

1/1 The Conference in its Presbyteral Session assembled in Westminster Central Hall, London at 14.15, The Revd Steven J Wild, 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 Vice-President of the Conference, Dr B Jill Barber.

1/3 The Conference adjourned at 15.32.

1/4 The Conference reassembled at 16.15.

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 518-524) 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 525) 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:

**The Chairs of each Home District**

The Revd Andrew P Maguire *vice* The Revd Julian M Pursehouse

**London**

The Revd Suva L Catford *vice* The Revd Louise E Morrissey

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

*adding* The Revd Sonia M Hicks

*deleting* The Revd Pearl A Luxon

1/6 **LETTERS**

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

The Revd John D Ashplant (1945)

The Revd Charles Banks (1946)

The Revd T Brian Coleman (1945)

The Revd James W Errington (1945)

The Revd William Farrell (1945)

The Revd John Garfoot (1942)

The Revd Robert O Higginson (1945)

The Revd Arthur H Howell (1946)

The Revd Eric Jones (1942)

The Revd James Mills (1943)

The Revd Ronald H Rich (1946)

- 1/7      **HOURS OF SESSION**  
The Conference agreed that these should be 14.15-15.45 and 16.15-18.15 on Thursday, 30 June; 09.45-11.10, 11.30-13.00, 14.15-14.45, 15.15-16.30 and 16.50-18.50 on Friday, 1 July.
- 1/8      **APPOINTMENT OF SCRUTINEERS**  
The Conference appointed the Committee of Scrutineers as follows:
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| The Revd Dr Jonathan K<br>Gichaara | The Revd Ann Lett       |
| The Revd Robert O Hilton           | The Revd Susan Levitt   |
| The Revd Philip J Jackson          | The Revd Valerie J Reid |
- 1/9      **APPOINTMENT OF ATTESTORS**  
The Revds Bonni-Belle F Pickard and Kerry W Tankard were appointed to attest the 'written portion' of the Daily Record of the Presbyteral Session.
- 1/10     **16. THE REPORT OF THE PRESBYTERAL SESSION BUSINESS COMMITTEE**  
The Conference adopted Resolution 16/1.
- 1/11     **8. CONFERENCE ARRANGEMENTS**  
The Conference adopted Resolutions 8/3, 8/4, 8/5 and 8/6.
- 1/12     A session on the theme ***The God who holds all things: holding us in our contexts*** was led by the President and three presbyters visiting from other parts of the World Church:
- The Revd Tevita Banivanua, The Methodist Church in Fiji  
The Revd Mirella Manocchio, Opera per le Chiese Evangelische Metodiste in Italia (OPCEMI)  
The Rt Revd Fonki Samuel Forba, The Presbyterian Church in Cameroon
- 1/13     The Conference engaged in discussion of Agenda Item **33. The Theology and Ecclesiology Underpinning the Diaconate – Interim Report.**
- 1/14     The Conference shared in worship, and adjourned at 18.24.

2/1 The Conference assembled at 09.45, and shared in worship.

2/2 **OBITUARIES**

2/2/1 The Conference adopted the Obituaries as printed and circulated to the Conference, 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 **1. In Great Britain**

**Michael Ritson Corney:** Born in Halesworth, Suffolk on 14 April 1943. He spent his childhood in Oulton Broad, Lowestoft, being educated at Dell Road Primary and Alderman Woodrow Secondary schools. Michael was part of High Street Methodist Church, Lowestoft, where he became involved in the circuit Mission Band. He was accredited as a local preacher in his late teens. Leaving school at 16, Michael embarked upon a career in the catering industry. He trained at Norwich City College and after completing his apprenticeship, became General Catering Manager of the Rustington Hotel in Eastbourne. A complete career change came when Michael began working as lay co-ordinator of work among severely disabled adults and young people at the Deptford Methodist Mission. During this time, he married Jenny. They had two sons, Andrew and Christopher. Encouraged by the Revd George Sherratt and the Revd Bill Motson, Michael offered as a candidate for the ministry. He trained at Wesley College, Bristol and enjoyed an ecumenical element at Wells Anglican Theological College. He served in the following circuits: Shildon, Middlesbrough and Eston, Ipswich, Fenland and Norwich. As a widower, Michael married Yvonne in 1988. He was chair of Norwich Churches Together, chair of Norfolk & Norwich Novi Sad Churches Group, chaplain to Chapelfield Retail Centre site and to Cromwell House, Methodist Homes for the Aged. Michael's ministry placed priority on worship and pastoral care. He was creative and thoughtful, expressing himself in art and writing. Following his transplant, Michael took his own presentation "The Time of My Life" to many groups, raising awareness for transplant donors and funding for the Liver Trust. He loved to travel and led pilgrimages with Yvonne to the Holy Land. He retired early, due to ill health and easily resisted church meetings and committees. He had reservations about the shape and direction of today's church. He endeavoured to keep the essentials of his Christian life intact, continuing to preach, lead funerals and to appreciate services which reflected the holiness and dignity of God. He died on 9 April 2016 in the seventy-third year of his age and the forty-fifth year of his ministry.

2/2/3 **John Keith Jackson:** Born in Reeth, North Yorkshire on 2 May 1930. He attended Richmond Grammar School and at the age of 18 travelled to Kenya to do his national service. Keith developed a firm interest in engineering and embarked on a long career in the water industry, driven by the conviction that 'water is an essential public service'. His final project in this industry was to direct a scheme in Manila. He married Joan in 1956 and they had three children, Helen, Paul and Alice. Shortly after Helen was born, Keith began his journey to becoming a local preacher. He was

called to full-time Methodist ministry as he returned home to the UK and candidated in 1985/86, under the guidance of his Bristol minister the Revd Philip Moore. Keith was accepted as a senior candidate. He served in the following circuits: Doncaster and Chesterfield. In his first circuit he had pastoral charge of congregations in Conisborough, Edlington, Sprotbrough and Braithwell; all in areas which were still experiencing the impact of the coalminers' strike of 1984. Without doubt he realised this was a place where he was needed and could make a useful contribution. In his second circuit he had pastoral charge of congregations in Whittington Moor, Newbold, Cutthorpe and Barlow. Witness here was well established and experience was gained in inter-church gatherings with monthly meetings in places marking events such as Whitsuntide parades and well-dressings. All churches had mid-week gatherings, particularly Whittington Moor and Newbold, with these being for young people, Bible study, pensioners' lunches and concerts. During 1995 Keith became a supernumerary and returned to his home village of Reeth; he greatly enjoyed meeting up with old school friends, joining in with local activities and preaching around Swaledale and Wensleydale. He died on 2 June 2016 in the eighty-seventh year of his age and the thirty-first year of his ministry.

