfilment of a stated condition:

Peter William Hibberts (accreditation as Local Preacher)

2/4/5 The Conference recommended, with the required majority, acceptance by the Representative Session of the following candidates for presbyteral ministry, to proceed unconditionally into pre-ordination training:

> Victoria Jane Atkins, a member of the Methodist Diaconal Order Emma Holroyd, a candidate for diaconal ministry accepted in a previous year

2/4/6 The Conference adopted Resolution 46/2.

#### 2/5 2. **Special Reports**

2/5/1 The Conference agreed that an accepted candidate who has not yet commenced training, Philip Cotton, be allowed to delay for one further year before commencing training.

2/5/2 The Conference received a report that the following candidates, received at the last Conference and given permission to delay entry into training, were ready to enter training in 2014:

Ping Ting Chen Mary Sachikonye

2/5/3 The Conference gave permission for the following recommended candidate to defer entry into training:

Rebekah Joy Stennett

2/5/4 The Conference agreed the following changes in expected date of Reception into Full Connexion:

To a later date:

James Alan Cruddas	2015 (from 2014)
Donna Alice Leigh	2017 (from 2016)
Greg Obong-Oshotse	2017 (from 2016)
Linda Patricia Pearce	2015 (from 2014)

- 2/5/5 The Conference received a report in relation to a probationer, Leslie Dinning, whose expected date of Reception into Full Connexion is uncertain.
- 2/5/6 The Conference noted that an accepted candidate, Estwar Sanichar, had withdrawn and would not be proceeding to training.
- 2/5/7 The Conference noted that Rachel Marie Parkes had withdrawn from probation.
- 2/5/8 The Conference concurred with a recommendation that Justin Anwar be discontinued as a student presbyter.
- 2/5/9 The Conference adopted Resolution 46/1,

p 509, in 1.2, for 'No case' reading Rebekah Joy Stennett, p 510, in 1.6, deleting Estwar Sanichar, and in 1.7a., for 'No case' reading Estwar Sanichar.

2/6 3. Preachers Recommended For Continuance On Trial

The Conference adopted Resolution 46/4,

p 513, for 'leraci, Carmelina' reading 'leraci, Carmel' [as corrected by 5/22/1]

# 4. Preachers On Trial Presented To The Conference For Reception Into Full Connexion

2/7/1 The Conference accepted the recommendation of the Presbyteral Candidates and Probationers Committee that the following are fit to be admitted into Full Connexion with the Conference as presbyters:

Andrew John Bird Anna Mhairi Bishop Suva Lianne Catford Debra Mina Chidakwa Anne Rachel Coates Josette Anne Crane Alison Louise Crookes Kathleen Rose Deakins Margaret Elizabeth Dudley Andrew Mark Emison Geoffrey Francis James Farrar Timothy Andrew Flowers [as corrected by 5/22/1]
Kathryn Ann Flynn
Stephen David Thomas Froggatt
Nicola Kristen Hilmy-Jones
David Hollingsworth
Rebecca Jane Ingrouille
Helen Denise Johnson
Leslie Jones
Saidu Kanu
Ann Louise Lett
Imran Bobby Malik

Richard Ormrod
Thomas John Osborne
Peter Gerrard Rayson
Catherine Reynolds
Ian Stuart Rutherford
Joyce Edith Smith
John Maurice Swanston
Etleva Walker
Phillip John Warrey
Denise Mavis Williams
Heather Ann Wilson

2/7/2 The Conference, by a Standing Vote, adopted Resolution 46/5.

#### 2/8 **56. PRESBYTERAL TRANSFERS AND REINSTATEMENTS**

- 1. Recommendations of the Presbyteral Candidates Selection Committee acting as Transfer Committee (under S.O.730)
- 2/8/1 The Conference accepted, with the required majority, the recommendation of the Presbyteral Candidates Selection Committee that the following be received into Full Connexion by transfer in 2014:

The Revd Seung-Wook Jung (Korea Evangelical Holiness Church)

The Revd Raymond Blair Kirkby (United Church of Canada)

The Revd Jong Sin Lee (Methodist Church of Korea)

The Revd Heegon Moon (The Presbyterian Church of Korea)

The Revd Francis Samuel Nabieu (Methodist Church Sierra Leone)

The Revd Edward Sakwe (Presbyterian Church in Cameroon)

2/8/2 The Conference accepted, with the required majority, the recommendation of the Presbyteral Candidates Selection Committee that the following be received by transfer to proceed into pre-ordination training and probation:

Deborah Lee Caulk (United Methodist Church)

2/8/3 The Conference accepted the recommendation of the Presbyteral Candidates Selection Committee that the following be recognised and regarded as presbyters in Full Connexion with the Conference under Standing Order 732(2) and (3):

The Revd Robert James Birnie (Church of the Nazarene)

The Revd Noreen Sherryanne Daley-Lee (Methodist Church in the Caribbean and Americas)

The Revd Rachel Lynn Frank (Alliance of Baptists (United States))

The Revd Robert Jilenda Kasema (Pentecostal Assemblies of God (Zambia))

The Revd Romeo Regardo Pedro (Methodist Church of Southern Africa)

The Revd Robert Llewelyn Roberts (United Methodist Church)

The Revd John Martin Whitehead (United Free Church of Scotland)

#### 3. Recommendations for Reinstatements to Full Connexion

- 2/8/4 The Conference concurred with a report of a Reinstatement Committee and recommended to the Representative Session that David J Rice be reinstated to Full Connexion.
- 2/8/5 The Conference adopted Resolution 56/1.

2/8/6 The Conference, by a Standing Vote, adopted Resolution 56/2.

#### 2/9 **49. PERMISSIONS TO SERVE**

The Conference adopted Resolution 49/1,

p 529,

#### 2. TRANSFER TO OTHER CONFERENCES AND DENOMINATIONS

deleting Joan Pretorius-Lougheed (Methodist Church of Southern Africa)

#### 4. PERMISSION TO SERVE ABROAD

adding Manivasagan N Pillay (South Africa)

#### 5. PERMISSION TO RESIDE ABROAD

deleting Manivasagan N Pillay (South Africa)

#### 2/10 **RESIGNATIONS**

2/10/1 The Conference accepted a report that the President had accepted the resignation of the following presbyters in Full Connexion, according them the status indicated:

Mark T Davies	member
David E Flavell	no status
John A Gilyead	member
Keith Parr	member
John F Risby	member

Sally C Shaw no status to join the Society of Friends

Heather M Taylor no status to seek ordination in another tradition

- 2/11 The Conference received the report of the Convenor of Connexional Discipline, Pastoral and Appeal Committees.
- 2/12 The Conference noted that David W Cooper and Dale A Cotton had ceased to be presbyters in Full Connexion with the Conference.
- 2/13 The Conference adjourned at 10.37.
- 2/14 The Conference reassembled in open session at 11.15.
- 2/15 The Conference was addressed by journalist Ms Ruth Gledhill and Ms Meg Munn MP on the theme *How do they see us and how do we respond?* following which the Conference enagaged in discussion. A vote of thanks was offered by The Revd Mark H Wakelin.

#### 2/16 **9. DISTRICT RESOLUTIONS**

The Conference engaged in discussion about this item of business.

- 2/17 The Conference adjourned at 12.40.
- 2/18 The Conference reassembled at 14.15.

#### 2/19 MEMORIAL SERVICE

A solemn Memorial Service was held during which the Secretary of the Conference read the names of those presbyters who had died during the year, as follows:

#### 1. In Great Britain

Albert James Ball David John Bennett John Victor Bennett Ronald Brierley Douglas Hall Brown Alan Meads Bruce Mavis Bruce-Hodgson Shirley Ann Clayton\*\*

Sylvia Corney

Denis John Creamer\*\*
Colin Henry Danby
Leslie Dawson
Janet Eleanor Day

Neil Dixon

Trevor Newton Dodds
David George Driver\*
Robert Oliver Dunstone
Richard Hiram Ellis
Emrys Wyn Evans\*
Alan Albert Francom
Irene Marion Gibbs
Anna Margaret Gifford
Nigel Langley Gilson
William Bell Glenesk
Robert Charles Gooch
Wilfred Green\*\*
Kenneth Gerald Greet

Harold Jones

John Henry Somerset Kent

Peter Kindleysides\* Elizabeth Langton

Geoffrey Hugh Grice

Frank Barrie Heafford

Derek Henry Jefferson

Arthur James Hall

Julie Mary Hulme

David Lawrence\*\*

Iwan Griffith Pennant Lewis

Timothy John Mark Graham McIntosh

Samuel Lindsay McQuoid Alan John Merchant\*\* Robert Moore\*\*

John Morley

Arthur William Mottashed

James Platten\*\*

William Frederick Podmore\*

Richard Purvis

Sidney Frederick James Ramsey

Jeffrey Arthur Reynolds

Arthur Robinson Trevor Taylor Rowe Kenneth Royston Sadler George William Sails

Albert Edward David Salmon

**Arthur David Sanders** 

David George Sylvester Sexton

Michael Stopford Thomas Teasdale

Geoffrey James Warburton William Robert Ward\* Albert William Wathes Ian Campbell Waugh\*\* Douglas Richard Westington John Peter Wheaton\*\*

John Jess Whyte
Thomas Wilkinson
Malcolm Walter Willey
Ernest Charles Willis
Kenneth Wilson\*
Raymond Wright

#### 2. In Ireland

#### William Dennis Davison Cooke

Armour George McFarland

- \* Presbyters who had died before the previous Conference but whose Obituaries were presented to this Conference.
- \*\* Presbyters whose Obituaries will be presented to the next Conference.
- 2/20 The Conference adjourned at 14.44.
- 2/21 The Conference reassembled at 15.15.

#### 2/22 31. GENERAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

The Conference engaged in a discussion about paragraphs 37-46 of this Report.

# 2/23 55. PRESBYTERS BECOMING SUPERNUMERARY OR RETURNING TO THE ACTIVE WORK

2/23/1 The Conference adopted Resolution 55/1,

p 552,

in **1. Recommended to return to the active work** for 'No case' reading Arthur E Cowburn [spelling corrected after Conference]
Robert Senior

in 3. Presbyters requesting permission to become supernumerary adding Linda J Brock (16)

Harold S Clarke (47)

Rodney P Ingrouille (35)

Kathryn M Jackson (9)

Vernon Marsh (43)

\* Lindsay J Pettigrew (10)

Elizabeth R Wills (24)

2/23/2 The Conference adopted Resolution 55/2, noting the additions under **3.** above.

#### 2/24 PRESBYTERAL SESSION BUSINESS COMMITTEE

The Conference elected The Revd Dr Jane Leach to serve on the Presbyteral Session Business Committee for the Conferences of 2015-2017.

- 2/25 The Secretary of the Conference made a statement regarding abusive material appearing on social media.
- 2/26 The Conference adjourned 16.18.
- 2/27 The Conference reassembled at 17.00.
- The Conference was addressed by Professor Tom Greggs, who holds the Chair in Historical and Doctrinal Theology at the Univerity of Aberdeen, on the theme "If it is teaching, then teach" (Romans 12:7): Ministry, Big Issues and Grown Up Discipleship. The Conference enagaged in discussion, and a vote of thanks was offered by The Revd Dr Calvin T Samuel.

#### 2/29 THANKS TO THE PRESIDENT

The Revd Mark H Wakelin expressed the thanks of the Conference to the President of the Conference.

#### 2/30 ANNUAL INQUIRY

The Chairs of the Districts gave to the Conference the assurances as to the character and discipline of the presbyters and presbyteral probationers required by Standing Order 154.

- 2/31 The Conference shared in worship.
- 2/32 The Conference resolved by a Standing Vote to adjourn to 14.15 on Saturday 28 June for the Representative Session.
- 2/33 The Conference adjourned at 18.32.

# The Methodist Conference 2014

# DAILY RECORD No 3 REPRESENTATIVE SESSION Saturday, 28 June 2014

The Conference in its Representative Session assembled in Birmingham, at 14.15, 3/1 The Revd Ruth M Gee, the President of the Conference, in the Chair.

#### **PRAYERS** 3/2

The President of the Methodist Church in Ireland, The Revd Peter D Murray, led opening prayers.

#### 3/3 WELCOME TO THE CONFERENCE

The Secretary welcomed the Conference.

#### MEMBERSHIP OF THE CONFERENCE 3/4

The Conference adopted the membership of this session of the Conference as set out in the Agenda (pp 581-587), as amended by Daily Record 1/5 and the following substitutions and corrections:

#### Conference Officer for Legal and Constitutional Practice

For 'to be appointed' reading Mrs Louise C Wilkins

#### Representatives of United Methodist Church (DU 14(3))

For 'to be confirmed' reading Vladimir Zhelezov

#### **London District**

For Mr Daniel Lay reading Mr Daniel Lai

#### **South East District**

Mrs Helen Richardson vice Mrs Anne Haggarty

#### **Associate Members**

Deleting Vladimir Zhelezov

#### 3/5 **GREETINGS**

The Conference directed that a letter of greeting and concern be sent to Mrs Judith M Jarvis.

#### APPOINTMENT OF SCRUTINEERS 3/6

The Conference appointed the Scrutineers as follows:

Mr Timothy Baker Ms Helen Cook Miss Jane Dansie

The Revd Christine Gillespie Mrs Jennie Harris

The Revd Karen A Hilsden

Dr Anne Hollows

The Revd Dr Helen E Jenkins

Mr Daniel Lai

Ms Hayley Moss Mrs Jane Otterson

The Revd Dr Alan Smithson

Mrs Jessica Taylor The Revd Amy Walters Mr Eric Watchman Mrs Mary Williams

The Revd Timothy R Woolley

#### 3/7 THE LOYAL ADDRESS

The Conference directed that a letter of greeting be sent to Her Majesty the Queen.

#### 3/8 PRESIDENT AND VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE CONFERENCE

- 3/8/1 The Revd Kenneth Graham Howcroft, having been nominated according to rule at the preceding Conference, was duly elected by a Standing Vote as President of the Conference (Resolution 1/1).
- 3/8/2 Ms Gillian Margaret Dascombe, having been nominated according to rule at the preceding Conference, was duly elected by a Standing Vote as Vice-President of the Conference (Resolution 1/2).
- 3/8/3 The Induction of the President and the Vice-President took place.

## 3/9 WORLD CHURCH AND ECUMENICAL REPRESENTATIVES AND GUESTS

- The Conference welcomed full members and Associate members of the Conference from the United Methodist Church (UMC) Central Conference of Northern Europe Nordic and Baltic Episcopal Area, the UMC Central Conference of Central and Southern Europe, the UMC German Central Conference Evangelisch-methodistiche Kirche, Opera per le Chiese Evangelische Metodiste in Italia (OPCEMI), Igreja Evangelica Metodista Portuguesa, the Methodist Church in Kenya, Eglise Méthodiste du Togo, the Methodist Church Sierra Leone, the Methodist Church Rwanda, the Methodist Church of Southern Africa, the Methodist Church in the Caribbean and the Americas, Iglesia Evangelica Metodista Unida del Ecuador, Iglesia Metodista en Cuba, the Korean Methodist Church, the Methodist Church, Hong Kong, the Church of Pakistan, the Methodist Church in Fiji and Rotuma, the Uniting Church in Australia, the Methodist Church in Zimbabwe, Iglesia Metodista del Uruguay, the United Methodist Church and the Methodist Church in Ireland, and from among our Mission Partners.
- 3/9/2 The Presiding Bishop of the Methodist Church in Zimbabwe The Revd Amos Ndhlumbi responded on behalf of the World Church representatives.
- 3/9/3 The Conference welcomed the ecumenical Associate members of the Conference from the Church of England, the United Reformed Church, the Baptist Union of Great Britain, the Church of God of Prophecy, the Presbyterian Church of Wales and the Pioneer Network.
- 3/9/4 The Conference welcomed local ecumenical and interfaith guests: The Revd Roy Lowes, the Moderator of the West Midlands Synod of the United Reformed Church, the Roman Catholic Auxilliary Bishop of Birmingham The Rt Revd David McGough, and Mrs Shahin Ashraf, Muslim Chaplain at the University of Birmingham.
- 3/9/5 The Revd Neil Kirkham, Moderator-Elect of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of Wales, responded on behalf of the ecumenical and interfaith representatives and guests.

