

Nomination for the next Chair of the Council MC/22/34

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Resolution	34/1. The Council nominates the Revd Sonia Hicks to the Conference as Chair of the Council from 1 September 2022 for a four year term

1. The Council, at its meetings in 2021, agreed to establish a nomination panel to bring a nomination for the next Chair of the Council. The panel, as appointed by the Council, met with the candidate who had expressed an interest in being considered for this important role in the life of the Church. The panel considered the information and reflections which had been submitted by the candidate, and explored with them in depth the skills and experience they would bring to the role. The conversation also considered the nature of the challenges which are inherent to the role.
2. Following this careful process of discernment, the panel brings the name of the Revd Sonia Hicks to the Council.

Reasoned statement

The Revd Sonia Hicks is the President of the Conference for 2021/22. She is currently Superintendent of the Wembley Circuit. Sonia has previously served on various roles in British Methodism, in the Irish Connexion and in the Methodist Church in the Caribbean and Americas. Sonia was the Convenor of the World Development and Relief Committee of the Methodist Church in Ireland, has served on the Oversight Committee for the Queen's Foundation, on MCPOC and on the Leadership Group of the Methodist Diaconal Order (now the MDO Support and Advisory Group). Sonia has experience of presiding over the Conference, chairing meetings and bringing a written and verbal report to a Conference. She appreciates the role of Chair of the Council.

Sonia recognises the importance of the Council's work and responsibilities, noting how it holds governance and pastoral care together. She is committed to an inclusive Council and Church, listening to the range of voices represented at the Council and ensuring that those voices are heard.

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