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**Victor Lamont:** Born in Liverpool on 22 March 1938. Here he acquired his lifelong love of football. Having been invited to church by a friend aged 15 he felt a real challenge to change his life experiencing a profound 'conversion' leading him to being accepted as an evangelist at Cliff College. He trained in Handsworth College, Birmingham as a Methodist minister. In probation he served in Stepney, and Wolverhampton. After he served in the following circuits: Hull Mission, Kenya Conference, London Mission (East) and South Petherton and Crewkerne. Never an orthodox minister, his message of how the gospel could be spread was often in conflict with traditional views. He would say 'If people really believed the gospel, how could worship possibly be boring?' He worked with Christian Aid providing youth leadership training in Limuru Conference in Kenya, and received permission to serve in non-traditional ways as a minister. He used vision, imagination and flair to assist others in growth and development. Later he worked in India supporting an Intermediate Technology project. In England he started a company which bought handmade crafts directly from overseas villages and sold them in the Somerset village where he lived. *Global Village Crafts* grew into a large company. The company never became a charity as Victor did not want skilled craftsmen believing they were receiving handouts. When it ended he returned to his beloved Africa and worked for the EU and UN with rural communities around the world training them how to sell their products to the west without being taken advantage of. His love of travel and his passion for 'Trade not Aid' enabled him to use all his creative skills. He had a natural way, through humour and passion, of communicating with artisans worldwide. He lived for several years in Chaing Mai in northern Thailand coping with increasing ill health. Victor married Rowena Highfield in 1966 and their marriage ended in 1993. They had two sons. Alex and Nick both married, each with two children. Victor spent the last 18 months of his life living in the UK with Nick and his family. He died on 15 May 2016 in the seventy-ninth year of his age and the fifty-second year of his ministry.

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**Derek Longley:** Born in Banstead, Surrey on 27 December 1939 but grew up in York. Derek married Maureen and they had three sons, all with much loved families. He taught in secondary schools in Chelmsford, Tanzania, Tolworth and Evesham. Derek trained at the Queen's College Birmingham. He served in the following circuits: Bedale and Shrewsbury. Derek and Maureen retired to Ludlow. He died on 25 April 2016 in the seventy-seventh year of his age and the twenty-sixth year of his ministry. At his own request there is no further obituary.

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**Francis Samuel Nabieu:** Born in Bunumbu, Sierra Leone on 4 June 1956. His family was Muslim, but he attended a Methodist Secondary School and became a Christian at a Scripture Union Camp. Acting as a translator for British and Irish Missionaries and encouraged to complete his school studies, he trained as a Local Preacher. In gratitude for all that God had done in his life, Francis offered for ministry in the Methodist Church Sierra Leone. Post-ordination study was at Queen's University in Belfast. Later, he gained an MA in Evangelism Studies through Cliff College. His ministry in Sierra Leone was fruitful, courageous and distinguished, becoming a District Chair. In 1993 he joined the staff of the Sierra Leone Theological College, from 1996 serving as its Principal. In 1999 he was elected as President of the Methodist Church Sierra Leone, a post he held for 11 years. Serving at a time of great challenge as the country recovered after civil war, he was much involved in the reconciliation and peace process. Francis served on the national Council of Churches and the Inter-Religious Council and was a member of the West Africa Fellowship of Churches and the All Africa Conference of Churches, serving on the latter's General Committee. At the end of his term as President, Francis offered to serve in the Methodist Church in Britain, in part to give space to his successor, but also to be nearer members of his family living in the UK. He was stationed in the York Circuit, being received into Full Connexion in 2014. His final appointment was to the Croydon Circuit, where for nine months he exercised an important ministry of reconciliation before a tragic road accident in Sierra Leone took his life. Francis is remembered as a much loved pastor and a fine preacher. His humility and generosity endeared him to people as he worked tirelessly for the good of God's Kingdom within and beyond the Church. He had a passion for teaching and bible study and a great heart for the Gospel; his greatest desire was that people 'love God'. He was a loyal colleague whom others found it a privilege to serve alongside as they drew upon his experience and wisdom. Francis possessed a great sense of humour and he loved to sing. He valued lasting world-wide friendships. Ever concerned for the church in Sierra Leone, he delighted to be in touch with UK colleagues who had served there, to the mutual benefit of the church in both countries, especially through the Cliff College Fellowship. Married to Rosaline, they had two children, Wallace and Lovetta. He was always concerned to be a real help to his children and grandchildren. He brought personal commitment and a love for the Lord to his exceptional ministry; indeed, these values shaped the whole of his life. Buried in the historic Methodist Cemetery at Nixon Memorial Hospital in Segbwema, Sierra Leone, he is at rest in the Lord. Francis died on 11 May 2016, in the sixtieth year of his age and the thirty-fourth year of his ministry.

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**Jeffrey Hubert South:** Born in Jersey, Channel Islands on 11 June 1940 to a family of 4 boys. Jersey was then under German occupation and Jeffrey's family had little resources to live with during those days. The family moved to England when Jeffrey was about 11 years. He went to Victoria College Preparatory School, and had his secondary education at Dartford Secondary Modern and Langford Secondary Modern at Feltham, finishing at Chiswick Polytechnic. Jeffrey had a break in education and became a volunteer 'befriender' at Feltham Borstal. He later worked in the insurance sector in London. In 1961, Jeffrey studied at Cliff College for two years. He then tried to work in filing cabinet production to see what it was like in industry. Jeffrey trained for the ministry at Richmond College from 1963 to 1966. He held a Bachelors degree, which he obtained from the Open University. He served in the following circuits: Doncaster (West) and Doncaster Coalfields Mission, Rossendale, Chesterfield, Nottingham (North), Coalville, Sheffield and Ripley. He married Jean when he was a probationer minister in Doncaster on 17 August 1967. Their daughter, Ruth, was born in Doncaster. He retired in 2004 and moved back to Doncaster with his family. Jeffrey was a very generous man. For example, he took people from all backgrounds into his home, fed and cared for them. He preached with his convictions from the word of God. Jeffrey was ecumenically minded and

worked for church unity during his ministry. In retirement, he became involved with his local church especially, in house group and prayer meetings. He also motivated the local church to complete a refurbishment project in 18 months. He died on 2 June 2016 in the seventy-sixth year of his age and fiftieth year of his ministry.

2/2/8 **Wallace Hardy White:** Born in Brockley, South East London on 22 December 1919. He was the son of a printer, and at 13 won a scholarship to The Mercers' School. He met his wife Joan, the love of his life, at 16 and they married on 16 June 1945. They had two children, Frances and Christopher. Wallace was a conscientious objector, and worked on the land during the war. He trained at Handsworth College, and served in the following circuits: Birmingham (Great Barr and Kingstanding), Manchester Mission, Ealing and Acton, Richmond, Guildford, Winchester, Woking and Walton-on-Thames. His circuit ministry included being a prison chaplain at Strangeways Prison, Manchester and the overseeing of many new building work projects, one particular example being a new church at Greenford in the Ealing and Acton circuit. His was a very practical ministry and much of his time was spent visiting the sick, elderly and those in need. He was a socialist and a pacifist, and his politics and faith were intertwined. He regularly went on the CND Aldermaston marches each Easter Monday. In his ministry he had a particular concern for the vulnerable, the weak and the poor. His spirituality was grounded in the realities of the life and faith he lived, which was a broad minded inclusive Christianity with a healthy respect and tolerance for those whose faith was different from his own. His preaching was accessible, straightforward and relevant to people's lives. In retirement, he worked as an active supernumerary in Shaftesbury, valuing the opportunity to be involved in local radio broadcasting. He had wide interests. He was a dedicated Guardian reader and enjoyed poetry, ballet, classical music, history, politics and art. His learning served his ministry rather than being an end in itself. His passion was gardening and he travelled extensively. Throughout his ministry he was supported by his wife Joan, who survives him. He died on 12 April 2016 in the ninety-seventh year of his age and the seventy-first year of his ministry.