#### 3/10 PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

The President of the Conference delivered his inaugural address.

- 3/11 The Conference adjourned at 16.09.
- 3/12 The Conference reassembled at 17.00

#### 3/13 THE VICE-PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

The Vice-President of the Conference delivered her inaugural address.

#### 3/14 2. FIRST REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE BUSINESS COMMITTEE

The Conference adopted Resolution 2/1 in the following form:

The Conference adopts the Report of the Business Committee, with the exception of paragraph 11.1,

p 24, para 5.6, for 'Tuesday 9 July' reading 'Tuesday 1 July',

p 26, para 7, deleting the last sentence: 'One lay member is required to be elected for the 2015 Conference only.'

#### 3/15 SECOND REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE BUSINESS COMMITTEE

3/15/1 The Business Committee brings this update to its First Report:

#### 1. Nominations for Membership of the Business Committee

This year the Conference is required to elect two members of the Business Committee - one ministerial and one lay (not three as set out in para 7 of the First Report of the Conference Business Committee). Both persons would be required to be elected for a period of three years (the Conferences of 2015, 2016 and 2017). Nomination forms for those posts are available from the Helpdesk and should be placed in the ballot boxes by 2pm on Tuesday 1 July with voting taking place on Wednesday 2 July.

- This year the schedule of Business has been available on the Conference Website and regularly updated. It now shows the current situation. Any Conference member wishing to have a hard copy can obtain one from the Help Desk.
- 3, The Conference is advised that in the event of a counted vote during the business sessions on Saturday this will be made by five scrutineers who are presbyters and the CBC Chair. Normal scrutineering arrangements will begin on Monday morning. All scrutineers are reminded to meet in the Devon Room immediately at close of Saturday business (18.45).
- 4. Nominees for President and Vice-President of the Conference for 2015 and as Conference-elected Representatives 2015-2017 are kindly asked to have their photographs taken, for use in the visual projections during breaks. Would they please see John Howard-Norman in the Conference Arrangements Team office in the Dorset Room (see Handbook page 31) as soon as possible and no later than the respective closing times for nominations given in the Agenda page 26. In the event that any nominees are not present at the Conference, it would be most helpful if those making the nominations could arrange for nominees' photos to be sent electronically to <a href="mailto:asc@methodistchurch.org.uk">asc@methodistchurch.org.uk</a>.
- 5. There are two ballot boxes on each side of the hall. These can all be used at any time on Saturday until 19.30 hrs and from Monday morning onwards for all nomination papers and for all completed ballot papers, strictly observing the deadlines given on Agenda page 26. Please do not place your envelope with your completed Trustee Declaration Form and Register of Interest Form in these boxes: it should be deposited in the box by the Help Desk in the foyer.

#### 6. Changes in Marriage Legislation

On Wednesday morning (11:15) the Conference will be considering the report of the working party on Marriage and Civil Partnerships (agenda item 40) and the associated resolutions. Prior to considering the specific points addressed in the report the Conference will on Monday morning (11:35 - 12:25) have the opportunity to consider some of the wider implications of the changes in marriage legislation for the pastoral ministry and mission of the Church. It is hoped that:

- the Conference will be able to confer without the demand of dealing with resolutions;
- members of the Conference will feel able to offer one another insights that will assist the Conference in its exploration;
- the Conference will therefore be enabled to explore how, in this new legal situation, a Church whose members may hold very differing theological convictions can best continue to sustain its shared life and mission.

Two members of the Conference will offer some opening reflections, one of which will contain some specific references to the conversation on this topic which took place during the Presbyteral Session. Members of the Conference will then be invited to make contributions (the normal time limits will apply) and it is hoped that this session will enable a sharing of views and most importantly experiences that in turn will assist us, the Conference, in dealing with the resolutions.

- 7. Copies of the Briefing document for the Methodist people on the arguments for and against the Boycott Divestment Sanctions Movement (BDS) referred to in agenda item 23 are available from the Connexional Team Stand.
- 8. Upon the recommendation of the Memorials Committee, all Memorials will either be taken with existing business to which they relate or placed in *en bloc* as shown in the table below [table not included in the Record].
- 3/15/2 The Conference adopted as Resolution B/1:

The Conference receives the Report.

#### 3/16 **51. CONFERENCE DIACONAL COMMITTEE**

3/16/1 The Conference adopted Resolution 51/1,

#### 4. Training and probation

p 534, in the 1<sup>st</sup> para of **4.** regarding withdrawal from training, changing 'student' to 'students' and adding Sally Elizabeth Hammond,

and *deleting* from the list of those recommended to continue in training Sally Elizabeth Hammond,

p 535, in the list of those recommended for continuing on probation, removing the asterisk against the name of Pamela Luxton, and the deleting 'status to be confirmed',

and for Suzie Gidinho Barony Viana reading Suzie Godinho Barony Viana,

p 535, *deleting* 'The Committee recommends to the Representative Session that the following's probation be deferred (SO 726): Liane Jacqueline

Linda Kensett'

and *adding* 'The Committee noted that the President has given permission for the following student deacon to defer probation:
Liane Justine Elizabeth Kensett'

#### **5.** Ordinands, p 535,

for Guy Austin Bride reading Guy Austin-Bride for Helen Bamber reading Helen Mary Bamber

#### 3/16/2 The Conference adopted Resolution 51/2:

The Conference resolves, by a Standing Vote, that it accepts for training, unconditionally or conditionally as the case may be, the candidates for ministry recommended by the Diaconal Committee whose names are recorded in the report of that Committee:

Shirley Hassall Judith Stoddart

3/16/3 The Conference adopted Resolution 51/3, noting the corrections under **4. Training** and probation above.

#### 3/17 29. CONNEXIONAL CENTRAL SERVICES BUDGET

The Conference engaged in discussion of this business.

#### 3/18 MEMORIALS

The Assistant Secretary of the Conference presented the replies to Memorials.

#### 3/19 **LETTERS**

- 3/19/1 Letters of thanks were sent in the name of the Conference to Ms Ruth Gledhill, Ms Meg Munn MP and Professor Tom Greggs.
- 3/19/2 Letters of thanks we were sent in the name of the Conference to those who led the Presbyteral Ordinands' Retreat: The Revds Michael J Lewis, Kathryn Stephens and Mark Rowland and The Revd Dr Jennifer H Smith.
- 3/19/3 A letter of sympathy was sent in the name of the Conference to Mrs Marilyn Gittner and a letter of greeting and concern to Mr Antony Crerar.
- 3/20 The Conference adjourned at 18.36

# **The** Methodist **Conference** 2014

# DAILY RECORD No 4 REPRESENTATIVE SESSION Sunday, 29 June 2014

- 4/1 The Conference assembled at 11.00.
- The Conference shared in worship, during which the President preached, and the following business was transacted.

#### 4/3 RECEPTION INTO FULL CONNEXION AS PRESBYTERS

The following persons were presented for admission into Full Connexion, the Presbyteral Session having judged that they were fit for such admission and, if appropriate, for ordination:

#### 4/3/1 The preachers on trial:

Andrew John Bird Anna Mhairi Bishop Suva Lianne Catford Debra Mina Chidakwa-Akue Anne Rachel Coates Josette Anne Crane Alison Louise Crookes Kathleen Rose Deakins Margaret Elizabeth Dudley Andrew Mark Emison Geoffrey Francis James Farrar Timothy Andrew Flowers Kathryn Ann Flynn Stephen David Thomas Froggatt Nicola Kristen Hilmy-Jones David Hollingsworth Rebecca Jane Ingrouille

Helen Denise Johnson Leslie Jones Saidu Kanu Ann Louise Lett Imran Bobby Malik Richard Ormrod Thomas John Osborne Peter Gerrard Rayson Catherine Reynolds Ian Stuart Rutherford Joyce Edith Smith John Maurice Swanston Etleva Walker Phillip John Warrey **Denise Mavis Williams** Heather Ann Wilson

4/3/2 Six people to be received by transfer:

Seung-Wook Jung Raymond Blair Kirkby Jong Sin Lee Heegon Moon Francis Samuel Nabieu Edward Sakwe

4/3/3 One person to be reinstated:

David John Rice

4/3/4 The Conference resolved by a Standing Vote that those persons whose names had been read to the Conference and are printed in the Agenda and Daily Record be now received into Full Connexion with the Conference as presbyters, and that those not already ordained, be ordained by prayer and the laying on of hands on the afternoon of this day, the twenty-ninth of June 2014, at:

Coventry Central Hall
Darlington Street Methodist Church, Wolverhampton
Lichfield Cathedral
The New Testament Church of God, Handsworth
Shirley Methodist Church

(Resolution 46/6)

#### 4/4 RECEPTION INTO FULL CONNEXION AS DEACONS

4/4/1 The following persons were presented for admission into Full Connexion and as full members of the Methodist Diaconal Order, the Conference Diaconal Committee having judged that they were fit for such admission and, if appropriate, for ordination:

Guy Austin-Bride Helen Mary Bamber John Brobbey Josephine Frances Ann Critchley Annabel Lorna Graham Tracey Jane Hume Gillian Margaret Judge \* Linda Rose Kinchenton Esther Longe Angela Shereni Marilyn Olayinka Susannah Slowe Carole Irene Smith Irene Nyarai Tafirenyika

(\* An ordained deacon of the Methodist Church of Southern Africa)

The Conference resolved by a Standing Vote that those persons whose names had been read to the Conference and are printed in the Agenda and Daily Record be now received into Full Connexion with the Conference as deacons and into full membership of the Methodist Diaconal Order, and that those not already ordained, be ordained by prayer and the laying on of hands on the afternoon of this day, the twenty-ninth of June 2014, at Coventry Cathedral.

(Resolution 51/4)

4/5 The Conference adjourned at 12.44.

# **The** Methodist **Conference** 2014

# DAILY RECORD No 5 REPRESENTATIVE SESSION Monday, 30 June 2014

- 5/1 The Conference assembled at 9.15, and was led in worship by the Vice-President.
- 5/2 HOURS OF SESSION

The Conference agreed that these should be 09.15-10.45; 11.15-12.45; 14.15-16.30; and 17.00-18.45 on Monday, 30 June to Wednesday, 2 July and 09.15-10.45; 11.15-12.45 on Thursday, 3 July.

- 5/3 **APPOINTMENT OF ATTESTORS**
- 5/3/1 Deacon Andrew Carter and Mrs Nwabueze N Nwokolo were appointed to attest the Daily Record and related documents.
- 5/3/2 The Revd J A Jade Bath and Mr Ian C White were appointed to attest the Journal and related documents.
- 5/4 **LETTERS**
- 5/4/1 The Conference directed that letters of thanks be sent to those responsible for the Conference and Ordination Services and those who took part in them.
- 5/5 **31. GENERAL SECRETARY'S REPORT**
- 5/5/1 The Conference adopted Resolutions 31/1, 31/2, 31/3 and 31/4.
- 5/5/2 The Conference adopted Resolution 31/5,

Adding to the wording of the Resolution 'And directs the General Secretary to gather a small group of appropriately gifted and experienced people to consider how to implement the changes encouraged by the Connexional Leaders' Forum, to realise the main thing and to report to the Conference in 2015.'

- 5/6 **32. METHODIST COUNCIL**
- 5/6/1 The Conference adopted Resolution 32/1,

p 270, in the 17<sup>th</sup> bullet point, *for* 'approved the principle that all leases of Methodist premises which are within the curtilage of the church site should not include' *reading* 'approved the principle that no lease of Methodist premises which are within the curtilage of the church site should include'

- 5/6/2 The Conference adopted Resolution 32/2.
- 5/6/3 The Conference adopted Resolution 32/3,

p 274, SO 754(2A), replacing the second sentence with

'Subject to clause (5) below the Warden shall delegate to the Deputy Warden the discharge of such of those functions and responsibilities as the Warden, with the agreement of the Methodist Diaconal Order Leadership Group, thinks fit.'

p 274, inserting at the start of SO 754(4) 'Subject to clause (5) below,'

inserting new SO 754(5)

'Nothing done under clause (2A) or clause (4) above can empower any person other than the Warden to perform any act expressly required by the Deed of Union to be performed by the Warden.'

p 275, SO 743(1)(a)(i), amending it to read 'every presbyter or deacon in circuit or district appointment, every District Chair, and the Warden and deputy Warden of the Methodist Diaconal Order;'

p 275, SO 752, for 'If the neither the Warden' reading 'If neither the Warden'

p 275, SO 180(4), replacing with 'The Deputy Warden of the Methodist Diaconal Order is hereby appointed an officer of the committee.'

p 275, SO 315, removing proposed SO 315(1A) and amending SO 315(1) to read

'or other body within the control of the Methodist Council or (if a deacon in Full Connexion) as the Deputy Warden of the Methodist Diaconal Order.'

5/6/4 The Conference adopted Resolution 32/4,

Amending SO 755(2) to read, 'The Group shall consist of seven persons, comprising a former President or Vice-President appointed as chair, two presbyters, two deacons and two lay persons.'

Amending the proposed Standing Order 755(4)(i) to read, 'advise and support the Warden and the deputy Warden on the performance of their duties under the Deed of Union and Standing Orders and generally in the exercise of their functions.'

- 5/6/5 The Conference adopted Resolution 32/5.
- 5/7 The Conference adjourned at 10.45.
- 5/8 The Conference reassembled at 11.16.

#### 5/9 33. CONNEXIONAL ALLOWANCES COMMITTEE

The Conference adopted Resolutions 33/1 and 33/2.

#### 5/10 Memorials M13 and M14 – Connexional Allowances Committee

The Conference received Memorials M13 and M14 and adopted as its replies those recommended by the Memorials Committee, both Memorials and replies appearing on pp 16-17 of the Supplement to the Agenda entitled 'Memorials to the Conference' (hereinafter 'Agenda Supplement').

#### 5/11 40. WORKING PARTY ON MARRIAGE AND CIVIL PARTNERSHIPS

The Revd Dr Stuart Jordan and Mrs Jill Baker led the Conference in a discusson on this matter.

#### 5/12 **3. ACTION FOR CHILDREN**

The Conference adopted Resolutions 3/1, 3/2 and 3/3.

#### 5/13 **59. COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS**

The Conference adopted Resolution 59/19.

- 5/14 The Conference adjourned at 12.51.
- 5/15 The Conference reassembled at 14.15.

#### 5/16 **23. BOYCOTT, DIVESTMENT, SANCTIONS**

- 5/16/1 The Conference adopted Resolutions 23/1, 23/2, 23/3, 23/4, 23/5.
- 5/16/2 The Conference adopted Resolution 23/6,

adding in the brackets at the end of the Resolution, 'EAPPI, ICAHD UK and Kairos Britain'

5/16/3 The Conference adopted Resolution 23/7,

adding between 'through promoting' and 'peace,' 'justice and'.

#### 5/17 Memorial M49 – Israel and Palestine

The Conference received Memorial M49 on pp 39-40 of the Agenda Supplement and adopted as its reply,

The Conference thanks the Chester and Stoke-on-Trent Synod for its memorial. In response to (a) the Conference draws attention to the *Time for Action, A British response to the Kairos Palestine document* and notes that churches and individuals may wish to use it in their prayer, reflection, study and action.

