

Response to Notice of Motion 2019/201: Review of the Role of Youth President

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Resolutions	67/1. The Council receives the report. 67/2. The Council approves the Terms of Reference of the Task Group. 67/3. The Council appoints the Task Group as set out in the report.

Summary of Content

Subject and aims	A proposed membership of, and terms of reference for, the task group who will review the role of the Youth President.
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Background

The 2019 Conference passed Notice of Motion 2019/201 (see Appendix 1). This instructs the Council to appoint a task group to review the role of the Youth President and bring recommendations to the 2021 Conference.

A Way Forward

Notice of Motion 2019/201 included some categories of those who should be represented on the task group and identified two consultation groups, namely past Youth Presidents and 3Generate. It has been suggested that a wider consultation process is needed, particularly in order to make recommendations for the next decade. In order to address this issue, some terms of reference for the Task Group are proposed.

Proposed Membership of the Task Group

The Council is asked to appoint the following members of the task group:

1. The Revd Dr Mark H Wakelin (Chair) (past President of the Conference)
2. Mr Peter Baffoe (local lay worker)
3. Ms Roxanne Bainbridge (current Youth Representative)
4. Deacon Joy Everingham (Deacon, University Chaplain)
5. The Revd Farai Mapamula (Presbyter)
6. Mr Michael Pryke (past Youth President and Youth and Children's Worker)
7. Miss Grace McAloon (former Youth Representative)
8. Mr Doug Swanney (Connexional Secretary)
9. Mr Adam Wilkinson (Student Worker)
10. Ms Penny Fuller (Children, Youth and Family Ministries' Coordinator)

Reasoned statements for the nomination of these individuals can be found in appendix 2.

Proposed Terms of Reference for the Task Group

The Task Group will work to produce:

- A job description, person specification and any other necessary supporting documentation for the role.
- A report summarising how the Task Group created these documents and including any recommendations for how the role might develop in the years 2022-2032.

The Task Group will consider the following issues:

- The nature of the role, including the appropriate job title
- The accountability of the role, including line management
- Membership and voting rights status with regards to various bodies, including the Methodist Council, the Connexional Leaders' Forum and the Conference
- The recruitment process, including the timings related to recruitment and hosting 3Generate
- How this role relates to other roles for young people in Methodism, including the One Programmes Participants (OPPs) and Interns.

In undertaking this work, the Task Group will:

1. Convene at least twice in the period November 2019-January 2021 to undertake the role review.
2. Review the current job description, person specification, and recruitment practice for the Youth President role.
3. Review roles in similar organisation, including other Christian denominations and secular organisations (such as the British Youth Council, the Welsh Assembly, and others).
4. Review the relevant Standing Orders, including 102, 210, 230 and 250.
5. Take into consideration any initiatives or plans of the Methodist Church in Britain (MCB) in the next 10 years that will directly affect the Youth President, and the general direction of travel of MCB for the next 10 years.
6. Consult with:
 - a. Past Youth Presidents;
 - b. Current Youth Representatives;
 - c. Other UK-based Christian denominations and churches, including but not limited to the Church of England and the United Reformed Church;
 - d. Children and young people (under 23) not affiliated to 3Generate;
 - e. Children and young people at 3Generate 2019 and 3Generate 2020;
 - f. Individuals who have hosted visits by the Youth President in the last three years;
 - g. Key Connexional Team staff who work closely with the Youth President, including but not limited to the Head of Mission, the Children, Youth and Family Ministry Team, the Joint Public Issues Team, the Connexional Secretary, the Secretary of the Conference, the Director of the Learning Network, the Global Relations Team and the Mission Team Projects Officer.

The Task Group will ensure the report is ready to be presented to the 2021 Conference. The Council will be updated on the progress of the work in January 2021.

*****RESOLUTIONS**

- 67/1. The Council receives the report.**
- 67/2. The Council approves the Terms of Reference of the Task Group.**
- 67/3. The Council appoints the Task Group as set out in the report.**

Appendix 1

Notice of Motion 2019/201: Review of the role of Youth President

The Conference notes the positive impact of the 2008 Youth Participation Strategy, especially the position of the Youth President. The Methodist Church, 3Generate and the Connexional Team have gone through an enormous amount of change in the past 11 years.

Recognising these changes, the Conference directs the Methodist Council to appoint a task group (to include at least 1 past Youth President, 1 past President or Vice-President of the Conference, 1 local youth worker, 1 former youth representative, 1 current youth representative and 2 other persons):

1. in consultation with 3Generate and former Youth Presidents to review the job description, person specification and other relevant aspects of the role of Methodist Youth President, and to present recommendations on how to develop the role for the next decade.
2. to report and bring recommendations to the Methodist Conference no later than 2021.

Proposed: Mr Michael C Pryke

Seconded: Ms Jasmine Yeboah

(Signed by 8 other members of the Conference)

1. The Revd Andrew W Fyall
2. Ms Rachel Collins
3. Ms Emily Roe
4. Mrs Anna Malnutt
5. Mr Victor F Kuyeli
6. Miss Grace McAloon
7. Mr Anthony Boateng
8. The Revd Gillian M Newton

Budgetary implications

Budget implications include time, expense and support costs to the proposed task group. Such implications are unlikely to be significant but cannot be incorporated within the existing budget.

Appendix 2

Michael Pryke is a past Youth President and a Youth and Children's Worker, and the proposer of NOM 2019/201.

Mark Wakelin is a past President of the Conference and was formerly MAYC National Secretary and Connexional Secretary for Youth and Community.

Peter Baffoe is a lay worker who oversees youth work at Bermondsey Central Hall, one of the largest Methodist churches in the Connexion.

Grace McAloon is a former Youth Representative and current member of the 3Generate Design Team and 3Generate venue lead.

Roxanne Bainbridge is a current Youth Representative. She is the World Youth Rep, and has been for the past four years. She is also a ONE Intern with All We Can.

Penny Fuller is the Children, Youth and Family Ministries' Coordinator for the Connexional Team.

Doug Swanney is the Connexional Secretary.

Adam Wilkinson is a Student Worker and Young Adult Worker in Newcastle.

Joy Everingham is a deacon and a University Chaplain with significant experience of pastoral work with 18-25s.

Farai Mapamula is a presbyter serving in a culturally diverse urban context.