2/3 The Revd Dr Jonathan Hustler led the Conference in discussion of the draft selection criteria for candidates for ordained ministry contained in Agenda Item **24. METHODIST COUNCIL Part 2 Section K.**

2/4 The Conference adjourned at 11.13.

2/5 The Conference reassembled in closed session at 11.30.

## 2/6 **45. MINISTERIAL CANDIDATES' AND PROBATIONERS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE**

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

2/6/1 The Conference concurred with the recommendations of the Candidates' Appeals Committee.

2/6/2 The Conference recommended, with the required majority, acceptance by the Representative Session of the following candidates, to proceed unconditionally into pre-ordination training:

Dalwyn Ronald Attwell  
Daniel James Balsdon  
Paul Graham Carter  
Tracey Anne Darling  
James Stephen Garnet  
Ruth Elizabeth Gilson

Natalie Jade Hackett  
Moses John  
Julie Ann King  
Nicola Joy Langton-Miller  
Judith Cecilia Lincoln  
Alexis Jack Mahoney

Andrew Clive Glover Marchington  
Leigh Andrew Maydew  
Naomi Margaret Oates  
Thomas James Parker  
Stuart John Reed  
Zena Frances Smith

Josephine Ah Moi Soon  
Andrew John Sterling  
Susan Barbara Taylor  
Joy Ruth Ventom  
Jervis Daniel Yovan

2/6/3 The Conference adopted Resolution 45/2.

2/7 **2. Special Reports**

2/7/1 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.

2/7/2 The Conference agreed the following changes in expected date of Reception into Full Connexion:

*To a later date:*

Alexandra Claire Dunstan	2018 (from 2017)
David Michael Lees	2019 (from 2018)
Morwenna Wills	2020 (from 2018)

2/7/3 The Conference received a special report regarding student presbyter Simon Young whose expected date of Reception into Full Connexion is uncertain.

2/7/4 The Conference noted that Melanie Zoe Hartley had withdrawn from training.

2/7/5 The Conference noted that Andrew Richard Harper, who had been received by transfer at the Conference of 2015 to proceed into pre-ordination training, had withdrawn to return to the United Methodist Church.

2/7/6 The Conference adopted Resolution 45/1,

p 427, **1.5 Changes in expected date of Reception into Full Connexion**  
(b) To a later date  
*deleting* 'Grace Cauldwell 2019 (from 2018)'

2/8 **3. Preachers Recommended for Continuance on Trial**

The Conference adopted Resolution 45/4.

2/9 **4. Preachers on Trial presented to the Conference for Reception into Full Connexion**

2/9/1 The Conference accepted the recommendation of the Ministerial Candidates' and Probationers' Oversight Committee that the following are fit to be admitted into Full Connexion with the Conference as presbyters:

Felicity Al-Hassan  
Gareth Peter Baron  
Iris Ruth Bray  
Joanna Marie Brown  
Susan Margaret Burton  
Steven Carpenter  
Rita Carr  
Naomi Cooke

Steven Robert McKay Cooper  
James Alan Cruddas  
Lesley Dinham  
Christine Margaret Dutton  
William Edward Fletcher  
Lewis James Greaves  
Melanie Jayne Greenall  
Tracey Jayne Harris

Helen Hooley  
John Gareth Hughes  
Carmel Ieraci  
Stephen Phillip Jakeman  
Ji Ling Yu  
Kate Elizabeth Konrad  
Deborah Cooke Mallett  
Jennifer Avrielle Matthews  
Derek John McLean  
John David Mills  
Andrew John Mumford  
Papa Kwaku Bona Owusu  
SangWoo Seo

Gillian Sharp  
Suzanne Lesley Shortman  
Julia Skitt  
Jemima Elizabeth Strain  
Paul Tabraham  
Wendy Ann Thornton  
Janet Titterton  
Catherine Margaret Wagstaff  
Rosalind Watson  
Rachel Wheeler  
David John Leslie Willis  
Daniel Woodhouse  
Timothy David Woolley

- 2/9/2 The Conference, by a Standing Vote, adopted Resolution 45/5,  
p 433, for 'Owusu, Papa Kwaku' reading 'Owusu, Papa Kwaku Bona'
- 2/10 **48. PRESBYTERAL TRANSFERS AND REINSTATEMENTS**
- 1. Recommendations of the Ministerial Candidates' Selection Committee acting as Transfer Committee (under S.O.730)**
- 2/10/1 The Conference concurred with a recommendation of a Candidates' Appeals Committee hearing an appeal by an applicant for transfer.
- 2/10/2 The Conference accepted, with the required majority, the recommendation of the Ministerial Candidates' Selection Committee that the following be received into Full Connexion by transfer in 2016:
- John Allan Taylor (Churches in Communities International)  
Marcus Torchon (The Methodist Church in the Caribbean and the Americas)  
Robert Zachar (United Methodist Church of Slovakia)
- 2/10/3 The Conference accepted, with the required majority, the recommendation of the Ministerial Candidates' Selection Committee that the following proceed to probation in preparation for being received into Full Connexion:
- Frances Anne Ballantyne (Congregational Federation)
- 2/10/4 The Conference accepted the recommendation of the Ministerial 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):
- Jonathan Scott Manning (The Methodist Church of Southern Africa)  
Ung Soon Nguang (Methodist Church in Malaysia)  
Michael Angley Ogwuche (Church of God Scotland)  
Henry Chilemeze Ohakah (The Methodist Church, Nigeria)  
Israel Selvanayagam (The Church of South India)  
Cleopas Sibanda (The Methodist Church in Zimbabwe)  
Alex Yesudas (The Church of South India)
- 2/10/5 **3. Recommendations for Reinstatements to Full Connexion**  
The Conference concurred with the recommendations of Reinstatement Committees.
- 2/10/6 The Conference adopted Resolution 48/1.



2/10/7 The Conference, by a Standing Vote, adopted Resolution 48/2.

2/11 **42. PERMISSIONS TO SERVE**

The Conference adopted Resolution 42/1,

**5. Permission to reside abroad, in the draft of the stations**

*[as corrected by 6/18/2]*

*adding* Ronald W C Hoar (New Zealand)

*for* Stephen H Ward *reading* Stephen H Ward (Cyprus)

2/12 **RESIGNATIONS**

2/12/1 The Conference accepted a report that the President had accepted the resignation of the following presbyters in Full Connexion, according them the status indicated:

Kate (Catherine) R Ashton	no status
Jonathan W Kerry	no status
Pauline Fellows	no status
Christopher J Mabb	no status

2/12/2 The Secretary of the Conference reported on a case in respect of which a Committee of Reference had been appointed by the last Conference. It had not been necessary for the Committee to meet.