The Conference notes that there is a separate report in the Conference Agenda regarding the arguments for and against the Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions movement and the reply to part (b) of the memorial is therefore contained within the resolutions of the Conference relating to that report.

# 5/18 53. LOBBYING, NON-PARTY CAMPAIGNING AND TRADE UNION ADMINISTRATION ACT

The Conference adopted Resolutions 53/1 and 53/2.

#### 5/19 **32. METHODIST COUNCIL (continued)**

#### Memorials M36 and M37 - Mission Alongside the Poor

The Conference received Memorials M36 and M37 and adopted as its reply that recommended by the Memorials Committee, the Memorials and reply appearing on pp 29-31 in the Agenda Supplement but adding,

In addition, the Conference adopts a target of raising half a million pounds over the next three years specifically for the Mission Alongside the Poor programme (within the Mission in Britain Fund) alongside the proposed review to be undertaken by the Methodist Council.

- 5/20 The Conference adjourned at 16.31.
- 5/21 The Conference reassembled at 17.01

#### 5/22 **DAILY RECORD**

5/22/1 The Daily Record of the Presbyteral Session was presented, taken as read, and adopted as printed,

at 2/4/3, for 'Christopher Hardy' reading 'Christopher John Hardy',

at 2/6, adding 'p 513, for 'leraci, Carmelina' reading 'leraci, Carmel',

at 2/7/1, for 'Tomothy Andrew Flowers' reading 'Timothy Andrew Flowers'.

- 5/22/2 The Written Portion of the Daily Record of the Presbyteral Session was presented in headings only and adopted.
- 5/22/3 The Daily Record for Saturday, 28<sup>th</sup> June and Sunday, 29<sup>th</sup> June was presented, taken as read, and adopted as printed.

#### 5/23 4. UNIFIED STATEMENT OF CONNEXIONAL FINANCES

The Conference adopted Resolution 4/1.

#### 5/24 **35. FAITH AND ORDER COMMITTEE REPORT**

The Conference adopted Resolutions 35/1, 35/2, 35/3 and 35/4.

#### 5/25 **32. METHODIST COUNCIL (continued)**

The Conference adopted Resolutions 32/6, 32/7 and 32/8.

#### 5/26 44. METHODIST CHILDREN AND YOUTH ASSEMBLY REPORT 2013

The Conference adopted Resolution 44/1.

#### 5/27 **LETTERS**

- 5/27/1 A letter of thanks was sent in the name of the Conference to The Revd Dr Kathleen M Richardson, the preacher at the Communion service held in the Presbyteral Session.
- 5/27/2 The Conference directed that a letter of thanks be sent to Dame Clare Tickell (with reference to Resolution 3/3).
- 5/27/3 Letters of greeting and concern were sent in the name of the Conference to The Revd Dr Brian and Mrs Jill Greet, The Revd Douglas Maw, Mr Donald and Mrs Josie Smith, and The Revd Kenneth W Sowerby.
- 5/27/4 Letters of greeting were sent in the name of the Conference to the following, who were among the first women presbyters ordained in the Methodist Church 40 years ago: [as altered by 6/17]

The Revd Beth M Bridges

The Revd Elizabeth D Hodgkiss

The Revd Marjorie R C Hopp

The Revd Jennifer B Lunn

The Revd Irene Morrow

The Revd Kathleen F Share

The Revd Eileen M Wragg

5/27/5 Letters were sent in the name of the Conference to the following presbyters on the occasion of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of their ordinations: [list corrected after Conference]

The Revd M Malcolm Adams The Revd Trevor D Allen The Revd Warren R Bardsley The Revd George W Barton The Revd Frank E Bishop The Revd Donald Bradley The Revd Keith D Briddock The Revd Gordon Chambers The Revd Dr Philip I Chapman The Revd Paul R J Cieka The Revd Malcolm Clark The Revd David S Cruise The Revd Robert Delap The Revd Tom Duerden The Revd John Forster The Revd E Barry Gent The Revd David J Hare The Revd Terence R Harris The Revd Patrick W Harrower The Revd James A Heap The Revd John L Hope The Revd Dr Albert J Jewell The Revd John B Job The Revd Gwilym O Jones The Revd Dr David J Keep The Revd Raymond A H Lansley

The Revd C Peter Lemmon The Revd Brian Lewis The Revd Eric W Murray The Revd Derek A Polgrean The Revd E Peter G Pomery The Revd John B Potter The Revd John A Price The Revd Philip Rigby The Revd John D Robinson The Revd W Garth Rogers The Revd Joseph J Rooney The Revd Gordon Ryder The Revd Donald V Sapsford The Revd Jeffrey L Sharp The Revd John H Sigsworth The Revd Charles H Smith The Revd Alan L Sproson The Revd Christopher Stark The Revd Clifford Topping The Revd J Michael Ward The Revd Stanley Webb The Revd J Henry White The Revd John Whittle The Revd Arthur C Windridge The Revd J Gordon Wynne

5/27/6 Letters were sent in the name of the Conference to the following presbyters on the occasion of the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of their ordinations: [list corrected after Conference]

The Revd Kenneth D Beardsley
The Revd Peter H Bolt
The Revd David L Bumphrey
The Revd Joseph F Collinson
The Revd Amos S Cresswell
The Revd Douglas A Dennis
The Revd Eric W Dykes
The Revd Philip Hodgson
The Revd Peter G Jarvis
The Revd Keith R Jefferies
The Revd Clifford D Johnson
The Revd J Bryn Jones

The Revd John P Le Sueur
The Revd Alan G Loosemore
The Revd Isaac B Nixon
The Revd Dr William D Robinson
The Revd Dr Cyril S Rodd
The Revd Colin G Rowe
The Revd Kenneth C G Smith

The Revd Dr Richard G Jones

The Revd Kenneth C G Smith
The Revd James E Stringfellow
The Revd William O Stubbs
The Revd Bernard J Ward

5/28 The Conference shared in worship and adjourned at 18.44.

- 6/1 The Conference assembled at 9.15, and shared in worship.
- 6/2 **16. FORCES BOARD REPORT**
- The Conference received a presentation by the Heads of the Forces Chaplaincies: The Revd Scott Brown, CBE, QHC, Chaplain of the Fleet Royal Navy, The Revd Jonathan Woodhouse, CB, QHC, Chaplain General Army, and The Revd Nick Barry, QHC, Deputy Chaplain in Chief Personnel, Royal Air Force (representing the Chaplain in Chief).
- 6/2/2 The Conference adopted Resolution 16/1.
- 6/3 FIRST REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE FINANCIAL COMMITTEE
- 6/3/1 The Conference Financial Committee exists under SO 136A to identify all resolutions in the Agenda or otherwise circulated to the Conference which would have financial implications, other than those for which provision has already been made in the budget, and shall notify the Conference accordingly.

Report 40 'Working Party on Marriage and Civil Partnerships' contains a number of resolutions that together imply a significant amount of work over the next two years. The Senior Leadership Group of the Connexional Team has confirmed that the resources to undertake the entirety of this work are not included within the draft budget. Resolution 40/3 directs that as a matter of priority material be produced and disseminated providing clear guidance on what is, or is not, to be regarded as homophobia - this could be a significant piece of work. Resolution 40/4 directs that a task group be appointed in order to undertake and oversee a wide range of tasks; referring itself to the need for this work to be adequately resourced. If the Conference adopts both 40/3 and 40/4 it has been suggested that a full-time officer may need to be appointed for a fixed term period of two years, with the majority of the resource being utilised in undertaking the work relating to homophobia as per resolution 40/3. The potential employment costs of this would be £50,000 per annum, plus an amount of £20,000 per annum for travel and the expenses of the task group. There is also the potential of printed publications being required, with an indicated amount of £10,000 per annum being provided. None of these figures include the various costs or issues regarding management time or resource, or for the pre-press and editing costs of publications.

If the Conference adopts resolutions 40/3 and 40/4 and wishes to see the work adequately resourced it should therefore consider an additional £80,000 from the Methodist Church Fund in 2014/15; uplifted in accordance with budgetary assumptions for pay increases in 2015/16. This amount is additional to the proposed budget contained in report 29 of the agenda.

6/3/2 The Conference adopted as Resolution F/1:

The Conference receives the Report.

#### 6/4 29. CONNEXIONAL CENTRAL SERVICES BUDGET (continued)

Memorials M15 to M19 – Connexional Central Services Budget

Memorial M20 - District Assessments

Memorial M21 - Standardised Formula for Assessments

The Conference received Memorials M15 to M21 and adopted as its replies those recommended by the Memorials Committee, the Memorials and replies appearing on pp 17-19 in the Agenda Supplement.

#### 6/5 **5. SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS**

The Conference adopted, with the required majority, 5/1 and 5/2.

- 6/6 The Conference adjourned at 10.43.
- 6/7 The Conference reassembled at 11.15.

#### 6/8 39. COMMITTEE ON METHODIST LAW AND POLITY (2)

6/8/1 The Conference adopted Resolution 39/1,

p 389, deleting the first sentence on the page and replacing with 'In addition the Warden of the Methodist Diaconal Order shall have the right to attend meetings of the committee but shall have no vote.'

- 6/8/2 The Conference adopted Resolution 39/2.
- 6/8/3 The Conference adopted Resolution 39/3,

p 399, replacing the proposed SO 032(1) with 'A student or probationer may appeal against a **decision in favour** recommendation of discontinuance from the connexional Review Committee to a connexional Appeal Committee on one of the grounds set out in clause (2) below.'

- p 400, in the last line of SO 033(1), for 'Standing Order 213(3)' reading 'Standing Order 231(3)'.
- 6/8/4 The Conference adopted Resolutions 39/4, 39/5 and 39/6. [as corrected by 7/27/1]
- 6/8/5 The Conference adopted Resolution 39/7,

p 408, in the proposed SO 013(3)(d), line 1, for 'give' reading 'given' and, lines 2 and 4, for 'refer to' reading 'refer'

p 410, SO 013C(8), 3rd line on page, for 'Panel. Together' reading 'Panel, together'

p 410, S0 013C(12), last line, for 'the second part of clause (10) and clause (11)' reading 'the second part of clause (10) and the whole of clause (11)'

p 410, SO 013C(13), line 5, for 'minister' reading 'probationer'

p 411, replacing the proposed text of SO 232(2)(iiiA) with:

'(iiiA) to act upon any referral to it by the safeguarding officer, following referral to that officer made under any of Standing Orders 713(7A), 725(6), 761(15), 1102(9) and 1102(10) or otherwise made as a result of the

operation of any of the processes of the Church as determined by Standing Orders, by carrying out such investigations and making such recommendations to the referring person or body as it thinks fit.'

p 412, S0 1102(10), for 'local complaints offer' reading 'local complaints officer'

#### 6/9 21. THE CHALLENGE OF THE COVENANT: UNITING IN MISSION AND HOLINESS

The Conference adopted Resolutions 21/1, 21/3, 21/4, 21/5, 21/6 and 21/2.

#### 6/10 LAUNCH OF THE CHURCHES' MUTUAL CREDIT UNION

The Conference received a presentation by Ms Hilary Sams, Chief Executive of the Churches' Mutual Credit Union.

#### 6/11 HOURS OF SESSION

The Conference agreed that the hours of session on the afternoon of Tuesday, 1 July be changed to 14.15-16.15 and 16.45-18.45.

- 6/12 The Conference adjourned at 12.42.
- 6/13 The Conference met in workshops from 14.15 until 16.15 on the following subjects:

Faith in Food Banks? Organ Donation and Presumed Consent Christians on Ageing Methodist Church Italy – work in Haiti

6/14 The Conference reassembled at 16.45.

#### 6/15 19. RESPONSE TO THE COMMISSION OF THE COVENANTED CHURCHES IN WALES

6/15/1 The Conference adopted Resolution 19/1.

p 107, para 11 line 1, for 'Committees' reading 'Committee'.

#### 6/15/2 Memorials M1 and M2 – Commission of the Covenanted Churches in Wales

The Conference received Memorials M1 and M2 and adopted as its replies those recommended by the Memorials Committee, the Memorials and replies appearing on pp 4-7 in the Agenda Supplement.

## 6/16 18. THE WORLD COUNCIL OF CHURCHES: 10th ASSEMBLY

The Conference adopted Resolutions 18/1 and 18/2.

#### 6/17 **DAILY RECORD**

The Daily Record for Monday, 30 June was presented, taken as read, and adopted as printed,

at 5/27/4, replacing the first two lines with: 'Letters of greeting were sent in the name of the Conference to the following, who were among the first women presbyters ordained in the Methodist Church 40 years ago:'

#### 6/18 Memorial M35 – Covenants of Care

The Conference received Memorial M35 and adopted as its reply that recommended by the Memorials Committee, the Memorial and reply appearing on p29 in the Agenda Supplement.

#### 6/19 9. DISTRICT RESOLUTION

The Conference declined Resolution 9/1.

#### 6/20 **36. REPORT OF THE ONE MISSION WORKING PARTY**

- 6/20/1 The Conference adopted Resolutions 36/1, 36/2, 36/3 and 36/4.
- 6/20/2 The Conference adopted Resolution 36/5,

pp 340-343, amending each of the following new provisions to appear in bold italics: SO 1000(1), SO 1001(4), the whole of SO 1002, the whole of SO 1003,

p 346, inserting after Consequential changes to Standing Orders:

SO 102(1)(f) Two persons, each of whom is serving overseas under the direction of the council or is a minister whose ministry is based on an overseas—District appointment under Standing Order 780(1)(vi)........

#### 6/21 Memorials M22 to M26 - JMA

The Conference received Memorials M22 to M26 and adopted as its replies those recommended by the Memorials Committee, both Memorials and replies appearing on pp 19-23 of the Agenda Supplement.

#### 6/22 2. FIRST REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE BUSINESS COMMITTEE

The Conference declined Resolution 2/2.

#### 6/23 **LETTERS**

- 6/23/1 A letter of greeting and congratulation was sent in the name of the Conference to the New Song Network Church, formally constituted on 22 June 2014 as a new Methodist Church.
- 6/23/2 Letters of greeting and concern were sent in the name of the Conference to Mrs Pamela Luke and Mr Graham Illingworth.
- 6/24 The Conference went into closed session at 18.19.
- The Conference accepted a report on behalf of the Convenor of the Safeguarding Advisory Panel.
- 6/26 The Conference received the report of the Convenor of Connexional Discipline, Pastoral and Appeal Committees.
- The Conference directed that a review be conducted into how discipline committees should respond in cases where there has been a conviction under sexual offences legislation.
- 6/28 The Conference adjourned at 18.51.

