

Membership of the Ministerial Candidates and Probationers Oversight Committee (MCPOC) MC/22/60

Date of Meeting	2–4 April 2022
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Action Required	Decision
Resolutions	60/1. The Council appoints the following as members of the Ministerial Candidates and Probationers Oversight Committee from 1 September 2022: The Revd Jackie Bellfield, Deacon Jenny Jones, Mr Dave Kitchen, The Revd Leigh A Maydew, Mrs Carol Reeves
Background content	[MC/22/23] Membership of the Ministerial Candidates and Probationers Oversight Committee (MCPOC)

Summary of Content

Subject and Aims	To appoint new members of MCPOC.
Main Points	Five nominees to be appointed, with reasoned statements. Reasoned statements for 11 existing members, one other existing member to finish their term of office this year.

Further to paper [MC/22/23] to the January Council, and the Council's approval of the proposals from MCPOC to restructure their membership, MCPOC now presents reasoned statements for those nominated to become new members. Also listed are reasoned statements for the existing members. The proposal is that, if the Conference approves the proposals for restructuring, all members are to be appointed afresh to start their term of service on 1 September 2022. Terms of office will vary in length to ensure that continuity is maintained.

***RESOLUTION

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The Revd Jackie Bellfield, Deacon Jenny Jones, Mr Dave Kitchen, The Revd Leigh A Maydew, Mrs Carol Reeves

REASONED STATEMENTS

The Revd Jackie Bellfield - serves as a presbyter in the Liverpool District as half time Mission and Evangelism Facilitator and also half time minister with pastoral oversight in the Wirral Circuit. A member of the District Candidates' and Probationers' Committees and part of the Regional Candidates' Support Group for the North West, she provides knowledge and insight into the process of candidating for ministry.

Deacon Jenny Jones – since entering circuit ministry in 2010 she has served on a number of District and Connexional Committees including District Candidates' Committees, the Ministries Committee, the Connexional Allowances Committee, the Conference Business Committee, and the Equality Diversity Inclusion /Justice Dignity Solidarity Committee. She has been an accompanist for diaconal students. Her emphasis is on enabling the release of individual's potential whatever their situation and that work has been

located mainly in areas of extreme poverty and amongst the LGBT+ community.

Mr Dave Kitchen - with very substantial teaching experience and professional expertise in writing and broadcasting, he has been a fully accredited local preacher since 1971 and is currently in membership at Cyncoed Methodist Church. He has previously served as a church steward, was a member of the Wales Synod for many years regarding media, education and youth and has recently served on the Synod Candidates' and Probationers' Committees. He has mentored new local preachers across his career, those who need to be helped to come out of their shells or who may need an editor/wise hand with their written work. He has successfully mentored a candidate for the Diaconate and also a Youth President and has provided inputs for the training of worship leaders and qualified local preachers.

The Revd Leigh A Maydew - a presbyter in the Bristol and South Gloucestershire Circuit. He was ordained in 2021 and thus brings recent experience of being under the oversight of MCPOC. Having been through the candidating process twice, Leigh understands both the pain and rejoicing that can be felt by those going through candidating and probation in the Methodist Church. Throughout training Leigh served on the Ministers in Training Council at various points as Secretary and Chair.

Mrs Carol Reeves - sits on the Scotland District Probationers' Committee. She is based in Aberdeen, North of Scotland Mission Circuit. The circuit has had three successive probationers. Aberdeen Methodist Church benefits from its connections with the universities in the city which attract overseas students. Currently it has a Church of North India pastor and Methodist Church Mexico Minister being supported by and offering some ministry to the Methodist folk in Aberdeen. Carol is also Local Preachers Co-Secretary for the District.

EXISTING MEMBERS

Deacon Tracey Hume - a Deacon in the Newcastle upon Tyne District working as its Community Engagement Enabler. She sits on the District Candidates' Committee and also sits on the New Places for New People Guiding Team. Tracey has experience of issues of Inclusion and Learning Disabilities. She is also aware of some of the issues relating to the LGBTQI+ community through her family and also her work in the Newcastle District developing the EDI/JDS District Strategy. She has been a member of MCPOC since 2016.

Ms Marion Mear - has served in many different roles at Church, Circuit, District and Connexional level. At District level she is currently a member of the District Candidates' Committee and District Probationers' Committee, and serves as secretary to the District Policy Committee. Connexionally, she is currently a member of the Stationing Advisory Committee and Chairs' Nomination Panel, and has been a member of MCPOC since its inception, serving as Deputy Chair since 2018. A Lay member of the committee in the Tendring Circuit in Essex.

Mrs Denise S Tomlinson - has served on MCPOC since September 2019, she is just completing her term as Synod Secretary for the London District. She has been a member of the District Probationers' Committee for a number of years and was formerly a member of the Ministerial Candidates' Selection Committee.

The Revd Nigel Cowgill – nominated by the District Chairs' meeting.

The Revd Dr Jonathan Dean – Director of Learning for Ministry in the Connexional Team.

Deacon Flip Den Uil - has spent ten years as a deacon in one of the poorest and most diverse areas of Liverpool. During his time as an active deacon he has accompanied student deacons who went on to become probationers and were later ordained. He has enjoyed being alongside them on their journey and feels he has much to offer candidates and probationers in terms of his life experience, his support and the knowledge of God's constant love. He had to sit down because of worsening issues of his disability. He has encountered various issues with his own disability and some of his family members and he feels very strongly that he has built up quite a good understanding about practical issues in this field.

Mrs Judith Elliot – a member of Marlow Methodist church in the High Wycombe Circuit. She is a member of the Queen's Connexional Course Oversight Committee and has accompanied two Presbyteral and Diaconal part-time students. She has been a Senior Church steward and Safeguarding Officer for her church. She has an awareness and an understanding of black issues that may affect some of those in training and in circuit.

The Revd Margaret Mwailu – a presbyter in the Derbyshire North East Circuit in Sheffield District and is Synod Secretary. She brings experience of supporting and mentoring students. Margaret previously acted as link church supervisor for a student presbyter. She has been a student accompanist since 2007. She is a

member of the Queen's oversight committee, also a member of the District Probationers Committee. She has a keen interest in contextual theology and is passionate about community integration.

The Revd Dr Claire R Potter – Ministerial Co-ordinator for Oversight of Ordained Ministries in the Connexional Team.

The Revd Peter E Powers – a presbyter for 28 years and a Superintendent for 17 years. At District level he has served on both District Candidates' Committee and District Probationers' Committee. He is currently a member of the DCC for Northampton District and Superintendent of the Oxford Circuit.

Deacon Ruth M Richey – Deputy Warden of the Methodist Diaconal Order.

Mr David Robson - completes his term of office this connexional year 2021-2022.

The Revd Caroline A Weaver – A presbyter with 22 years' experience of circuit ministry alongside Prison Chaplaincy. Her experience includes many years as District Candidates' Secretary, mentoring and supervising Probationer Ministers, supporting trainee Local Preachers and Worship Leaders and serving on MCPOC where she leads on mental health issues (including the impact of trauma, bereavement etc). She is MCPOC's appointed representative to the Ministries Committee. Since she sat down in 2021 she has been involved in the leading of retreats for Ministers in their Early Years and also Ministers having served 28-30 years in ministry. She also serves as Assistant Synod Secretary.

NB Ms Annette Fowler has stepped down from the committee as from 17 February 2022.