2/13 The Conference received the report of the Convenor of Connexional Discipline, Pastoral and Appeal Committees.

2/14 The Conference adjourned at 12.13.

2/15 The Conference reassembled in open session at 12.30.

2/16 **Notice of Motion 201(P) – After the Referendum: National Life**

As a result of the referendum on 23 June 2016, the United Kingdom has voted to leave the European Union. In this time of very significant change and uncertainty there is a need for leadership which seeks the common good and encourages people to work together, to respect one another and to uphold the dignity of all.

The Methodist Conference believes that the British Isles are enriched by diversity and celebrates the contribution made by those who have come from other parts of the world.

The Christian tradition calls for respect, tolerance, love of neighbour and hospitality to the stranger. All bear the responsibility of speaking and acting for healing, reconciliation, and mutual respect.

The Methodist Conference abhors and deeply regrets those actions and words which incite hatred and lead to the victimisation of groups within society and notes with concern that such actions and words have been normalised in recent public discourse.

Believing that racism is a denial of the gospel and that to stay silent when others are abused is to collude with those who seek to promote hatred and division, the Methodist Conference calls:

- on the Methodist people to challenge racism and discrimination;

- for a political debate which neither demonises any nor leaves the vulnerable (the foreigner, the immigrant and refugee) in danger of victimisation;
- on political leaders to work together for the good of the whole community putting the needs of the nation before party politics;
- on all those in positions of power and authority to hear the voices of those who have been marginalised and alienated and to respond to them in ways which offer real hope for the future.

The Conference encourages the Methodist people to join the campaign to wear an empty safety pin as a badge symbolising solidarity against racism.

The Conference directs that this statement be sent to the Prime Minister, to all MPs and to national media and that it be read in all Methodist Churches on Sunday 10 July 2016 or as soon as possible in July.

The Presbyteral Session of the Conference refers the substance of this notice of motion to the Representative Session and invites that Session to support it.

The Conference adopted the motion. *[as corrected by 5/18/1]*

2/17 The Conference adjourned at 13.00.

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*

Gordon Emerson Barritt	Barbara May Facey
Alan Lewis Baxter	Muriel Frampton**
Gwendolyn Elizabeth Blandford	Roy Sidney Freeman
Cyril Derek Blount	David Gamble
John Richard Bradley	James Gartside+
David Sydney Bridge	Ronald Charles Gibbins
Leonard George Bridgeman	Raymond Goadby
Brian Frederick Burns*	Brian Aubrey Greet
Graham Caink	Grahame Hall
David Geoffrey Albert Calvert	David Jeremy Hare
Michael John Chapman	Elizabeth Emily Harron
John Chilton	Patrick William Harrower**
David Frederick Clarke+	Graham Thomas Haslam
Owen Taylor Cole	William Herbert Hopkins
Michael Ritson Corney	David Horswill
John Malcolm Creamer	Peter Neville Hudson*
Edward Courtney Curliss	Geoffrey Charles Huggett*
Jean Dane	Hugh Penry Hughes
Thomas John Davies	Raymond Hughes*
Joseph William Dickinson**	Dorothy Inman
Duncan Anthony Edwards	John Keith Jackson
Michael Shaun Etheridge	Michael Leslie Jackson
Peter Facer	Bernard Douglas Jinkin

Arnold Samuel Johnson  
 Ivor Harold Jones  
 Ronald Kettell  
 Graham Kidman  
 Stanley Dugdale Knowles  
 Victor Lamont  
 Derek Longley  
 David Mann\*\*  
 Vernon Marsh\*\*  
 Horace Charles Marshall\*  
 Ian Howard Marshall  
 Arthur Merritt  
 Arthur Penlington Middlehurst  
 Margaret Jean Murrie  
 Francis Samuel Nabieu  
 Norman Roy Neil  
 Peter Nock  
 Charles Geoffrey Hulme Nowell  
 Arthur Derek Orange  
 Keith John Parr  
 Richard Keith Parsons  
 Hazel Whitfield Queripel\*  
 Inez Agatha Reid\*  
 David Turner Thomas Richardson  
 Joseph Alfred David Ridholls  
 Bryan Arthur Rippin  
 Alec Malcolm Roberts  
 Cyril Stanley Rodd  
 Donald Guy Rogers

Margaret Lilian Roskilly  
 Naomi Elizabeth Saunders  
 Donald Shaw\*\*  
 Ivan James Selman  
 Robert Senior  
 Kathleen Florence Share  
 Cecil Havelock Smith\*\*  
 Charles Henry Smith  
 Michael Charles Smith  
 Norman Smith  
 Jeffrey Hubert South\*\*  
 Kenneth William Sowerby  
 Ernest Benjamin Ekundayo  
 Stafford#  
 Trevor Staniforth  
 Geoffrey Sidney Todd  
 Kenneth Robert Tucker  
 Fred Turner  
 George Herbert Turner  
 William Malcolm Wainwright  
 Anthony Rodger Walton  
 Bernard James Ward\*\*  
 Noel Leslie Philip Warman  
 Frances Joan Watson  
 David John Conway Wheeler  
 Wallace Hardy White  
 Elaine Woolley  
 Peter Donald Wright

## 2. In Ireland

John Richard Brooks  
 Charles George Eyre  
 John Jones Nelson

William Edward Olmstead  
 Richard Henry Taylor  
 Jean Margaret Thompson

- \* Presbyters who had died before or during the previous Conference but whose Obituaries are presented to this Conference.
- \*\* Obituaries for these Presbyters will be presented to the next Conference.
- + Obituaries presented to the last Conference but not published in The Minutes of Conference.
- # Until 2008 in Full Connexion with the Conference, becoming R&R on the granting of autonomy to the Methodist Church The Gambia. The obituary therefore is to be presented to the Conference of the Methodist Church The Gambia.

2/20 The Conference adjourned at 14.52.

2/21 The Conference reassembled at 15.15.

2/22 The Conference was addressed by The Revd Dr Jane Leach, Principal of Wesley House, Cambridge, on the theme ***The God who holds all things: what does the presbyter hold?*** The Conference engaged in discussion.