- 7/1 The Conference assembled at 9.15.
- 7/2 The Conference shared in a celebration of Holy Communion, during which the Vice-President, Ms Gillian M Dascombe, preached, and in which prayers of thanksgiving were offered for the lives of the following who have died in the last year:
  - (a) the presbyters remembered in the Presbyteral Session and listed at 2/19 with the addition of George E Gittner;
  - (b) the deacons remembered in the Conference Diaconal Committee:

Olive Margaret Wainwright Marjorie Whitfield

(c) the following lay people especially remembered in the Conference as servants of the Church:

Mr Kevin Duffy Mr Denis Hagon Mr Mervyn Liversidge Mr John Morgan Mr Patrick W Welch Mr Andrew Worth

(d) those who have served as Mission Partners;

Mrs Margaret Ashley Nigeria Elma Burness Sierra Leone Mrs Winifred Agnes Cartwright Jamaica and Belize Audrey Margaret Chalkley Southern India, Madras The Revd Leslie Dawson Northern Nigeria The Revd Robert Dunstone Barbados, Jamaica The Revd Alan Francom Panama, Costa Rica Southern India, Bangalore The Revd Dr Kenneth Gill

The Revd Nigel Gilson
Nancy Hall
Mary Rose Holdsworth
The Revd Hugh Hollingworth
The Revd David Lawrence
The Revd Timothy Mark
Mrs Marion Nicholson

Rhodesia
Kenya, Nigeria
Northern Rhodesia
Eastern Nigeria
Eastern Nigeria
Southern India
Sierra Leone

Mrs Beryl Sealy India

The Revd Alan Warrell Eastern Nigeria

Miss Dorothy Webb China, Trichi, Indonesia

Olive Wilks Zambia

- (e) 235 accredited Local Preachers whose names are recorded in a Book of Thanksgiving held at Methodist Church House;
- (f) many others whose service is known to others and to God.

- 7/3 The Conference adjourned at 10.35.
- 7/4 The Conference reassembled at 11.00.

#### 7/5 **DESIGNATION OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE CONFERENCE**

The Revd Steven J Wild was designated for appointment as President of the Conference of 2015.

#### 7/6 **DESIGNATION OF THE VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE CONFERENCE**

Dr B Jill Barber was designated for appointment as Vice-President of the Conference of 2015.

- 7/7 The Conference agreed to a direction regarding the length of speeches.
- 7/8 40. WORKING PARTY ON MARRIAGE AND CIVIL PARTNERSHIPS
- 7/8/1 The Conference adopted Resolutions 40/1, 40/2 and 40/3.
- 7/8/2 The Conference adopted Resolution 40/4 (a) to (f),

deleting from the wording of the Resolution para (b)(viii) and renumbering accordingly.

- 7/8/3 The Conference adopted Resolutions 40/5 and 40/6.
- 7/8/4 The Conference agreed to the withdrawal of Resolution 40/7.

## 7/8/5 Memorial M52 – Same sex marriage

The Conference received Memorial M52 and adopted as its reply that recommended by the Memorials Committee, the Memorial and reply appearing on p43 of the Agenda Supplement.

#### 7/9 HOURS OF SESSION

The Conference agreed that the afternoon session on Wednesday, 2 July begin at 14.00 and the morning session on Thursday, 3 July begin at 09.00.

- 7/10 The Conference adjourned at 12.46.
- 7/11 The Conference reassembled at 14.00.

## 7/12 Notice of Motion 201 – Joseph Rank Trust

The Conference wishes to express its deepest gratitude for the ongoing work and support of the Joseph Rank Trust which in 2013 alone has given the sum of £621,500 in grants toward a mix of property (£466K), community engagement (£86.5K) and youth (£69K) schemes in a variety of areas throughout the Connexion.

The Conference adopted the Motion.

#### 7/13 40. WORKING PARTY ON MARRIAGE AND CIVIL PARTNERSHIPS (continued)

The Conference adopted Resolution 40/4 (g),

p 483, the members of the group to be: the Revd Ruth M Gee (Chair), the Revd Samuel E McBratney, the Revd D Paul C Smith, Mrs Louise C Wilkins, the Revd Angela J Long, Mr Eric Watchman, the Revd Olufemi R W Cole-Njie.

The Revd Ruth Gee is the Ex-President of the Conference. She has a comprehensive overview of the life of the Connexion today and experience of it in many contexts. She is a member of the Faith & Order Committee with an interest and expertise in theological ethics.

The Revd Olufemi Cole-Njie is superintendent minister of the Forest circuit. She represents the concerns of racial justice on the Methodist Council and is a member of the Equality Diversity and Inclusion resource group. She is a former member of the Methodist Women in Britain Forum.

The Revd Angela Long is a presbyter in the Durham and Deerness Valley Circuit, and Synod Secretary of the Darlington District. She has experience of ministry in smaller, quite traditional village chapels, while belonging to a generation for which the culture of marriage, relationships and sexuality has changed rapidly.

The Revd Samuel McBratney is Global Christianity Programme Director at the Queen's Foundation, Birmingham, and responsible for the MA programme. Interested in Conflict and Reconciliation studies, a former Director of the Lesbian and Gay Christian Movement, he served on the working party producing the report on Marriage and Civil Partnerships before the Conference and thus provides continuity in the new working party.

**The Revd D Paul C Smith** is a supernumerary minister in the Tavistock Circuit and former Chair of Methodist Evangelicals Together. He is a former member of the working party on the *Pilgrimage of Faith* and the working party producing the report on Marriage and Civil Partnerships before the Conference and thus provides continuity in the new working party.

**Mr Eric Watchman** is a Local Preacher, a member of his district Vision and Strategy Team and the district Representative on the Methodist Council. He also serves on the Methodist Heritage Committee and has a particular interest in the support of ministers through the work of the Candidates Selection Committee 2003-2011 and being a lay contributor to ministerial development review.

**Mrs Louise Wilkins** is a member at Windsor Methodist Church and is the Conference Officer for Legal and Constitutional Practice.

#### 7/14 **34. SAFEGUARDING REPORT**

The Conference adopted Resolutions 34/1, 34/2, 34/4 and 34/3.

- 7/15 **25.** REVIEW OF THE POST OF SECRETARY OF THE CONFERENCE AND GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE METHODIST CHURCH
- 7/15/1 The Conference adopted as Resolution 25/A:

The Conference receives the Report.

7/15/2 The Conference adopted Resolutions 25/1 and 25/2.

#### 7/16 39. COMMITTEE ON METHODIST LAW AND POLITY (2) (continued)

The Conference adopted Resolution 39/10.

#### 7/17 Notice of Motion 213 – Review of Current Buildings and Societies

The Conference directs all District Policy Committees to ensure that a full review of current buildings and societies be conducted against the criteria of vitality, vision, location, and available resources which will lead to a significant revision and broadening of the 'master-plan' in SO 962. This review should propose a sustainable, long-term plan for buildings and societies within the district which can sustain effective ministry by presbyters, deacons and lay people.

The Conference adopted the Motion.

## 7/18 Notice of Motion 214 – Places of Training and Formation

The Conference records its deep appreciation for the work and life of those places of training and formation that, from September 2014, will no longer be engaged in initial ministerial training.

The Conference recognises the significant contribution made to the life of the Church by each of these institutions over many years.

Acknowledging the feelings of loss and bereavement for many of those who have worked diligently towards the implementation of the Discipleship and Ministries Learning Network, the Conference assures all staff, whose roles are ending and changing as a result of this journey, of the continuing prayer and support of the Methodist people, in their future responsibilities.

The Conference adopted the Motion.

#### 7/19 32. METHODIST COUNCIL (continued)

- 7/19/1 The Conference adopted Resolution 32/9.
- 7/19/2 The Conference adopted Resolution 32/10,

p 282, SO 336(3)(d), for 'member' reading 'members'

7/19/3 The Conference adopted Resolution 32/11 in the following form:

The Conference adopts the report and amends standing orders as set out below:

SO 212(2A) The council shall be responsible for formulating the grants policy to be implemented by the Connexional Grants Committee.

SO 213B(6)(i) to formulate and implement a the grants policy in line with the decisions of the council and the Conference adopted by the council.

7/19/4 The Conference adopted Resolution 32/12.

p 287, replacing SO 1155(6)(a) as shown in the Agenda with the following:

(6)(a) On receiving a reference under this Standing Order the convener must appoint a team of three members of the Group, one of whom must be a person falling within Standing Order 231(3), to act in accordance with the

provisions of this Standing Order and must appoint one member of the team as the contact member.

- 7/19/5 The Conference adopted Resolution 32/13.
- 7/19/6 The Conference adopted Resolution 32/14,

p 292, amending the new subclause (iiiA) to appear in bold italics.

- 7/19/7 The Conference adopted Resolution 32/15.
- 7/19/8 The Conference adopted Resolution 32/16 in the form:

The Conference receives the Report.

7/19/9 The Conference adopted Resolution 32/17 in the form:

The Conference receives the Report,

p 296, for 'The panel will make a report to the Conference and this will be printed in the Order Paper' reading 'The panel is meeting after the Conference and so is not yet in a position to report'.

#### 7/19/10 UPDATE REPORT: LARGER THAN CIRCUIT

The 2013 Conference appointed the Revd Loraine N Mellor as convener of the Larger than Circuit Working Party, and appointed the Revd Paul Wood as convener of the group charged with reviewing the role of the District Chair. On 1 September 2014, the Revd Paul Wood will become a member of the Connexional Team. The Conference is asked to note, therefore, that the Revd Loraine Mellor will become the convener of both groups. This will enable both groups to continue to work together closely.

The Conference adopted as Resolution C/1:

The Conference receives the Report.

#### 7/20 44. 3GENERATE - METHODIST CHILDREN AND YOUTH ASSEMBLY REPORT 2013

#### 7/20/1 Notice of Motion 101 - Methodist Children and Youth Assembly Report 2013

The Conference acknowledges 3Generate's concerns around the issue of mental health and especially the impact on young people, and takes note of the Assembly's recommendation that "all people employed as children and youth workers should undergo training on mental health issues affecting young people".

As a step towards that goal, the Conference directs the Methodist Council to ensure that the Connexional Team provides guidance as to where material is currently available which would provide appropriate help to youth workers and young people, and that if possible this should be undertaken as a matter of some urgency.

The Conference adopted the Motion.

7/20/2 The Conference adopted Resolution 44/2.

#### 7/20/3 Memorials M9 to M11 – membership of the Methodist Council

The Conference received Memorials M9 to M11 and adopted as its replies those recommended by the Memorials Committee, the Memorials and replies appearing on pp 14-15 of the Agenda Supplement.

- 7/21 **24. COMMITTEE ON METHODIST LAW AND POLITY**
- 7/21/1 The Conference adopted Resolutions 24/1, 24/2, 24/3, 24/4 and 24/5.
- 7/21/2 The Conference adopted Resolutions 24/6 and 24/7, in both cases:
  - p 183, replacing SO 498(4) as printed there with:
  - (4) Where a joint Local Church is in two Circuits, there *There* shall be local negotiation to agree the details of how Standing Orders are to be applied, including agreements on *whether Cylchdaith Cymru or* the Circuit *in the Wales Synod* which shall act in respect of local property schemes, the route through which pastoral discipline is to be exercised, how membership is to be returned and how the joint church is to contribute fairly to both eircuit assessments.
- 7/21/3 The Conference adopted Resolutions 24/8 and 24/9, in both cases:

p 185, inserting after SO 313(3):

- (3A) A designation under the provisions of this Standing Order is a statement by the Conference of its intention that, if later Conferences concur, a presbyter or deacon be appointed to the office concerned:
  - (i) with effect from the beginning of the connexional year after the year immediately following the designation, unless the resolution of designation otherwise provides; and
  - (ii) annually for the period of designation, but subject always to the provisions of clause (8) below

p 187, inserting after SO 421A:

- (2A) A designation under the provisions of this Standing Order is a statement by the Conference of its intention that, if later Conferences concur, a presbyter be appointed to the office concerned:
  - (i) with effect from the beginning of the connexional year after the year immediately following the designation, unless the resolution of designation otherwise provides; and
  - (ii) annually for the period of designation, but subject always to the provisions of Standing Order 423B(5).
- 7/22 39. COMMITTEE ON METHODIST LAW AND POLITY (2) (continued)
- 7/22/1 The Conference adopted Resolution 39/8.
- 7/22/2 The Conference adopted Resolution 39/9,

p 417, SO 1157(10), line 6, for 'had not been taken place' reading 'had not taken place'.

and adding at the end of SO 1157:

- (11) For the avoidance of doubt, a person does not commit a breach of the obligation of confidentiality by:
  - (i) disclosing confidential material to a person acting as a friend or representative for the purposes of the provisions of this Part or to a member of the relevant district Complaints Support Group;
  - (ii) disclosing confidential material to another person or persons for the purpose of obtaining pastoral support, provided that if the complaint has gone beyond the informal complaint stage the requirements of clause (12) below are satisfied.
- (12) The requirements referred to in clause (11)(ii) above are that:
  - (i) the name of the person or persons to whom disclosure is to be made must be given to the conducting officer in advance of disclosure; and
  - (ii) any person to whom disclosure is to be made must agree to treat the disclosed material as confidential.

#### 7/23 41. METHODIST INTERNATIONAL CENTRE

- 7/23/1 The Conference adopted Resolution 41/1.
- 7/23/2 The Conference adopted Resolution 41/2,

deleting in the wording of the Resolution all the words following 'shall instead be held for' in lines 5 and 6 and substituting 'the general purposes of the Methodist Church'.

#### 7/24 Memorials M3 to M8, M12, M27 to M34, M44, M46 to M48, M50 to 51

The Conference received Memorials M3, M4, M5, M6, M7, M8, M12, M27, M28, M29, M30, M31, M32, M33, M34, M44, M46, M47, M48, M50 and M51 and adopted as its replies those recommended by the Memorials Committee, the Memorials and replies appearing on pp 7-14, 15-16, 23-29, 35, 37-39, and 40-43 of the Agenda Supplement.

- 7/25 The Conference adjourned at 16.34.
- 7/26 The Conference reassembled at 17.00.

#### 7/27 DAILY RECORD

7/27/1 The Daily Record for Tuesday, 1 July was presented, taken as read, and adopted as printed,

at 6/8/4, for 'Resolution 39/4, 36/5 and 36/6' reading 'Resolution 39/4, 39/5 and 39/6'.

7/27/2 The Written Portion of the Daily Record of the Representative Session on Tuesday, 1 July was presented in headings only and adopted.

#### 7/28 **37. STATISTICS FOR MISSION**

The Conference adopted Resolution 37/1.

#### 7/29 **20. STATIONING COMMITTEE**

The Conference adopted Resolution 20/1,

p 124, Appendix – Stationing Projections, Number of active Methodist presbyters in Full Connexion, for 'Estimate 2011/12' reading 'Actual 2011/12'.

#### 7/30 Notice of Motion 205 - Prayer for Nigeria

The Conference notes:

with grave concern the ongoing activities in Northern Nigeria in which at least 2000 lives have been lost as a result of Boko Haram activities:

especially that the Chibok area was a special mission area of Methodist and Brethren so that many girls are from those churches.

The Conference encourages the Methodist people to share in the following prayers:

- for the Nigerian government to have improved security information and ability to counter terrorist attacks;
- for wisdom, courage and perseverance as religious leaders seek non-violent forms of engagement with Boko Haram;
- for the missing girls to be found and returned to their families as soon as possible
- for an end to continued terrorist attacks and abductions in Nigeria;
- for restoration of peace and peaceful interfaith relations in Nigeria.

The Conference adopted the Motion.

#### 7/31 Notice of Motion 206 - Resourcing Leadership

In the light of the General Secretary's report that urges the whole Connexion to "focus on those things that make for an ever better Church", and the report of the working party which has reviewed the role of the Secretary of the Conference and General Secretary, the Conference:

- a) identifies a need for the church to be better resourced in the variety of leadership roles.
- judges that both ministers and lay people should be better enabled to discern and explore the gifts and graces that they offer in the service of the church,

and therefore directs the Methodist Council:

- 1) to make available resources and training for this purpose;
- 2) to establish a working party to consider this need.

The Conference further directs the working party, in collaboration with the Ministries Committee, to consider:

- mechanisms by which the church might enable ministers and lay people to explore their calling to the variety of leadership roles within the church, inparticular senior leadership roles
- training, development and discernment opportunities to equip potential leaders to fulfil their calling.

