

47. Report to the Representative Session of business conducted by the Conference Diaconal Committee

The Conference Diaconal Committee ("the Committee") met during the Convocation of the Methodist Diaconal Order on 3 May 2016. The President took the Chair.

1. Deacons who have died

The Committee approved the obituaries, as printed and circulated, of Edna May Bell, Margaret Louise Cox, Janet Irene Edwards, Christine Greening, Iley Hearle, Susan Hibberd, Phillipa Mary Kirby-Girdlestone and Dorothy Mary Newton.

2. Candidates

2.1 The Committee recommended, with the required majority, acceptance by the Representative Session of the following candidates to proceed immediately into pre-ordination training:

Katherine Jane Johnson
Nigel George Perrott
Rebekah Joy Spinks
Robert Austin Stoner

2.2 The Committee noted the following deacons recommended by the Ministerial Candidates' Selection Committee for training for presbyteral ministry upon transfer from diaconal ministry:

No case

2.3 The Committee noted the following accepted diaconal candidates recommended by the Ministerial Candidates' Selection Committee for training for presbyteral ministry:

No case

3. Transfer

No case

4. Training and probation

The Committee adopted the following special reports of the Diaconal Candidates' and Probationers' Oversight Committee:

4.1 Candidates accepted at previous Conferences and given permission to delay entry into training:

No case

4.2 Candidates accepted at this Conference and to be given permission to delay entry into training:

No case

4.3 Candidates accepted at this Conference and to be given permission to transfer to another Conference:

No case

4.4 Candidates conditionally accepted at previous Conferences:

(a) Those judged to have fulfilled the condition and therefore to be accepted as candidates

No case

(b) Those judged to have failed to fulfil the condition and thereby not to be accepted as candidates

No case

(c) Those still to fulfil the condition

No case

4.5 Changes in expected date of Reception into Full Connexion:

(a) To an earlier date

No case

(b) To a later date

Corinne Brown 2019 (from 2018)

Laura Evans 2017 (from 2016)

Elizabeth Harfleet 2018 (from 2017)

Shirley Hassall 2019 (from 2018)

4.6 Special cases:

No case

4.7 Deferred entry into probation:

Corinne Brown

4.8 Withdrawals under SO 727:

(a) Candidates

No case

(b) Student deacons

No case

(c) Probationers

No case

4.9 Transfer to other Conferences or Churches:

No case

4.10 Reinstatements under SO 761:

(a) Student deacons

No case

(b) Probationers

No case

4.11 Discipline:

No case

4.12 The Committee noted, pursuant to SO 031, that the following students and probationers had been discontinued:

Yasha Rukudzo Mashoko

The Committee recommended to the Representative Session that the following continue in training or on probation:

In the following lists:

* = change from the lists approved by the 2015 Conference

+ = candidates accepted by the 2015 Conference

<i>Surname</i>	<i>First name(s)</i>	<i>Due to be received into Full Connexion</i>
*Brown	Corinne Anne	2019
Brown	Linda	2018
Esama-John	Jacqueline Abigail Patricia Onike	2018
*Evans	Laura	2017
+ Gibson	Beverley Jane	2019
*Harfleet	Elizabeth	2018
*Hassall	Shirley Dianne	2019
McMillan	Alison	2017
Morgan	Gail	2017
Nisbett	Selina Jane	2017
+ Parnell	Jennifer	2019
Skuce	Marlene Alison	2017
Stoddart	Judith Elizabeth	2019
+ Wheadon	Sally Anne	2020
Wickett	Sarah Louise	2018
Wright	Jacqueline Linda	2018

5. Ordinands

The Committee recommended to the Representative Session of the Conference that the following are fit to be received into Full Connexion with the Conference as deacons, and, if not already ordained, to be ordained and to be received into full membership of the Methodist Diaconal Order:

Angela Patricia Allport
Melanie Beavon
Timothy Arthur Coleman
Joy Michaela Everingham
Linda Gilson
Maria Anne Howard
Pamela Luxton
Julie Morton
Lemia Nkwelah
Margaret Eleanor Patchett
Peter George Reast
Ramona Samuel
Suzie Godinho Barony Viana

6. Permission to serve abroad

Angleena Keizer

7. Permission to reside abroad

No case

8. Deacons becoming supernumerary

- a) The Committee recommended to the Representative Session that the following deacons be permitted to become supernumerary:

C Gillian Atkinson-Heck
Susan Langdale
Janet H Thomas

- b) Permissions granted during the year:

During the year the President permitted the following deacon to become supernumerary on health grounds:

Susan Jackson

(See the Presbyters and Deacons Becoming Supernumerary or Returning to the Active Work section of the Agenda for the resolution to be presented to the Representative Session.)

9. Resignations

The Committee noted that the President had given permission for the following deacons to resign:

*James Poch
Ruth Poch*

10. Annual inquiry

The Deputy Warden of the Order gave to the President on behalf of the Convocation the assurances as to the character and discipline of the deacons and diaconal probationers required by Standing Order 183.

*****RESOLUTIONS**

47/1. The Conference received the Report.

47/2. The Conference resolved, by a Standing Vote, that it accepted 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:

**Katherine Jane Johnson
Nigel George Perrott
Rebekkah Joy Spinks
Robert Austin Stoner**

47/3. The Conference adopted the report on diaconal students and probationers recommended for continuance in training or on probation as set out in section 4.

47/4. The Conference resolved by a Standing Vote that those persons whose names have 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, if not already ordained, to be ordained by prayer and the laying on of hands and to be received into full membership of the Methodist Diaconal Order on the afternoon of this day, the 3rd day of July, at Westminster Central Hall.