- 2/23      **PRESBYTERAL SESSION BUSINESS COMMITTEE**  
The Conference elected The Revd Victoria O Bravette to serve on the Presbyteral Session Business Committee for the Conferences of 2017-2019.
- 2/24      The Conference adjourned at 16.32.
- 2/25      The Conference reassembled at 16.50.
- 2/26      **PASTORAL ADDRESS**  
The President of the Conference addressed the Conference.
- 2/27      **54. PRESBYTERS BECOMING SUPERNUMERARY OR RETURNING TO THE ACTIVE WORK**
- 2/27/1    The Conference adopted Resolution 54/1,  
                  p 497,  
                  in **1. Recommended to return to the active work**  
                  *adding* Wendy M Evans-Wood  
  
                  in **3. Presbyters requesting permission to become supernumerary**  
                  *adding* \*Helen M Freeston (13)  
                  *adding* \*Jane R Parker (14)  
                  *adding* Robert O Saunders (48)  
                  *adding* \*Philip A Sharpe (22)  
                  *for* Stephen L Kingsnorth *reading* \*Stephen L Kingsnorth
- 2/27/2    The Conference adopted Resolution 54/2, noting the corrections under **3.** above.
- 2/28      **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.
- 2/29      **THANKS TO THE PRESIDENT**  
The Revd Kenneth G Howcroft expressed the thanks of the Conference to the President of the Conference.
- 2/30      **LETTERS**  
Letters of thanks were sent in the name of the Conference to those who had led worship and led the Conference in discussion and to the Head of Visitor Experience at Westminster Abbey for organising a visit to the Abbey by World Church representatives and others.
- 2/31      The Conference shared in worship.
- 2/32      The Conference resolved by a Standing Vote to adjourn to 14.15 on Saturday 2 July for the Representative Session.
- 2/33      The Conference adjourned at 17.57.

3/1 The Conference in its Representative Session assembled in Westminster Central Hall, London at 14.15, The Revd Steven J Wild, the President of the Conference, in the Chair.

3/2 **PRAYERS**

The Secretary of the Methodist Church in Ireland, The Revd Dr John Stephens, led opening prayers.

3/3 **WELCOME TO THE CONFERENCE**

The Secretary welcomed the Conference.

3/4 **MEMBERSHIP OF THE CONFERENCE**

3/4/1 The Conference adopted the membership of this session of the Conference as set out in the Agenda (pp 518-524), as amended by Daily Record 1/5 and the following substitutions and corrections:

**Representatives from the Irish Conference**

Mrs Charlotte Maye *vice* Mr Gary Crooks

**Conference-elected Representatives**

*deleting* Ms Hayley Moss [a substitute for whom would be appointed]

**Synod Cymru**

Sister Eluned Williams *vice* Mr R Arfon Williams

**Lincolnshire**

Mrs Libby Craggs *vice* Mr David Stubbs

**Newcastle-upon-Tyne**

Mr Christopher Horton *vice* Mr Christopher Stephens

**Sheffield**

*for* Miss Anna Mallender *reading* Mrs Anna Malnutt

**Wolverhampton and Shrewsbury**

Mr Denis Beaumont *vice* Miss Jacqueline Hill

**Associate Members**

**(b) Overseas**

*for* The Revd Jose Lopez Guerrero *reading* The Revd Jose Miguel Lopez Guerrero

Bishop Leo Rodrick Paul *vice* Bishop Samuel Azariah of The Church of Pakistan

*recording that* Mrs Winnie Imanyara of The Methodist Church Kenya and Mr Joseph Mondal of The Church of Bangladesh are unable to attend

*recording that* Ms Gillian M Dascombe, Ex-Vice-President, is unable to attend

3/4/2 The Conference adopted as Resolution M/1:

The Conference elects Mrs Susan R Howdle as a Conference-elected member of the 2016 Conference.

3/5 **APPOINTMENT OF SCRUTINEERS**

The Conference appointed the Scrutineers as follows:

Mr Mike Anderson	Mr Graham Kay
The Revd Ashley R Cooper	Dr Stephen Leah
Mrs Angela Doyle	The Revd Ann Lett
The Revd Dr Jonathan K Gichaara	The Revd Susan Levitt
Mrs Jennie Harris	Mrs Anna Malnutt
Mrs Sylvia Harrison	The Revd Valerie J Reid
The Revd Robert O Hilton	Ms Virtue Ryan
Mr John Hogarth	Mrs Caroline Stead
The Revd Philip J Jackson	Mrs Christine Thompson

3/6 **PRESIDENT AND VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE CONFERENCE**

3/6/1 The Revd Dr Roger Leonard Walton, 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).

3/6/2 Ms Rachel Judith Lampard, 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).

3/6/3 The Induction of the President and the Vice-President took place.

3/7 **THE LOYAL ADDRESS**

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

3/8 **WORLD CHURCH AND ECUMENICAL REPRESENTATIVES AND GUESTS**

3/8/1 The Conference welcomed full members and Associate members of the Conference from The Methodist Church in Ireland, The United Methodist Church, The Church of North India, The China Christian Council, The Methodist Church in Fiji, The Church of Pakistan, Iglesia Evangélica Metodista de Nicaragua, Iglesia Evangélica Metodista Argentina, Iglesia Evangélica Metodista de Chile, Iglesia Evangélica Metodista en Bolivia, The Methodist Church in the Caribbean and the Americas (Haiti), The United Methodist Church Germany Conference, The United Methodist Church Central Conference of Northern Europe, Igreja Evangelica Metodista Portuguesa, Opera per le Chiese Evangelische Metodiste in Italia (OPCEMI), The Methodist Church of Southern Africa, The Presbyterian Church in Cameroon and from among our Mission Partners.

3/8/2 The Revd Xu Xiaohong of the China Christian Council responded on behalf of the World Church representatives.

3/8/3 The Conference welcomed the ecumenical Associate members of the Conference from The Church of England, The United Reformed Church, The Catholic Bishops' Conference of England/Wales, The Church of Scotland, The Church of the Nazarene and The Movarian Church.

- 3/8/4 The Conference welcomed ecumenical guests: Bishop Anba Angaelos of The Coptic Orthodox Church, The Very Revd Archimandrite Tympas, Priest-in-charge of the Greek Orthodox Church of Ss. Sosmas & Damian, The Revd Dr Hugh Osgood of the Free Churches Group, The Revd Dr Andrew Prasad Moderator of the Thames North Synod of the United Reformed Church and The Revd Canon Steven Saxby of London Churches Social Action.
- 3/8/5 His Grace Bishop Angaelos General Bishop of The Coptic Orthodox Church in the United Kingdom responded on behalf of the ecumenical guests.
- 3/9 **PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS**  
The President of the Conference delivered his inaugural address.
- 3/10 The Conference adjourned at 16.10.
- 3/11 The Conference reassembled at 17.05.
- 3/12 **THE VICE-PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS**  
The Vice-President of the Conference delivered her inaugural address.
- 3/13 The Conference adjourned at 17.44.
- 3/14 The Conference reassembled at 17.50.
- 3/15 **HOURS OF SESSION**  
The Conference agreed that the hours of session from Monday 4 July should be 09.45-11.10; 11.30-13.00; 14.15-16.30; and 16.50-18.50.
- 3/16 **2. FIRST REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE BUSINESS COMMITTEE**  
The Conference adopted Resolution 2/1.
- 3/17 **SECOND REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE BUSINESS COMMITTEE**
- 3/17/1 The Business Committee brings this update to its Report printed in volume 1 of the Agenda (item 2, page 21).
1. As set out in paragraph 7 of that report (page 25), the Conference is required to elect three members of the Business Committee, two lay persons and one minister, to serve on the Committee for three years (the Conferences of 2017, 2018 and 2019). Nomination forms are available from the Helpdesk and should be placed in the ballot boxes by 14:00 on Tuesday 5 July with voting taking place on Wednesday 6 July.
  2. Nomination forms for Conference-elected representatives are available from the Helpdesk. This year, of the three Conference-elected representatives to serve from 2017-2019, two will be presbyteral and one will be lay, thus fulfilling SO 103(2A). Nominations must be submitted by 14:00 on Tuesday 5 July with voting taking place on Wednesday 6 July.
  3. 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 Helpdesk.