• how the Connexion might ensure greater representation of ministers from under-represented groups (such as women, members of black and minority ethnic groups and those who are part of the missing generation ie under 45 years old) in the future leadership of the Methodist Church.

and to report to the Conference no later than 2016.

The Conference adopted the Motion.

## 7/32 Notice of Motion 207 - Prayer for the People of North and South Korea

In response to the call made at the recent historic meeting between Christians from North Korea and South Korea in Geneva, the Conference encourages the Methodists people to take up the jointly written prayer for peace and reconciliation and, where possible, to use it on 10 August 2014, the Sunday before Korean Independence Day, following the prayer with actions in pursuit of peace in Korea and elsewhere. (The prayer is available in English and Korean on The World Church pages of the Methodist website.)

The Conference notes that the meeting, at which the Methodist Church was represented, also emphasised the need to "deconstruct enemy images, promote mutual understanding and friendship, and challenge the politics of division and the psychology of demonization and affirms its own commitment to these ends. (The full communiqué is on the WCC website.)

The Conference greets the General Secretary of the Board of Mission who represents the Korean Methodist Church on this occasion and assures him of its continuing commitment to the Memorandum of Understanding outlining the partnership between our two Churches and to our common search for peace and reunification.

The Conference adopted the Motion.

#### 7/33 Notice of Motion 211 - Young People's Representation at the Conference

The Conference:

- (a) recognises the valuable contribution young people make to the life of the Methodist Church and the importance of encouraging young adults to take a more active role in the life of the Conference.
- (b) encourages that where synods are sending four or more representatives to the Conference, at least one representative should be under the age of thirty. [as corrected by 8/46/1]

The Conference adopted the Motion.

#### 7/34 Notice of Motion 212 - The Church of Pakistan

The Conference:

- a) thanks the Church of Pakistan for sending one of its bishops to be an associate member of the Conference as an expression of our partnership.
- b) expresses its condolences to the Church following the frightening loss of life at All Saints Church in Peshawar in September 2013 and assures Christians in Pakistan of the continuing prayers of the Methodist people in Britain as they

continue to witness and worship, albeit with armed protection, Sunday by Sunday.

The Conference adopted the Motion.

7/35	LETTERS
7/35/1	A letter of thanks was sent in the name of the Conference to Dr John Higgs of the Joseph Rank Trust (with reference to Notice of Motion 201).
7/35/2	A letter of thanks and concern was sent in the name of the Conference to the Church of Pakistan (with reference to Notice of Motion 212).
7/36	The Conference shared in worship and adjourned at 18.53.

# **The** Methodist **Conference** 2014

# DAILY RECORD No 8 REPRESENTATIVE SESSION Thursday, 3 July 2014

- 8/1 The Conference assembled at 9.00, and shared in worship, including a commemoration of the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Rwandan genocide.
- 8/2 The Conference offered greetings to the President on the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his Ordination.

# 8/3 CONFERENCE-ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES

The Conference elected the following to serve as Conference-elected Representatives at the Conferences of 2015-2017:

The Revd Dr Jane Leach
The Revd Ashley R Cooper
Dr Anne Hollows

### 8/4 **CONFERENCE BUSINESS COMMITTEE**

The Conference elected the following to serve on the Representative Session Business Committee for the Conferences of 2015-2017:

Deacon P Jane Gibson Dr Stephen Leah

# 8/5 6. METHODIST RELIEF AND DEVELOPMENT FUND (ALL WE CAN)

The Conference adopted Resolution 6/1.

# 8/6 7. TRUSTEES FOR THE BAILIWICK OF GUERNSEY METHODIST CHURCH PURPOSES

The Conference adopted Resolution 7/1.

# 8. THE TRUSTEES FOR JERSEY METHODIST CHURCH PURPOSES

The Conference adopted Resolution 8/1.

## 8/8 12. METHODIST DIACONAL ORDER GENERAL REPORT

The Conference adopted Resolutions 12/1 and 12/2.

# 8/9 13. ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF WESTMINSTER COLLEGE OXFORD TRUST LTD

The Conference adopted Resolutions 13/1 and 13/2.

# 8/10 **14. METHODIST HOMES (MHA)**

The Conference adopted Resolutions 14/1 and 14/2.

# 8/11 15. METHODIST MINISTERS' HOUSING SOCIETY

The Conference adopted Resolution 15/1.

### 8/12 **17. ECUMENICAL REPORT**

8/12/1 The Conference adopted Resolution 17/1,

p 87, para 4.1, for The Revd Malcolm Ross' reading 'The Revd Matthew Ross'.

8/12/2 The Conference adopted Resolutions 17/2, 17/3 and 17/4.

# 8/13 22. TRUSTEES FOR METHODIST CHURCH PURPOSES (TMCP)

8/13/1 The Conference adopted Resolution 22/1,

# p 168, **9. Creditors**, for the information there, reading:

	2013 £	2012 £
Trade creditors Amounts due to	2,359	1,721
related party Accruals VAT	4,510 29,954 6,239	1,253 19,005
	43,062	21,979

8/13/2 The Conference adopted Resolution 22/2.

# 8/14 26. MANAGING TRUSTEES OF JOHN WESLEY'S CHAPEL, THE NEW ROOM, BRISTOL, AND 4 AND 5 CHARLES STREET, BRISTOL

- 8/14/1 The Conference adopted Resolutions 26/1 and 26/3.
- 8/14/2 The Conference adopted Resolution 26/2,

p 213, adding Mr Robert Wood.

# 8/15 27. METHODIST MINISTERS' PENSION SCHEME (MMPS)

The Conference adopted Resolutions 27/1, 27/2, 27/3, 27/4, 27/5 and 27/6.

### 8/16 **28. METHODIST INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS TRUST**

8/16/1 The Conference adopted Resolutions 28/1, 28/2, 28/3, 28/4, 28/5, 28/6, 28/7, 28/8, 28/9, 28/11 and 28/12.

8/16/2 The Conference adopted Resolution 28/10,

for 'Ashville College' reading 'Kingswood School' in the wording of the Resolution.

# 8/17 38. RELIEF & EXTENSION FUND FOR METHODISM IN SCOTLAND

The Conference adopted Resolutions 38/1 and 38/2.

# 8/18 42. ALDERSHOT METHODIST MILITARY TRUST

The Conference adopted Resolutions 42/1 and 42/2.

# 8/19 **43. WESLEY HOUSE, CAMBRIDGE**

8/19/1 The Conference adopted Resolution 43/1.

### 8/19/2 The Conference received the following additional report:

- 1. Paragraphs 6 and 7 of the report in the Agenda explain the Trustees' proposals for incorporation and the need for the consent of the Conference to potential variations of the approved arrangements for the disposition of the Jesus Lane property by substituting a new body corporate for the existing body of individual trustees. When the report was written, it was envisaged that by the time the Conference met the sequence of steps as between contract, completion and incorporation would be clearer. In fact that is not the case and the Trustees therefore seek the consent of the Conference to each of the various possibilities, as set out in Resolution 43/2 below.
- 2. Paragraphs 8 to 10 of the report in the Agenda explain the Trustees' proposals for the process of appointing new trustees (or, if incorporation has taken place, directors) in place of those who are retiring this year, and state that it was not possible to include in the Agenda the names of those whose nomination the Conference would be invited to approve. Those names are brought before the Conference by Resolution 43/3 below.
- 3. The Trustees also invite the Conference, by passing Resolution 43/4 below, to express its thanks to the retiring trustees.

# 8/19/3 The Conference adopted as Resolution 43/2:

The Conference, noting that:

- (i) the Methodist Council has approved on behalf of the Conference the entry by the Trustees of Wesley House, Cambridge into a disposition involving the sale of the property in Jesus Lane, Cambridge and the leaseback of a part of the property; and
- (ii) the Trustees intend shortly to form a company limited by guarantee ("the Company") which will become the trustee of the property subject to the trusts relating to Wesley House and to which, as far as legally possible, the assets and liabilities of the Trustees will be transferred

approves each of the following:

- (1) the substitution of the Company for the Trustees as the vendor in relation to the proposed sale and the lessee in relation to the proposed leaseback;
- (2) the substitution of the Company for the Trustees as the lessee in relation to the proposed leaseback (the contract having been entered into by the Trustees as vendor);
- (3) the assignment of the leasehold interest arising under the proposed leaseback by the Trustees to the Company (the contract and the leaseback having been entered into by the Trustees as vendor and lessee respectively)

so that the approved disposition may be entered into by whichever party may be the appropriate party at the material time and the leasehold interest may in due course be vested in the Company.

# 8/19/4 The Conference adopted as Resolution 43/3:

The Conference approves the nomination of the persons listed below as new trustees of the trusts relating to Wesley House or (as the case may require) new directors of the Company:

- (i) Mr Paul Ashley
- (ii) The Revd Dr Stuart Jordan
- (iii) The Revd Julian Pursehouse
- (iv) Mr Michael Sharpe

#### Reasoned statements

**Mr Paul Ashley:** Member of Wesley Church, Cambridge. A recently retired environmental and sustainable development consultant with experience of senior corporate management.

The Revd Dr Stuart Jordan: currently one of the Chairs of the London District. Formerly Secretary of the London Committee.

The Revd Julian M Pursehouse: incoming Chair of the East Anglia District, in which Wesley House is situated.

**Mr Michael Sharpe:** a Circuit Steward in the Cambridge Circuit with wide experience of project management in construction and transport.

# 8/19/5 The Conference adopted as Resolution 43/4:

The Conference expresses its thanks to the Revd Robert Dolman, Mr. Paul Hutchings, the Revd Graham Thompson and the Revd Dr Martin Wellings for all their service as trustees of Wesley House.

# 8/20 **50.** MANAGING TRUSTEES OF THE METHODIST CENTRAL HALL, WESTMINSTER.

The Conference adopted Resolutions 50/1 and 50/2.

### 8/21 52. CENTRAL FINANCE BOARD: CHAIR'S REPORT

The Conference adopted Resolutions 52/1 and 52/2.

# 8/22 57. REFERRED MEMORIALS AND NOTICES OF MOTION

The Conference adopted Resolution 57/1.

## 8/23 **60. FERNLEY HARTLEY TRUST**

The Conference adopted Resolutions 60/1 and 60/2.

### 8/24 61. ECUMENICAL PARTNERSHIPS AND SHARING AGREEMENTS

8/24/1 The Conference adopted Resolution 61/1,

p 573, in first row of information in table, fourth column, substituting list with: Bestwood Park, Rise Park, Emmanuel, St Mark's, St Matthew's, St Philip's (all CE)

p 575, in seventh row, first column, for '16/17' reading '19/17' and in eighth row, first column, for '23/3' reading '22/3'.

8/24/2 The Conference adopted Resolution 61/2,

p 576, inserting below first row of information:

5/18	The Bridge Church CC	St Luke's Church Evesham Road Headless Cross Redditch B97 4JX (Church: CE)	CE	25/10/13			
22/4	СМ	St Barnabas Church Barn Croft Inham Nook Nottingham NG9 4HU (Church: CE)	CE	11/10/13	10/6/14	39/270	17/6/14

In second row of information, first column, for '23/3' reading '22/3'.

p 577, inserting below first row of information:

36/7	Guildford	St Mary's Church	CE	21/2/14		
	CC	Quarry Street				
		Guildford				
		GU1 3TY				
		(Church: CE)				

In third row of information, second column, for 'Central Bacup CC' reading 'Central CC'.

p 579, in fifth and sixth rows, second column, for 'Bitterne CC' reading 'CM'.

p 580, inserting below second row:

29/36	CM	St Helen's	CE	24/6/14	12/10/04	39/164	24/1/14 <sup>1</sup>
		Thorganby					
		York					
		(Church: CE)					

# 8/25 **10. JOINT ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON THE ETHICS OF INVESTMENT**

8/25/1 The Conference adopted Resolution 10/1.

# 8/25/2 Memorials M38 to M43 - Investing in fossil fuels, and Memorial M45 - Nestlé

The Conference received Memorials M38, M39, M40, M41, M42, M43 and M45 and adopted as its replies those recommended by the Memorials Committee, the Memorials and replies appearing on pp 31-37 in the Agenda Supplement.

### 8/26 Notice of Motion 204 – Caste Discimination

The Conference notes that:

- a) caste discrimination is a vast international injustice occurring within the United Kingdom, where, it is estimated, between 50,000 and 250,000 Dalits live;
- b) it was finally agreed in April 2013 that caste be included as an aspect of race in the Equality Act 2010;
- c) the continued persistence of the Churches Dalit Support Group in keeping the subject of UK-based caste discrimination before the government;
- d) memorials 46 and 47 invite the Conference to encourage the Her Majesty's Government "to move with all speed" in the implementation of this clause, which appears to be subject to delays and postponements at every stage;
- e) caste discrimination continues to be the focus of Methodist Women in Britain so as to stimulate prayer and action and to engage in partnership with the Church of North India.

#### The Conference therefore:

- 1) directs the Secretary of the Conference to write to Her Majesty's Government concerning the ongoing delay in implementing the law, passed in April 2013, which would include caste as an aspect of race.
- 2) encourages the Methodist people to:
  - a) take similar action in writing to their Member of Parliament;
  - b) raise awareness of caste discrimination;
  - c) pray for justice:
  - d) express solidarity with victims of discrimination in whatever ways they can.

The Conference adopted the Motion.

# 8/27 Notice of Motion 202 - Syria: Humanitarian Needs

The Conference notes:

- a) As a result of the civil war in Syria that has lasted over 3 years, the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) has estimated that around 2.5 million people are now refugees outside Syria and around 6.5 million are internally displaced.
- b) A substantial proportion of the population of Syria are in need of urgent humanitarian assistance, towns, cities and large sections of countryside have been devastated and many neighbouring countries are struggling to cope with the influx of people requiring help.
- c) The plight of Syria's people is an affront to humanity.

In view of this desperate situation and the plight of Syrians both within and outside Syria, the Conference:

- a) acknowledges the significant role that Her Majesty's Government has played in providing funds to meet the needs of refugees in countries bordering Syria and encourages it, as part of its moral responsibility within the international community, to also resettle a small but significant number of refugees fleeing Syria;
- calls on Her Majesty's Government and the wider international community to make it an urgent priority to seek a resolution to the conflict through the United Nations, based on the principles of justice and international law;
- urges the Methodist people to support medical and food relief to those in need through reputable agencies organising provision to Syria's people, such as Christian Aid, Save the Children Fund, Oxfam and All We Can – Methodist Relief and Development;
- d) suggests that in praying for Syria the Methodist people should ask God that hope will take the place of despair, that justice will prevail over oppression and that peace will soon be realised in that land.

The Conference adopted the Motion.

# 8/28 Notice of Motion 209 - Elimination of All Nuclear Weapons

The Conference recalls 2006 Resolution 34/4 opposing the replacement of the Trident nuclear weapons system, and urging Her Majesty's government to take leadership in disarmament negotiations in order to bring about the intentions of the Nuclear Non-proliferation Treaty (NPT) for the elimination of all nuclear weapons.

The Conference notes that the 2010 NPT Review Conference reaffirmed the need for all states at all times to comply with applicable international law, including international humanitarian law, and that 125 states at the UN General Assembly First Committee in October 2013 stated that the catastrophic effects of nuclear detonation cannot be adequately addressed.

The Conference therefore welcomes the convening of governments to study the humanitarian consequences of nuclear weapons, the third such conference to be hosted by the government of Austria in December 2014.

The Conference calls on Members of Parliament to oppose the costly replacement of Trident and to call for the negotiation of a new international treaty to bring about the elimination of all nuclear weapons, and urges the Methodist people to engage with their member of parliament and prospective parliamentary candidates on this issue.

The Conference adopted the Motion.

# 8/29 Notice of Motion 210 - Living Wage and Fair Trade Goods

The Conference wishes to express its deep appreciation for the hospitality shown by the Hilton Metropole Hotel. However, the Conference expresses its concern that the Hilton chain of hotels is not a living wage employer and does not make use of Fair Trade products.

The Conference therefore requests that:

a letter be sent to the Board of the Hilton Hotels requesting that they
consider the possibility of paying all Hilton staff a living wage including the
Hilton agency staff and that they also consider the possibility of using Fair
Trade products.

2. the Council should try whenever possible to ensure that future contracts connected with the annual Conference are only entered into with employers who pay the Living Wage.

The Conference adopted the Motion.

# 8/30 29. CONNEXIONAL CENTRAL SERVICES BUDGET (continued)

8/30/1 The Conference adopted Resolution 29/1,

adding to the wording of the Resolution:

'In the light of concerns that Circuits and Districts may not be able to sustain the current level of assessment in the coming years, the Conference requests the Council to give careful consideration to the appropriate level and timing of the release of reserves from connexional funds and the extent to which it may require these reserves to sustain the ongoing work of the church.'

noting the following additional report:

### SECOND REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE FINANCIAL COMMITTEE

In its amended first report, shown on page 43 of the Order Paper, the Conference Financial Committee suggested that if the Conference adopted Resolutions 40/3 and 40/4, and wished to see the work adequately resourced, then it should consider an additional £80,000 from the Methodist Church Fund in 2014/15; increased in accordance with budgetary assumptions for pay increases in 2015/16.

As both of these resolutions have now been adopted by the Conference, the Conference Financial Committee now recommends that the amounts of £80,000 and £81,000 be added to the figures shown in report 29 of the Agenda. The resultant overall income and expenditure schedule is shown below, followed by the impact on the Methodist Church Fund, showing that the originally proposed surplus of £48,000 in 2014/15 will be replaced by a deficit of £32,000.

p 227, **Schedule 1: Overall income and expenditure**, *replacing* the table shown there with the following, in the light of some corrections and the information above:

SCHEDULE 1 - OVERALL INCOME AND EXPENDITURE (Amended)

		2012/13 (ACT)	2013/14 (BUD)	2014/15 (BUD)	2015/16 (BUD)	2016/17 (BUD)
		£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
Income	District Assessment	12,340	12,579	12,810	13,084	13,345
	Property Levies	5,062	7,480	6,074	6,080	6,086
	Donations	5,275	5,181	5,109	5,775	5,987
	Investment Income	3,605	2,977	3,973	4,172	4,389
	Trading Income	870	939	441	441	441
	Legacies	3,074	694	904	952	1,005
	Miscellaneous Income	1,624	534	538	525	537

	Rental income	300	277	362	255	257
	Grants	187	40	167	177	175
Income Total		32,338	30,701	30,378	31,460	32,223
Expenditure	Grants Payable	17,805	10,468	12,225	17,885	13,590
	Salaries	9,037	9,608	8,436	8,439	8,475
	Other Costs	4,054	4,247	5,998	4,501	4,519
	Stipends	3,035	2,784	3,055	3,056	3,096
	Mission Partners	1,617	1,532	1,622	1,672	1,714
	Committee Costs	1,561	1,081	1,250	1,326	1,306
	Facilities	515	595	553	539	567
	Cost of Sales	529	551	310	310	310
	Insurance	116	104	105	106	102
Expenditure T	otal	38,269	30,970	33,553	37,834	33,679
Net deficit		(5,931)	(268)	(3,175)	(6,374)	(1,455)

p 228, **Schedule 2: The Methodist Church Fund**, *noting* the following updated information:

Methodist Church Fund	2012/13 (ACT) £000	2013/14 (BUD) £000	2014/15 (BUD) £000	2015/16 (BUD) £000	2016/17 (BUD)
	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
Income	17,479	16,124	15,861	16,044	16,361
Expenditure	17,386	16,363	15,893	16,118	16,383
Net surplus/(deficit)	93	(239)	(32)	(74)	(22)

and p 244, after para 64, inserting the following table:

SCHEDULE 3 – CONNEXIONAL FUND BALANCES REPORT

FUND NAME	OPENING BALANCE	2013/14 (BUD)	2014/15 (BUD)	2015/16 (BUD)	2016/17 (BUD)	FUND CLOSING BALANCE
	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
Methodist Church Fund	15,960	(239)	48	7	(22)	15,754
Auxiliary Special Purposes	509	(3)	(24)	(24)	(24)	433
Trinity Hall Trust	702	1	(1)	(1)	(1)	698
Lefroy Yorke Trust -						
Endowment Fund	536	0	0	0	0	537
Barratt Memorial	996	0	1	1	1	998
Rank -Endowment Fund	4,641	0	(0)	(0)	(0)	4,640
Arthur Hampshire -						
Endowment Fund	0	0	3	3	3	10

Aspinall Robinson Trust	537	0	16	16	16	583
MDO Surplus Funds	381	(63)	30	30	30	408
Education and Youth	564	(125)	(128)	(126)	(79)	105
Archives Revenue Fund	70	0	1	1	1	73
WG Barratt - Income	32	0	(0)	(0)	(0)	30
Connexional Priority Fund	9,992	257	(189)	(1,764)	(1,703)	6,592
Epworth Fund	6,461	(294)	(416)	(329)	(231)	5,191
Pension Reserves Fund	12,969	2,591	2,093	2,153	2,222	22,028
Connexional Team Benevolent Fund	44	0	1	1	1	47
Computers for Ministry	41	0	16	39	44	140
Necessitous Local Preachers - Income	(13)	0	4	4	4	(1)
Modern Christian Art- Development	11	4	(12)	(12)	(12)	(21)
Forces Chaplaincy Revenue	1,053	(38)	(35)	(39)	(44)	898
Methodist Heritage	0	11	31	35	40	117
Mission in Britain Fund	4,040	222	(753)	(755)	(754)	2,001
Mission in Business	1,010		(100)	(100)	(101)	2,001
Industries and Commerce Lay Mission	368	0	(1)	(1)	(1)	365
Superannuation	148	(200)	(133)	(133)	(133)	(449)
Connexional Travel Fund	244	4	1	1	1	251
Sabbatical Fund	497	(70)	(70)	(70)	(70)	217
Fund for the Support of Presbyters & Deacons(FSPD)	7,800	(233)	(304)	(304)	(304)	6,654
Medical Benevolent Fund	1,758	12	19	19	19	1,828
Ministers Children's Relief Association	58	(1)	(2)	(2)	(2)	53
Fund for Property	4,719	7	(1,006)	(1,008)	(1,008)	1,704
Fund for Training	11,651	(2,043)	(1,459)	(330)	(342)	7,477
Long Term Renewal Fund	2,513	12	(1,327)	80	100	1,378
Centenary Hall Trust	1,674	4	196	201	203	2,278
World Mission Fund	18,959	(83)	297	(3,992)	583	15,765
Benevolent Fund	211	0	6	6	6	228
Benevolent Fund -		_				
Deaconesses	56	0	1	1	1	60
Oxford Institute	161	0	0	0	0	161
	110,344	(268)	(3,076)	(6,292)	(1,455)	99,252

8/30/2 The Conference adopted Resolution 29/2.

# 8/31 30. CONNEXIONAL CENTRAL SERVICES BUDGET 2014/15 - DISTRICT ASSESSMENTS

The Conference adopted Resolution 30/1.

# 8/32 **11. CONFERENCE ARRANGEMENTS**

8/32/1 The Conference adopted Resolution 11/1,

8/32/2 The Conference adopted Resolutions 11/2 and 11/7.

# 8/33 Notice of Motion 203 - The Queen's Foundation, Birmingham

The Conference welcomes the outstanding inspection report on the Queen's Foundation, Birmingham by the Churches Quality in Formation Panel and congratulates the staff and students of the Foundation for the excellent standards of theological education and formation that the report commends. The Conference echoes the conclusion to the report which invites "all who read this report to be inspired, as we have been, to desire to be champions of the role that Queen's is fulfilling and plans to fulfil for the future discipleship, mission and ministry of our churches.

The Conference adopted the Motion.

# 8/34 Notice of Motion 208 – Supporting the "No More Page Three" Campaign

The Conference supports the "No More Page Three" campaign for the voluntary removal of page three from the Sun newspaper and encouages its members to sign the online petition at www.change.org/en-GB/petitions/

The Conference adopted the Motion.

- 8/35 The Conference adjourned at 10.43.
- 8/36 The Conference reassembled at 11.15.
- 8/37 **47. AUTHORISATIONS COMMITTEE**

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- 8/37/1 The Conference adopted Resolution 47/1.
- 8/37/2 The Conference adopted Resolution 47/2,

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Adding	7/20	Wiltshire United Area	Simon C Edwards	Р					
For	11/15	Stoke-on-Trent	Paul Owen	Р					
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Adding	13/12	West Durham	Janet Titterton	Р					
For	25/17	Rotherham and Dearne Valley	Rita Edwards						
reading	25/17	Rotherham and Dearne Valley	Rita Edwards	L					
For	26/26	Yeovil and Blackmore Vale	Jennifer Gardner	L					
reading	26/5	Yeovil and Blackmore Vale	Jennifer Gardner	L					
For	26/27	Basingstoke	Tim Hedgecock	L					
reading	,	Basingstoke and Reading	Tim Hedgecock	L					
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reading	,	Basingstoke and Reading	Sheila Ayres	L					
For	29/33	York	Julia D Pittaway	Р					
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Deleting	26/3	Kennet & Test Valley (1)	Christine Thomas	L
Deleting	26/3	Kennet & Test Valley (2)	Dorothy Regan	L
Deleting	26/3	Kennet & Test Valley (4)	Helen Watson	L
For	26/12	East Wight	Mary White	L
reading	26/16	Isle of Wight	Mary White	L

# 8/38 45. PRESBYTERAL AND DIACONAL CANDIDATES AND PROBATIONERS OVERSIGHT COMMITTEES

The Conference adopted Resolution 45/1.

35/30 Lesnes Abbey

# 8/39 **55. PRESBYTERS AND DEACONS BECOMING SUPERNUMERARY OR RETURNING TO THE ACTIVE WORK**

8/39/1 The Conference adopted Resolution 55/3,

Adding

pp 552-3, noting the presbyters added to list 3. at 2/23/1.

- 8/39/2 The Conference adopted Resolution 55/4.
- 8/39/3 The Conference adopted as Resolution 55/5:

The Conference permits the following to return to the active work: Arthur E Cowburn, Robert Senior.

James A Cruddas

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### 8/40 46. PRESBYTERAL CANDIDATES AND PROBATIONERS OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

The Conference, by a Standing Vote, adopted Resolution 46/3,

noting that Peter William Hibberts who was conditionally recommended by the Presbyteral Session has now fulfilled his condition and so is accepted unconditionally.

# 8/41 54. PRESBYTERS AND DEACONS FROM OTHER CHURCHES

8/41/1 The Conference, by a Standing Vote, adopted Resolution 54/1,

# p 544. (2) Presbyters of other autonomous Methodist Conferences

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Deleting	Philip R Buckland	2/9	Methodist Church of Southern Africa
Adding	Lynita Conradie	22/1	Methodist Church of Southern Africa
Adding	Noreen S Daley-Lee	36/21	Methodist Church in the Caribbean
			and Americas
Deleting	Duncan Ibuuri	11/4	Methodist Church Kenya
Deleting	Jong Sin Lee	7/13	Methodist Church in Korea

Deleting	Francis S Nabieu	29/33	Methodist Church of Sierra Leone
Adding	Romeo R Pedro	23/13	Methodist Church of Southern Africa
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Deleting Cindy K Wesley 14/26 United Methodist Church

# 8/41/2 The Conference, by a Standing Vote, adopted Resolution 54/2,

# p 545, (3) Presbyters of other communions applying to be recognised and regarded

Robert J Birnie	26/FC
Rachel L Frank	5/1
Solomon Joseph	14/18
Seung Wook Jung	14/13
Robert J Kasema	23/9
R Blair Kirkby	18/9
	Rachel L Frank Solomon Joseph Seung Wook Jung Robert J Kasema

Chellaian Lawrence for 35/16 reading 35/5

DeletingHee Gon Moon20/6DeletingEdward Sakwe28/8AddingJohn M Whitehead6/4

# 8/41/3 The Conference adopted Resolution 54/3,

# pp 546-8, Presbyters of other communions to be authorised to serve the Methodist Church

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Deleting	Paul R Allen	16/3
Deleting	Jennie Appleby	23/7
	Janice E Audibert	for 26/19 reading 26/9
	lan R Bentley	for 26/27 reading 26/4
Deleting	Richard A Bittleston	23/2
Deleting	Simon R Boxall	35/30
Adding	Philip R Buckland	2/9
Adding	Deana Button	29/37
Adding	Mark D Button	29/37
Deleting	Sian E Collins	7/7
Deleting	Martyn J Coe	35/30
	Melanie Crowley	for 22/3 reading 34/15
	Moyra G Davies	for 7/24 reading 7/22
Adding	E Jane Durham	18/5
Deleting	Susan L Graham	7/16
Deleting	Martin O Hardy	11/1
Deleting	Linda M Harris	26/27
Deleting	Timothy J Hillier	36/6
Deleting	E Ann Jack	35/35
Deleting	Alan D J Jewell	18/5
Deleting	Margaret Johnson	20/1
Deleting	David V Keeble	34/18
	Elizabeth A Kemp	for 26/24 reading 26/5
Deleting	Richard J Lockwood	5/9
Deleting	Andrew J Mann-Ray	28/5
Deleting	James H Marshall	9/4
Deleting	T Douglas McRoberts	36/16
Deleting	Ann V Morris	7/7
Deleting	Peter Mott	27/31
Deleting	Ian H Murray	5/9
5	Martyn P Neads	for 26/13 reading 26/4
Deleting	Angus M M Parker	26/1
Deleting	Michael J Peat	19/17
Deleting	Anugrah D Ramble	5/4

Jean A Robinson	36/6
Marion E Russell	27/34
Jonathan Salmon	for 26/13 reading 26/4
Trevor J Sands	23/21
Gregory Thompson	20/6
Yvonne Tracey	20/6
Matthew J H Trick	14/26
Julie Upton	25/1
Graham F Warmington	24/24
Barry Welch	20/6
Cindy K Wesley	14/26
Trudie A Wigley	for 7/24 reading 7/22
Ronald J Willoughby	11/18
Brian Woollaston	7/7
	Marion E Russell Jonathan Salmon Trevor J Sands Gregory Thompson Yvonne Tracey Matthew J H Trick Julie Upton Graham F Warmington Barry Welch Cindy K Wesley Trudie A Wigley Ronald J Willoughby

8/41/4 The Conference adopted Resolution 54/4.

> p 549, Deacons of other communions to be authorised to serve the Methodist Church for Ellen Monk-Winstanley reading Ellen M Monk Winstanley

8/41/5 The Conference adopted Resolution 54/5,

# pp 549-551, Presbyters of other communions to be associate presbyters of the **Methodist Church**

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for 26/26 reading 26/5
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8/41/6 The Conference adopted Resolution 54/6.

#### 8/42 48. APPOINTMENTS OF DISTRICT CHAIRS

8/42/1 The Conference adopted Resolution 48/1 in the following form:

> The Conference designates for appointment the Revd Nigel Cowgill as Chair for the London District for a period of six years from 1 September 2015.

8/42/2 The Conference adopted Resolution 48/2 in the following form:

> The Conference designates for appointment the Revd Stephen J Lindridge as Chair for the Newcastle upon Tyne District for a period of six years from 1 September 2015.