4. The Conference is advised that in the event of a counted vote on Saturday, the count will be conducted by the scrutineers who are presbyters and the Chair of the Conference Business Committee. Normal scrutineering arrangements will begin on Monday morning.
5. Nominees for President and Vice-President of the Conference for 2017 and as Conference-elected Representatives 2017-2019 are kindly asked to have their photographs taken, for use in the visual projection during breaks. Would they please see June Howard-Norman in Room 104 as soon as possible and no later than the respective closing times for nominations given in the Agenda page 26. In the event that 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 asc@methodistchurch.org.uk.
6. There are two ballot boxes on each side of the hall. These can all be used at any time on Saturday until 19:00 and from Monday morning onwards for all nomination papers and for all completed ballot papers, strictly observing the deadlines given on page 26 of the Agenda. Please do not place your envelope with your completed Trustee Declaration Form and Register of Interest form in these boxes; they should be deposited in the box by the Helpdesk.
7. 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*].
8. Please note that Deacon Eunice Attwood is available to offer help in the drafting of notices of motion. You can contact Eunice on e.attwood@queens.ac.uk.
9. The list of *en bloc* items of business (page 27) has since been updated and is as printed below [*list not included in the Record*].

3/17/2 The Conference adopted as Resolution B/1:

The Conference receives the Report.

3/18 **47. REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE DIACONAL COMMITTEE**

The Conference adopted Resolutions 47/1 and 47/3.

3/19 **23. JOINT ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON THE ETHICS OF INVESTMENT**

3/19/1 The Conference gave permission for Resolution 23/2 to be withdrawn.

3/19/2 The Conference adopted Resolution 23/1.

3/20 The Conference adjourned at 18.34.



4/1 The Conference assembled at 10.45.

4/2 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:

Felicity Al-Hassan  
Gareth Peter Baron  
Iris Ruth Bray  
Joanna Marie Brown  
Susan Margaret Burton  
Steven Carpenter  
Rita Carr  
Naomi Cooke  
Steven Robert McKay Cooper  
James Alan Cruddas  
Lesley Dinham  
Christine Margaret Dutton  
William Edward Fletcher  
Lewis James Greaves  
Melanie Jayne Greenall  
Tracey Jayne Harris  
Helen Hooley  
John Gareth Hughes  
Carmel Ieraci  
Stephen Phillip Jakeman  
Ji Ling Yu

Kate Elizabeth Konrad  
Deborah Cooke Mallett  
Jennifer Avrille Matthews  
Derek John McLean  
John David Mills  
Andrew John Mumford  
Papa Kwaku Bona Owusu  
SangWoo Seo  
Gillian Sharp  
Suzanne Lesley Shortman  
Julia Skitt  
Jemima Elizabeth Strain  
Paul Tabraham  
Wendy Ann Thornton  
Janet Titterton  
Catherine Margaret Wagstaff  
Rosalind Watson  
Rachel Wheeler  
David John Leslie Willis  
Daniel Woodhouse  
Timothy David Woolley

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

John Allan Taylor  
Marcus Torchon  
Robert Zachar

4/3/3 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 third day of July 2016, at:

Chelmsford Cathedral  
Hinde Street Methodist Church  
St Margaret's Church, Westminster

St Marylebone Parish Church  
Surbiton Hill Methodist Church  
Wesley's Chapel

(Resolution 45/6)

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:

Angela Patricia Allport  
Melanie Beaven  
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

4/4/2 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 be ordained by prayer and the laying on of hands and be received into full membership of the Methodist Diaconal Order on the afternoon of this day, the third day of July 2016, at Westminster Central Hall.

(Resolution 47/4)

4/5 The Conference adjourned at 12.21.

- 5/1 The Conference assembled at 9.45 and shared in worship.
- 5/2 **APPOINTMENT OF ATTESTORS**
- 5/2/1 Ms Sarah Lamb and Deacon Stephen F Roe were appointed to attest the Daily Record and related documents.
- 5/2/2 Mr Michael Anderson and The Revd Olufemi R W Cole-Njie were appointed to attest the Journal and related documents.
- 5/3 **20. UNIFIED STATEMENT OF CONNEXIONAL FINANCES**  
The Conference adopted Resolution 20/1.
- 5/4 **27. CONNEXIONAL CENTRAL SERVICES BUDGET**  
The Conference engaged in discussion of this business.
- 5/5 **3. METHODIST COUNCIL, part 1**  
The Conference adopted Resolutions 3/1, 3/2, 3/3, 3/4, 3/5 and 3/6.
- 5/6 The Conference adjourned at 11.06.
- 5/7 The Conference reassembled at 11.30.
- 5/8 **26. MISSION ALONGSIDE THE POOR IN THE 21<sup>st</sup> CENTURY**
- 5/8/1 The Conference adopted Resolutions 26/1 and 26/2.
- 5/8/2 The Conference adopted Resolution 26/3,  
  
p 230, SO 1004(2)(ii)  
*amending* to read:  
assistance by way of grants for personnel or property schemes, primarily to Local Churches and Circuits, to assist them in ~~mission alongside the poor~~  
***supporting those experiencing poverty and inequality of resources;***
- 5/9 **12. METHODIST INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS TRUST (MIST)**
- 5/9/1 The Conference adopted Resolution 12/1,  
  
p 83, paragraph 3.1, first bullet point  
*replacing* the first sentence with:  
The 1903 Trust Deed (referred to in SO 343(1) as the Methodist Independent Education Trust) establishes an unincorporated body of trustees (as opposed to an incorporated legal entity) who are responsible for the 9 Independent Trust schools.  
  
p 83, paragraph 3.1, fourth bullet point  
in line 3, *deleting* 'MIST and'  
in line 4, *deleting* 'though, of course'