8/42/3 The Conference adopted Resolution 48/3 in the following form:

> The Conference designates for appointment the Revd Dr Jonathan H Pye as Chair for the Bristol District for a period of six years from 1 September 2015.

8/42/4 The Conference, with the required majority, adopted Resolution 48/4 in the following form:

The Conference designates for appointment the Revd Stephen J Burgess as Chair for York and Hull District for a further period of three years from 1 September 2015.

8/42/5 The Conference, with the required majority, adopted Resolution 48/5 in the following form:

The Conference designates for appointment the Revd Jeremy C Dare as Chair for the Shetland District for a further period of one year from 1 September 2015.

8/42/6 The Conference, with the required majority, adopted Resolution 48/6 in the following form:

The Conference designates for appointment the Revd A Peter Hancock as Chair for the Northampton District for a further period of five years from 1 September 2015.

8/42/7 The Conference adopted as Resolution 48/7:

The Conference designates for appointment the Revd Graham Thompson as Chair for the Plymouth and Exeter District for a period of one year from 1 September 2014.

# **Reasoned Statement**

Graham Thompson has wide and contemporary experience as a Chair of District having served as Chair of the East Anglia District for 11 years. This, together with his warm personality, enabling and supportive leadership, sensitive pastoral care and competent oversight make him ideal to lead and serve the Plymouth and Exeter District in a time of transition for one year from 1 September 2014.

- 8/43 **59. COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS**
- 8/43/1 The Conference adopted Resolution 59/1.
- 8/43/2 The Conference adopted Resolution 59/2 in the following form:

The Conference appoints the panel for the nomination of District Chairs:

The Revds J W Wesley Blakey, Anne E Brown, Stephen J Burgess, Richard J Byass, Albert Gayle, John Hellyer, Kavula John, Christine Jones (A), Marian J Jones, Nichola G Jones, Derrick R Lander, Faith M Nyota, Paul Nzacahayo, Peter M Phillips, Gareth J Powell, Daniel P Reed, Keith A Reed, Dr Elizabeth A Smith, D Paul C Smith, Graham Thompson, Alison Tomlin, Martin H Turner, Martin Wellings, Andrew D Wood, Michaela A Youngson.

Deacons Jane Middleton, Ian H Murray

Ms Jane Allin, Ms Janet Arthur, Mrs Christine Bellamy, Ms Margretta Bowstead, Miss Sarah Cave, Mrs Sue Chastney, Mr Stephen Cooper, Mr David Dalziel, Ms Evelyn de Graft, Mrs Ling Henry, Prof Peter Howdle, Miss Marion Mear, Mr Malcolm Pearson, Mr Noel Rajaratnam, Mr David Ridley, Ms Caroline Stead, Dr Malcolm Stevenson, Mr David S Walton, Mrs Rosemary Wass, Mr Ivan Weekes, Mrs Ruth M Wilton, Mrs Louise C Wilkins, Ms Helen Woodall, Mr Rob Wylie, with the Secretary of the Conference as convener.

### Reasoned statements

Jane Allin is a circuit steward, and has served on a number of district committees including the Chair's invitation committee and a support group for a Venture FX pioneer.

Janet Arthur is a Circuit Steward and a member of the London District Candidates Committee. She is a senior Human Resources specialist and consultant specialising in Employee Relations, Recruitment & Selection and Organisational Development.

**Richard Byass** is a presbyter with 10 years circuit experience. He is currently ministering in a multicultural, ecumenical context among growing congregations. He is a member of the District Policy, Candidates and Probationers Committees. He is also a member of the Candidates Selection Committee.

**Stephen Cooper** is a local preacher in the Wirral circuit and Synod Secretary of the Liverpool district. He has experience of discernment, recruitment and development processes as part of his previous career.

**Ling Henry** is a steward and pastoral visitor in her local church. She has been MWiB district president.

**Kavula John** is superintendent minister in the South West Sussex United Area Circuit and a member of the Methodist/URC Liaison Group. She has served on the Connexional Grants Committee.

**Nichola Jones** has extensive experience of ministry, including superintendency, in inner-city, multi-cultural, rural and commuter belt contexts.

**Ian Murray** is a Deacon currently serving in the Cambridge Circuit. He has served on various circuit, district and connexional committees including district safeguarding, district appraisal group and the district youth & district complaints support.

**Faith Nyota** has served as an ordained presbyter in Kenya, North America and for the past 11 years, in Britain. She is a former World Church in Britain partner and is currently superintendent of the Purley circuit.

**Daniel Reed** is superintendent of the Lizard and Mount's Bay circuit, deputy chair of the Cornwall district, and a member of the district chair support/nomination group

**David Ridley** is the Synod Secretary of the South East district and a local preacher in the Thames Valley circuit.

Caroline Stead is a local preacher and former circuit steward in the Calderdale circuit. An experienced teacher she has been an EDEV facilitator, and is currently the Lay Stationing representative for the West Yorkshire district. Graham Thompson has been a chair of district for 11 years and brings considerable and contemporary experience of this role in its many facets. Martin Turner is superintendent of Methodist Central Hall, Westminster. He has a deep interest in city centre church ministry and brings a wealth of experience of Methodism in terms of team ministry.

**Michaela Youngson** is chair in the London District. She brings current experience of shared responsibility within a team of chairs in a multiplicity of contexts, and past experience of ministry and superintendency.

8/43/3 The Conference adopted Resolution 59/3,

p 563, deleting 'The Revd Neil Dixon'.

8/43/4 The Conference adopted Resolution 59/4,

p 563, deleting 'Mr Denis Hagon'.

p 564, adding The Revds <u>Susan J Griffiths</u>, <u>Christine M Howe</u>, <u>Philip J Jackson</u>, <u>Julie A Lunn</u>, <u>Andrew C Moffoot</u>, Neal H Street, <u>Nutan Sandhya J Suray</u>, <u>D Paul</u> Wood

adding Deacons Jacqueline Fowler, P Jane Gibson, Janet Stafford

adding Miss Victoria Aggasild, Mrs Christine Haigh, Mrs Dorothy Lumley, Mrs Hayley Moss, Mr David Osborne, Mr Alfred Philpott, Mrs Maxine Scott, Dr Margaret Williams

for Ms Rachel Starr reading Dr Rachel Starr

deleting the last sentence and replacing with: 'The Warden of the Methodist Diaconal Order has the right to attend but not to vote.'

#### Reasoned statements

**Miss Victoria Aggasild** is a local Girls' Brigade leader and also runs local youth groups. Miss Aggasild is passionate about discernment in order to see lives transformed and communities enriched.

The Revd Sue Griffiths has been a circuit minister for 11 years and has supervised three students on placement over the past four years. Prior to starting in ministry she worked for Share Jesus International and led workshops on Christian vocational discernment.

The Revd Chrissie Howe has interview and training experience gained from her previous employment with the Ministry of Defence. She has served on a District Candidates' Selection Panel and is committed to learning and development in the Methodist Church.

The Revd Philip Jackson has been involved with the candidating and initial ministerial training processes over the last seven years through membership of the Methodist Student Council, MCPOC and the Ministries Committee.

**Mrs Dorothy Lumley** served as a psychological assessor and as such was on the District Candidates' Committee in the North Lancashire District. As a local authority employee she is experienced in equal opportunities legislation and has chaired interview panels.

The Revd Julie Lunn has served as a Methodist presbyter for over 20 years and has previously served on the Candidates' Selection Committee. She has experience of pastoral ministry, theological education, and training in spirituality and spiritual direction.

The Revd Andy Moffoot is currently a member of a District Candidates' Panel and has accompanied three candidates through the process.

Mrs Hayley Moss was Youth President in 2012/13 and was a One Programme Participant beforehand. She serves on her Church Council, Circuit Council and District Policy Committee.

**Mrs Maxine Scott** has served as Church Council Secretary, Circuit Missions Network Committee Secretary and Pastoral/Group Leader in a church with a diverse, multicultural membership.

The Revd Nutan Suray has served on the Interfaith Resource Group and currently serves on a District Probationers' Committee.

**Dr Margaret Williams** currently serves as a local preacher and connexional administrator for Methodist Women in Britain.

**The Revd Paul Wood** is the Ministry Development Coordinator within the Discipleship and Ministries Learning Network.

8/43/6 The Conference adopted Resolution 59/6,

p 564, Queen's Foundation, Birmingham, deleting The Revd Sam McBratney for Ms Rachel Starr reading Dr Rachel Starr adding The Revd Dr Joseph Suray

- 8/43/7 The Conference adopted Resolutions 59/7, 59/8, 59/9, 59/10 and 59/11.
- 8/43/8 The Conference adopted Resolution 59/12,

p 567, (iv) Thirty-one District representatives: adding Mr Jack Delbridge Nominated to the Methodist Council by the South East District

- 8/43/9 The Conference adopted Resolutions 59/13, 59/14, 59/15 and 59/16.
- 8/43/10 The Conference adopted Resolution 59/17,

p 568, delete The Revd Elizabeth J Singleton adding Ms Hayley Moss
Hayley Moss is an Ex Youth President, a member of her District Policy
Executive, a local preacher on trial and a member of her Church Council and Circuit Meeting.

- 8/43/11 The Conference adopted Resolution 59/18.
- 8/43/12 The Conference adopted as Resolution 59/20,

The Conference appoints the Methodist Diaconal Order Leadership Group: Mrs Ruth Pickles (Chair), the Revds Richard M Andrew, Sharon L Willimott, Deacons Eunice Attwood, Ian H Murray, Dr Malcolm Stevenson, Ms Tamara Wray

#### Reasoned statements

Mrs Ruth E Pickles (chair) was Vice-President of the Conference 2011. She possesses a deep knowledge of and commitment to Methodism in local church, circuit, district and connexional contexts.

The Revd Richard M Andrew is the Director of Learning and Development (Pathways) for the Discipleship and Ministries Learning Network (DMLN). His current role involves responsibility for working with the Ministries Committee, and the two centres in the DMLN.

The Revd Sharon L Willimott is a presbyter in the North Norfolk circuit. She is a convener of Connexional Discipline, Pastoral and Appeal Committees. She has served on the 'shadow' Leadership Group over the past year and provides valuable continuity of knowledge as the new Group comes into being.

Deacon Eunice Attwood was Vice-President of the Conference in 2010. She

brings considerable experience of ministry in a variety of contacts, including theological training and formation. She served on the working party that reflected on the role of the Warden and the 'shadow' Leadership Group meeting over the past year.

**Deacon Ian Murray** is currently serving in the Cambridge Circuit. He served in the MDO Leadership Team from 2008 to 2012 as the Resources Co-ordinator, has been the Order's representative to the Methodist Council for the past two years, and has been a member of the interim MDO oversight group.

**Dr Malcolm Stevenson** has served on a variety of committees of the Church over recent years, including ministry. He chaired the Stationing Matching Group and brings valuable experience of increasingly complex stationing issues which engage the Connexion today. He is deeply committed to diaconal ministry and its place in the life of the contemporary Methodist Church. **Ms Tamara Wray** is Youth President, through which role she has contributed and observed much about contemporary Methodism.

# 8/44 NEW ITEM 62. REPORT OF THE LAW AND POLITY SUB-COMMITTEE

8/44/1 On the advice of the Conference Law and Polity Sub-Committee, the Conference adopted the following under Standing Order 131(25) as Resolution 62/1:

To make consequential provision following its earlier resolutions on Agenda items 39 section F (Creation of Ministerial Candidates Selection Committee) and 36 (One Mission Working Party), the Conference:

- i. amends Standing Order 32A1(3) as follows:
   "matters of policy or process requiring the attention of the Conference that have been identified by ... the Presbyteral and Diaconal Ministerial Selection Committees ...
- ii. corrects cross-references as follows:
  - a) in Standing Order 364(3), for "351" read "1004";
  - b) in Standing Order 417(1), for "355(3)" read "1007(4)";
  - c) in Standing Order 741, for "355(3)" read "1007(4)";
  - d) in Standing Order 1120(7), for "357" read "329".
- 8/44/2 The Conference noted that there were no special resolutions requiring submission for consultation.

#### 8/45 **THE STATIONS**

8/45/1 The Stations were presented to the Conference in the form of the Draft previously circulated with the following amendments:

THE WALES SYNOD

2/3 Bangor and Holyhead

Supernumeraries

Adding Susan M Altree

2/9 Cardiff

For Philip Buckland (RR) reading Philip Buckland (AP)

2/12 Conwy and Prestatyn

Supernumeraries

Deleting George Hardman

2/15 Llanelli and Carmarthen

Deleting Ian C Waugh (S)

THE BIRMINGHAM DISTRICT

5/1 Birmingham

Adding Inderjit S Bhogal (Connexional Team)

The Queen's Foundation

Adding Judith A Rossall (Tutor)

**5/4 Birmingham (Sutton Park)** Deleting Anugrah D Ramble (AP)

Supernumeraries

Deleting Edward Heyes

**5/9 Tamworth and Lichfield** *Deleting* Richard J Lockwood (AP)

5/10 Coventry and Nuneaton

Deleting lan J Worsfold

For Pauline Warner (Permission to study)
reading Pauline Warner (Health Care Chaplain)
Deleting D Paul Wood (Connexional Team)

5/13 Mid-Warwickshire

Supernumeraries

Adding Margaret P Locke-Wheaton

Adding Eric T Potts

5/16 South West Worcestershire

Supernumeraries

Adding Edward Heyes

THE BOLTON AND ROCHDALE DISTRICT

6/3 Farnworth and Worsley

Supernumeraries

Deleting Susan M Whitehead

6/5 Wigan

For Rachel D Deigh (S)

reading Rachel D Deigh and reorder list

For John C Hilton

reading John C Hilton (S) and reorder list

6/7 Leigh and Hindley

Supernumeraries

Adding Susan M Whitehead

THE BRISTOL DISTRICT

7/13 North East Somerset and Bath

Supernumeraries

Deleting John P Wheaton

7/17 Weston-Super-Mare and Burnham on Sea

Supernumeraries

Adding Rodney P Ingrouille

Deleting **7/22 Chippenham** and **7/24 Swindon and Marlborough** and the names listed under these headings, and *replacing with*:

# 7/22 North Wiltshire

David R Alderman (S) Mark Barrett (S) Heather D Cooper David P Gray Deborah A Hodgson Andrew Wigley

Moyra G Davies (AP)

Trudie A Wigley (AP)

## Supernumeraries:

Anthony Barnes
Janet L Evans
Geoffrey D Floyd
E Patricia Hunter

# THE CHESTER AND STOKE-ON-TRENT DISTRICT

# 11/14 Market Drayton

Supernumeraries

Deleting David W Cooper

### THE CORNWALL DISTRICT

# 12/1 Camborne-Redruth

Supernumeraries

Adding Jane M Willcock

# 12/4 Truro

Deleting Jane M Willcock

### THE DARLINGTON DISTRICT

### 13/1 Darlington

For Robert Gee (WA)

reading Robert Gee (Hospital Chaplain)

# **13/4 United North East** Adding Alison M Wilkinson

Adding David A Wilkinson (Principal, St John's College, Durham

University)

# 13/7 Cleveland and Danby

Supernumeraries

Deleting James Platten

# 13/11 Durham and Deerness Valley

Deleting Alison M Wilkinson
Adding Kate Bruce (AP)
Deleting Thomas E Glover (AP)
Deleting Oluremi R Omole (AP)

Deleting David A Wilkinson (Principal, St John's College, Durham

University)

### 13/19 North Yorkshire Dales

Deleting Ruth M Gee (S) For Janet E Park

reading Janet E Park (S) and reorder list

THE EAST ANGLIA DISTRICT

14/1 Norwich

Adding Anne M Richardson (Working among the Deaf Community)