- 5/9/2 The Conference adopted Resolution 12/2 in the following form:
- The Conference directs the Council, in consultation with the Methodist Independent Schools Trust, to bring recommendations on the legal restructuring of the 1903 Trust and the holding of the legal title for independent school property, and to report to the Conference in 2017.
- 5/9/3 The Conference adopted Resolutions 12/3, 12/4 and 12/5.
- 5/9/4 The Conference adopted Resolution 12/6 in the following form:
- The Conference adopts the nomination by the Governors of Kirsten Barnes, Paula Jackman and Kirsty Bashforth as Governors of Ashville College for a period of three years concluding 31 August 2019.
- Reasoned Statement** Kirsty Bashforth is the CEO of QuayFive Ltd, consulting on organisational culture and change. She is a non-executive director of Kier Group plc and a Governor of Leeds Beckett University. She spent 25 years at BP plc in a global career working in US, Denmark, Belgium and the UK, leading commercial operations and the organisational culture agenda for the global company.
- 5/9/5 The Conference adopted Resolution 12/7,
- p 87, Anne Vautrety  
for 'Anne has also undertaken charity work with various Leeds homeless charities and has volunteered at the Citizens' Advice Bureau.'  
*reading* 'Anne has also undertaken work with homeless people in various locations, been a volunteer at Leeds Citizens' Advice Bureau, and currently works for Citizens Advice Leeds.' [as corrected by 6/18/1]
- 5/9/6 The Conference adopted Resolution 12/8.
- 5/9/7 The Conference adopted Resolution 12/9,
- p 86, *deleting* 'the Revd John P Atkinson'
- 5/9/8 The Conference adopted Resolution 12/10.
- 5/9/9 The Conference adopted as Resolution 12/11:
- The Conference adopts the nomination by the Trustees of Mr Hugh Monro as a Chair of Governors Trustee of the Methodist Independent Schools Trust for a period of three years concluding 31 August 2019.
- Reasoned Statement** Hugh Monro is currently Chairman of Governors at St Petroc's School, Bude. He has previously been head of three independent schools and one academy. He is a Chair of Trustees for the Vernon Educational Trust.
- 5/9/10 The Conference adopted as Resolution 12/12:
- The Conference adopts the nomination by the Trustees of Mrs Elaine Cleland as a Trustee of the Methodist Independent Schools Trust for a period of three years concluding 31 August 2019.

**Reasoned Statement** Elaine Cleland is a Methodist, and has considerable experience as a head and inspector of independent schools. She is currently a consultant specialising in the development of people and business organisations. She has recently been Vice Chair of Woodhouse Grove School.

5/10 **11. METHODIST HOMES (MHA)**

5/10/1 The Conference adopted Resolution 11/1.

5/10/2 The Conference adopted Resolution 11/2 in the following form:

The Conference in exercising its power under Standing Order 241 nominates David Hall to the Board of MHA.

5/11 The Conference adjourned at 13.02.

5/12 The Conference reassembled at 14.16.

5/13 **50. DISTRICT RESOLUTION (LONDON DISTRICT)**

The Conference adopted Resolution 50/1.

5/14 **10. ECUMENICAL REPORT**

5/14/1 The Conference adopted Resolution 10/1.

5/14/2 **Memorial M32 Use of church buildings by other churches**

The Conference received Memorial M32 and adopted as its reply that recommended by the Memorials Committee, the Memorial and the reply appearing on pp39-40 of the Supplement to the Agenda entitled 'Memorials to the Conference' (hereinafter 'Agenda Supplement').

5/15 The Conference engaged in Bible study led by Professor Judith M Lieu, Lady Margaret's Professor of Divinity, University of Cambridge, and workshops were held on the theme of 'Ministry in the Methodist Church.'

5/16 The Conference adjourned at 16.30.

5/17 The Conference reassembled in full session at 16.50.

5/18 **DAILY RECORD**

5/18/1 The Daily Record of the Presbyteral Session on Thursday, 30 June and Friday, 1 July was presented, taken as read, and adopted as printed,

at 2/16, final line, *for* 'Confrence' *reading* 'Conference'

5/18/2 The Daily Record for Saturday, 2 July and Sunday, 3 July was presented, taken as read, and adopted as printed.

5/18/3 The Written Portion of the Daily Record of the Presbyteral Session was presented in headings only and adopted.

5/19 **22. 3GENERATE 2015 – METHODIST CHILDREN AND YOUTH ASSEMBLY**

5/19/1 The Conference adopted Resolution 22/1,

p 163, line 2, *correcting* 'iss' to 'is'

- 5/19/2 The Conference adopted Resolutions 22/2, 22/3 and 22/4.
- 5/20 **6. CONNEXIONAL ALLOWANCES COMMITTEE: REVIEW OF ALLOWANCES ABOVE STIPEND**
- 5/20/1 The Conference adopted Resolution 6/1,  
     p 56, paragraph 50, SO 801(1)(b),  
     for 'eCommittee' reading 'eCommittee'
- 5/20/2 The Conference adopted Resolutions 6/2, 6/3, 6/4, 6/5, 6/6, 6/7, 6/8, 6/9, 6/10 and 6/11.
- 5/20/3 The Conference adopted Resolution 6/12 in the following form:  
     The Conference amends SO 801(1)(b) and 801(1)(c) as set out in paragraph 50.
- 5/21 **14. CONNEXIONAL ALLOWANCES COMMITTEE: GENERAL REPORT**
- 5/21/1 The Conference adopted Resolutions 14/1 and 14/2.
- 5/21/2 **Memorial M9 Support for ministers or their partners requiring care**  
 The Conference received Memorial M9 and adopted as its reply that recommended by the Memorials Committee, the Memorial and the reply appearing on pp13-15 of the Agenda Supplement.
- 5/22 **32. FAITH AND ORDER COMMITTEE REPORT**  
 The Conference adopted Resolution 32/1,  
     p 327, footnote 7, last line, *correcting* '2106' to '2016'  
     p 330, paragraph 7.2 heading  
     for 'Guidelines for Exorcãsm' reading 'Guidelines for Exorcism'
- 5/23 **8. CONFERENCE ARRANGEMENTS**  
 The Conference adopted Resolutions 8/1 and 8/7.
- 5/24 **LETTERS**
- 5/24/1 Letters of thanks were written in the name of the Conference to those responsible for the Conference and Ordination Services, those who took part in them and to the seven Ordination venues.
- 5/24/2 Letters were written in the name of the Conference to the following presbyters on the occasion of the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of their ordinations:
- |                              |                             |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| The Revd John Y T Amankwatia | The Revd Dr Adrian Burdon   |
| The Revd Robert H Anning     | The Revd Helen D Cameron    |
| The Revd Alan W Barker       | The Revd Norman E Carr      |
| The Revd Leslie J Barnes     | The Revd Stuart T Cato      |
| The Revd John N Bates        | The Revd Stephen J Clark    |
| The Revd Paul Bettison       | The Revd Lynda M Coates     |
| The Revd Sheila M Bishop     | The Revd Dr I Neil Cockling |
| The Revd William P H Booker  | The Revd Hazel A Cook       |
| The Revd E Max Bradley       | The Revd Arthur E Cowburn   |
| The Revd Christopher P Brown | The Revd E Anne Cox         |

The Revd Pamela M Cram  
The Revd Peter Cross  
The Revd Raymond Cummins  
The Revd Nigel C A Deller  
The Revd E Roger Dunlop  
The Revd Wendy M Evans-Wood  
The Revd Rosemary J Fletcher  
The Revd Roger A Fox  
The Revd E Rosalind Franklin  
The Revd Jonathan H Froggatt  
The Revd David J Goodwin  
The Revd Christopher R Gray  
The Revd Richard A J Grocott  
The Revd Trevor Haigh  
The Revd Andrew Halstead  
The Revd C Helena Harbottle  
The Revd W Arthur Harbottle  
The Revd Andrew J Hardwick  
The Revd Margaret S Harrison  
The Revd Christine A Hawke  
The Revd Jennifer K Henshall  
The Revd Alan B Hewitt  
The Revd Christine J Hey  
The Revd Ian C Hill  
The Revd Dr Magdalena H Hoebes  
The Revd Richard L Hooton  
The Revd Robert J Hufton  
The Revd Peter O Hughes  
The Revd Ruth Jackson  
The Revd Alan D Jenkins  
The Revd Nina J Johnson  
The Revd Elizabeth P Jolly  
The Revd Ruth Kershaw