14/2 Ipswich

Supernumeraries

Deleting second instance of Yvonne M Haye

14/13 North Norfolk

For Seung Wook Jung (RR) reading Seung Wook Jung

14/22 The Fens

Supernumeraries

Adding Peter K McNeill

14/26 Cambridge

Adding Matthew J H Trick (AP)

Deleting David A Hull (Permission to study)
Adding Sarah E A Lowe (Connexional Team)

For Cindy K Wesley (RR) (Tutor, Wesley House) reading Cindy K Wesley (AP) (Tutor, Wesley House)

THE LEEDS DISTRICT

**16/1** Leeds (South and Central) Adding † Pamela Luxton (D)

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16/3 Leeds (Headingley and West)

Deleting Charity Hamilton
Deleting Paul R Allen (AP)

16/12 Nidd Valley

Adding Susan Hibberd (D) (WA)

16/15 Wharfedale and Aireborough

Adding Charity Hamilton (Connexional Team)

THE LINCOLNSHIRE DISTRICT

17/4 Mid-Lincolnshire

Supernumeraries

Deleting Cecil Mundy

17/12 Sleaford

Supernumeraries

Adding Cecil Mundy

THE LIVERPOOL DISTRICT

18/1 Liverpool (North)

Adding District Mission and Evangelism Facilitator

Rachel D Deigh who shall act in respect of ministerial duties

under the direction of the Chair of the District

18/5 Liverpool (South)

Adding E Jane Durham (AP)

Deleting Alan D J Jewell (AP)

18/9 Wirral

For R Blair Kirkby (RR) reading R Blair Kirkby

Supernumeraries

Adding Derek Softley

THE MANCHESTER AND STOCKPORT DISTRICT 19/17 Whaley Bridge Uniting Partnership

Deleting Michael J Peat (AP)

19/22 Hyde and Denton
For Jocelyn F Bennett (WA)
reading Jocelyn F Bennett

THE NEWCASTLE DISTRICT

20/1 Newcastle upon Tyne (Central and East)

Deleting Margaret Johnson (AP)

20/6 South East Northumberland Ecumenical Area

For James Magee (S)

reading James Magee and reorder list

For Hee Gon Moon reading Heegon Moon

Adding Gregory Thompson (AP)

20/12 Lindisfarne

Deleting Lionel E Osborn (S)

Adding Gillian F McBride (S)

Adding Lynda Coulthard

**20/19** East Durham Deleting Gillian F McBride

THE LANCASHIRE DISTRICT

21/12 Blackpool

Deleting Lindsay J Pettigrew (WA)

Supernumeraries

Adding Lindsay J Pettigrew

21/15 North Fylde

Supernumeraries

Deleting Wilfred Green

THE NOTTINGHAM AND DERBY DISTRICT

**22/1** Nottingham (North) For Lynita Conradie (AP)

reading Lynita Conradie (RR) and reorder list

Deleting Barbara J Neill (AP)

Supernumeraries

Adding Barbara J Neill (AP)

22/4 Nottingham (Trent Valley)

Supernumeraries

Deleting Ian Mason

22/5 Nottingham Central Mission

Deleting Steven A Bennett (S)

22/6 Derby

For Susan A McIvor who shall act in respect of ministerial duties

under the direction of the Chair of the District

reading Susan A McIvor (Part-time Safeguarding Officer) who shall act in

respect of ministerial duties under the direction of the Chair of

the District

22/13 Borders Mission

Supernumeraries

Deleting H Adrian Smith

**22/14 Mid Derbyshire** For Richard M Styles (S)

reading Richard M Styles and reorder list

For Philip J Taylor (S)

reading Philip J Taylor and reorder list

Supernumeraries

Adding H Adrian Smith

22/15 Grantham & Vale of Belvoir

For Andrew Carter (D) who shall act in respect of ministerial duties

under the direction of the Chair of the District

reading Andrew Carter (D) (Mission Development Officer) who shall act in

respect of ministerial duties under the direction of the Chair of

the District

Supernumeraries

Adding Ian Mason

22/26 Newark and Southwell

Supernumeraries

Adding Gaynor L Hall

THE NORTHAMPTON DISTRICT

23/7 Leicester (Trinity)

Supernumeraries

Deleting Derek Softley

23/9 Leicester (West)

For Jill Marsh (Hospital Chaplain) reading Jill Marsh (University Chaplain)

23/14 Rugby and Daventry

Supernumeraries

Adding Robert H Anning

23/28 Amersham

For Roger B Hardman (Occupational Psychologist) reading Roger B Harfdman (Occupational Psychologist)

THE PLYMOUTH AND EXETER DISTRICT

24/1 Plymouth and Devonport

Supernumeraries

Deleting Alan J Merchant

24/11 Bude and Holsworthy

Supernumeraries

Adding John C Peak

24/16 Tiverton and Wellington

Adding Rona E Eastman (D)

**24/23** Torridge Adding PJ Jackson

24/24 West Devon

Deleting Graham F Warmington (AP)

24/28 Teignbridge

Supernumeraries

Deleting Mark T Davies

THE SHEFFIELD DISTRICT

25/1 Sheffield

For Louise E Grosberg

reading Louise E Grosberg (S) and reorder list

Adding Julie Upton (AP)

**Urban Theology Unit** 

For Noel G Irwin (Principal) reading Noel G Irwin (Director)

25/10 Chesterfield

Adding Philip R Meadows (Director, the Inspire Movement)

**Cliff College** 

Deleting Philip R Meadows (also Connexional Team)

**25/15** Barnsley Supernumeraries

Deleting George E Gittner

THE SOUTHAMPTON DISTRICT **26/1** Southampton

Deleting Angus M M Parker (AP)

26/2 Winchester and Eastleigh

Supernumeraries

Deleting Richard F Westwood

26/4 Basingstoke and Reading

Deleting Linda M Harris (AP)

26/5 Yeovil and Blackmore Vale

Adding David A Hull

26/7 East Solent and Downs

Deleting Janice A Morgan

Supernumeraries

Adding David J Rice

For 26/9 Bournemouth, Poole and Swanage

reading 26/9 Poole Bay

For Christopher J Moreton (S)

reading Christopher J Moreton and reorder list

For Fraser A Smith

reading Fraser A Smith (WA) and reorder list

Supernumeraries

Deleting Denis J Creamer

26/10 Christchurch and Wimborne

Adding Janice A Morgan (WA)

Supernumeraries

Adding Barbara I Jeffries

26/23 Salisbury

For Susan A Holden (S)
reading Susan A Holden
Adding Andrew D Wood (S)
Deleting Judith A Rossall

THE WOLVERHAMPTON AND SHREWSBURY DISTRICT

28/2 Brownhills and Willenhall

Supernumeraries

Adding David A Barker Adding Elaine Woolley

28/3 Shropshire and Marches

Supernumeraries

Deleting Elaine Woolley

**28/4 Walsall** Supernumeraries

Deleting David A Barker

28/5 Vale of Stour

Deleting Andrew J Mann-Ray (AP)

Supernumeraries

Adding Derrick R Lander

28/8 Cannock Chase For Edward Sakwe (RR) reading Edward Sakwe

28/9 Stafford

Adding Michael D John

Adding

28/10 Wednesbury Mission

John D Howard (S)

Supernumerary

Derrick R Lander

28/12 Tipton and West Bromwich

Adding Phillip A Rees (WA)

28/13 Dudley and Netherton

Deleting Inderjit S Bhogal (Connexional Team)

THE YORK AND HULL DISTRICT

29/33 York

For † Julia Pittaway reading † Julia Skitt

Supernumeraries

Adding David B Archer

29/37 Hull (Centre and West) Adding † Liane J E Kensett (D) (WA)

THE SCOTLAND DISTRICT

31/1 Edinburgh and Forth

Supernumeraries

Deleting Eric T Potts

31/10 North of Scotland Mission

For Isobel E Akers (S)
reading Isobel E Akers
For John McNeill

reading John McNeill (S) and reorder list

THE BEDFORDSHIRE, ESSEX AND HERTFORDSHIRE DISTRICT

34/4 South Bedfordshire

Supernumeraries

Deleting Gaynor L Hall

34/11 South Essex

Supernumeraries

Deleting Shirley A Clayton Adding John L Mitchell

34/15 North Hertfordshire

Supernumeraries

Adding Malcolm Knowles (D)

THE LONDON DISTRICT

**Methodist Church House** 

Deleting F Dale Sinclair

Adding Robert J Maginley (WA)
For Janet K Nendick (WA)
reading Janet K Pillinger (WA)
Adding Peter J Pillinger (WA)

35/4 Chelsea, Hammersmith and Fulham

For Michael J Sawyer (S)

reading Michael J Sawyer and reorder list

For 35/5 Battersea

reading 35/5 Battersea and Wandle Valley

35/7 Southwark and Deptford

Supernumeraries

Adding George Hardman

35/23 Wembley

Supernumeraries

Adding Vinaya K Moses

35/36 Harrow and Hillingdon

Deleting Anne M Richardson (Chaplain among Deaf & Deafblind People)

Adding D Paul Wood (Connexional Team)
Adding Ian J Worsfold (City University Chaplain)

35/38 Kingston upon Thames For Andrew Pakes (WA)

reading Andrew Pakes (3six5) and reorder list

Adding Hazel H Yu (WA)

THE SOUTH EAST DISTRICT **36/4** Thames Valley

For Graham W Hindle who shall act in respect of ministerial duties

under the direction of the Chair of the District

reading Graham W Hindle (Connexional Team)

**36/5** Staines and Feltham *Supernumerary* 

Julie A Underwood

36/6 Woking and Walton-on-Thames

Deleting Timothy J Hillier (AP)
Deleting Jean A Robinson (AP)

36/7 Guildford

Deleting Conrad J Hicks (S)

Supernumeraries

Deleting D Darlene McCarley

36/8 South West Sussex United Area

Supernumeraries

Adding Richard F Westwood

36/10 Dorking and Horsham

Supernumeraries

Adding D Darlene McCarley

36/11 Redhill and East Grinstead

Adding Lynda A Cooke (Mental Health Chaplain)

36/13 Central Sussex United Area

Adding Mark M Roper (WA)

36/17 Hastings, Bexhill and Rye

Supernumeraries

Deleting John L Mitchell

SERVICE IN OTHER CONFERENCES AND CHURCHES

APPOINTED TO SERVE ABROAD

Adding Stephen J Day (South Africa)
Adding Angleena Keizer (D) (Sri Lanka)

### PERMISSION TO RESIDE ABROAD

Deleting Stephen J Day (South Africa)

### THE CONNEXIONAL TEAM

For Inderjit S Bhogal (28/13)
reading Inderjit S Bhogal (5/1)
Adding Charity Hamilton (16/15)
Adding Graham W Hindle (36/4)
Adding Sarah E A Lowe (14/26)
For D Paul Wood (5/10)
reading D Paul Wood (35/36)

#### FORCES CHAPLAINS

(b) Army

Adding Robert J Birnie (RR)

#### **ASSOCIATE MINISTERS**

Deleting Pamela D Baker (23/1) S Roger Burne (23/1) Deleting Deleting Stephen I Butler (31/2) Richard Deimel (13/10) Deleting Adding Bryan T Knapp (36/18) Nigel C Sinclair (16/12) Deleting Deleting Stuart G Thomas (35/26) Susan M Wallace (16/1) Deleting

### 8/46 DAILY RECORD

8/46/1 The Daily Record for Wednesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> July was presented, taken as read, and adopted as printed,

At 7/33 (b), *deleting* 'and therefore directs the Law & Polity Committee to bring appropriate amendments to Standing Orders to the Conference in 2015'.

8/46/2 The Conference adopted the Daily Record for Thursday, 3<sup>rd</sup> July.

# 8/47 **EXPRESSIONS OF THANKS**

- 8/47/1 The Conference expressed its thanks to the Conference Arrangements Committee, the Hilton Birmingham Metropole hotel, the volunteers, those who led worship and Bible studies or were involved in Ordination services, those in the Record Office, the Business Committee, and others.
- 8/47/2 The ex-President, The Revd Ruth M Gee, and the ex-Vice-President, Dr Daleep S Mukarji, expressed the thanks of the Conference to the President and Vice-President of the Conference.

# 8/48 **LETTERS**

- 8/48/1 A letter of sympathy was sent in the name of the Conference to Mrs Sarah Jones.
- 8/48/2 A letter of greeting was sent in the name of the Conference to Mrs Elizabeth Hall.
- 8/48/3 Letters of thanks were sent in the name of the Conference to the Conference Arrangements Team.

# 8/49 **ATTESTATION**

During the closing worship of the Conference, the Daily Record of the Presbyteral and Representaive Sessions and associated documents were signed by the President, the Vice-President, and the Secretary of the Conference, and were duly attested.

# 8/50 THE JOURNAL

The Conference, by a Standing Vote, directed that the Resolutions, Orders, Elections, Consents, Delegations and Appointments, and each of them, and every Act and all Acts whatsoever made and done by the Conference begun on Thursday, 26<sup>th</sup> June 2014, be duly entered in the Journal of the Conference, subscribed by the President, the Vice-President, and the Secretary, and be taken as, and shall be, the Acts of the Conference to all intents and purposes whatsoever.

# 8/51 **ADJOURNMENT**

The Conference, by a Standing Vote, resolved to adjourn to the Conference of 2015, which would meet in Southport on Thursday, 25<sup>th</sup> June in its Presbyteral Session, and on Saturday, 27<sup>th</sup> June in its Representative Session.

8/52 The Conference adjourned at 12.21.

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# APPENDIX A NOTICES OF MOTION

This Appendix lists Motions adopted, or agreed to be not put, other than those which were amendments to substantive Resolutions. It also lists those that the Conference referred to other bodies. It does not list Motions lost or withdrawn, which do not appear in the Record. The figures in brackets are the numbers given to the Notices of Motion.

### I. Motions

(a) adopted	
Caste Discrimination (204)	8/26
Church of Pakistan (212)	7/34
Elimination of All Nuclear Weapons (209)	8/28
Joseph Rank Trust (201)	7/12
Living Wage and Fair Trade Goods (210)	8/29
Methodist Children and Youth Assembly Report (re mental health) (101)	7/20/1
Places of Training and Formation (214)	7/18
Prayer for Nigeria (205)	7/30
Prayer for the People of North and South Korea (207)	7/32
Queen's Foundation, Birmingham (203)	8/33
Resourcing Leadership (206)	7/31
Review of Current Buildings and Societies (213)	7/17
Supporting the "No More Page Three" Campaign (208)	8/34
Syria: Humanitarian Needs (202)	8/27
Young People Representation at the Conference (211)	7/33

# (b) not put

None

# (c) referred to the Methodist Council

None

# II. Responses to Notices of Motion referred by previous Conferences

For a report about work done and work in progress on Notices of Motion brought to previous Conferences, see item 57 of the Agenda (adopted Daily Record 8/22).

# APPENDIX B MEMORIALS DEALT WITH

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M39	Investing in fossil fuels	8/25/2
M40	Investing in fossil fuels	
M41	Investing in fossil fuels	8/25/2
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M43	Investing in fossil fuels	8/25/2
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M30	Access to data collection processes	•
M31	Access to data collection processes	•
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M17	Connexional Central Services Budget	,
M18	Connexional Central Services Budget	
M19	Connexional Central Services Budget	-
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# APPENDIX C REPLIES TO MEMORIALS OF PREVIOUS CONFERENCES

For a report about work done and work in progress on Memorials sent to previous Conferences, see item 57 of the Agenda (adopted Daily Record 8/22).