The Revd Joyce F Levine  
The Revd Margaret W Livingstone  
The Revd Julie A Lunn  
The Revd Dr Anthony F McClelland  
The Revd E Brian Mason  
The Revd Anthony D Miles  
The Revd David Milner  
The Revd Keith I Munns  
The Revd Julie M Norris  
The Revd Derek North  
The Revd Richard W Oldroyd  
The Revd Keith W E Page  
The Revd Dr David W Perry  
The Revd Gary S Ridley  
The Revd Keith C Rushton  
The Revd Teresa M Rutterford  
The Revd Martyn J Skinner  
The Revd Stuart Smith  
The Revd Heather A Sorrell  
The Revd G Mark Stobert  
The Revd Mary Stott  
The Revd Dr Margaret Stringer  
The Revd Ann Jennifer-Ann Sweet  
The Revd Donald F Symonds  
The Revd John R Thompson  
The Revd Paul T Turner  
The Revd Keith R Underhill  
The Revd Sheila Walker  
The Revd Michael Webster  
The Revd Christopher M White  
The Revd Dr Stephen D Wigley  
The Revd Sandra D Williams

5/24/3

Letters were written in the name of the Conference to the following presbyters on the occasion of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of their ordinations:

The Revd Norman J Baker  
The Revd Malcolm J Beech  
The Revd Peter Brooks  
The Revd A Michael Cannon  
The Revd Ronald W Dale  
The Revd Derek H A Davidson  
The Revd John D Davies  
The Revd Robert Davies  
The Revd Donald M Eadie  
The Revd G Wallace Edwards  
The Revd Gerald M Hainsworth  
The Revd Tony Holden  
The Revd Peter Hudson  
The Revd David S James  
The Revd William H Jones  
The Revd Michael Langley  
The Revd John B McCarthy

The Revd Andrew Macnab  
The Revd James A McWade  
The Revd Glanville J Martin  
The Revd Ian Mason  
The Revd R Brian Mavers  
The Revd David J Moore  
The Revd John A Perkins  
The Revd Maurice L Perry  
The Revd E Royston Putnam  
The Revd Douglas F Savill  
The Revd Dr Alan Saxby  
The Revd Clive Scott  
The Revd J Basil Siddons  
The Revd John H Wall  
The Revd Dr Kenneth B Wilson  
The Revd William Wilson

- 5/24/4 Letters were written in the name of the Conference to the following presbyters on the occasion of the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of their ordinations:
- |                             |                            |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
| The Revd Kenneth P Anderson | The Revd J Clive Pugh      |
| The Revd Ralph E Fennell    | The Revd Peter W Rodgers   |
| The Revd Francis C Godfrey  | The Revd Frank W Smith     |
| The Revd Frederic Harrison  | The Revd Leonard E Sutch   |
| The Revd Roy Kilner         | The Revd Dr John J Vincent |
| The Revd J Brian Kirkby     | The Revd Thomas M Witham   |
| The Revd Geoffrey J Lear    |                            |
- 5/24/5 A letter of greeting and concern was sent in the name of the Conference to Mr Eric Watchman.
- 5/24/6 Letters of sympathy were written in the name of the Conference to The Revd Julian M Pursehouse and The Revd W Garth Rogers.
- 5/24/7 A letter of congratulation on their diamond wedding anniversary was written in the name of the Conference to The Revd Ronald and Mrs Peggy Hoar, with greetings on the occasion of their departure to live in New Zealand.
- 5/24/8 A letter of greeting and sympathy was sent in the name of the Conference to the Presiding Bishop of The Methodist Church of Southern Africa on the death of The Revd Constance Oosthuizen.
- 5/25 The Conference shared in worship and adjourned at 18.48.



- 6/1 The Conference assembled at 9.45 and shared in worship.
- 6/2 **27. CONNEXIONAL CENTRAL SERVICES BUDGET (continued)**  
**28. DISTRICT ALLOCATIONS**  
**Memorial M15 Circuit assessments**  
**Memorial M16 Connexional budget**  
**Memorial M19 Information on connexional expenditure**  
**Memorial M21 Accounting software**  
The Conference received Memorials M15, M16, M19 and M21 and adopted as its replies those recommended by the Memorials Committee, the Memorials and the replies appearing on pp20-21, 23-24 and 26-27 of the Agenda Supplement.  
*[as corrected by 7/21]*
- 6/3 **24. METHODIST COUNCIL, part 2**
- 6/3/1 The Conference adopted Resolutions 24/1 and 24/2.
- 6/3/2 The Conference adopted Resolution 24/4,  
p 194, paragraph 4.1 a), line 2 *for* 'society' *reading* 'local church'
- 6/3/3 The Conference adopted Resolutions 24/5, 24/6, 24/10 and 24/11.
- 6/4 **36. JOINT COVENANT ADVOCACY AND MONITORING GROUP**  
The Conference adopted Resolution 36/1.
- 6/5 The Conference suspended SO 110A(6) for the duration of the Conference of 2016 as regards the designation of the Vice-President and resolved that the designation of the Vice-President of the Conference of 2017 be by majority vote.
- 6/6 The Conference adjourned at 11.13.
- 6/7 The Conference reassembled at 11.30.
- 6/8 **29. MARRIAGE AND RELATIONSHIP TASK GROUP**
- 6/8/1 The Conference adopted Resolution 29/1,  
*noting* the following clarification regarding the nature of the consultation with the Faith and Order Committee:  
  
The Faith and Order Committee was invited to comment on three questions provided by the Task Group. The published comments reflect some initial discussion by the Committee, rather than constituting a final and considered view.  
  
p 263, second paragraph, *inserting* 'to' *after* 'seek'

p 263, paragraph 2.1.1, line 4. *for* '(see 2.1.2)' *reading* '(see 2.1.2 and 2.1.3)'

p 264 paragraph 2.1.2

*inserting* above line 8 '2.1.3 What Homophobia is not'

*for* 2.1.3 *reading* 2.1.4

*for* 2.1.4 *reading* 2.1.5

p 264, in the new paragraph 2.1.4,

*for* 'The Task Group recommends that the Conference adopts the definition on homophobia as set out in para 2.1.2'

*reading* 'The Task Group invites the Conference to thank the EDI Committee for the definition and guidance on homophobia set out in paragraphs 2.1.2 and 2.1.3'

p 302, *adding* the following appendices:

## Appendix 6

### Briefing statement on the discussions of 3Generate:

Following 3Generate (the Methodist Children's and Youth Assembly) 2015, the first-ever age stream manifestos were published for the coming year. These documents highlight the priorities that each age stream would like the Church to focus on for the coming year.

The 11 – 18s manifesto included the following priority:

"Discussions about same sex marriage: in particular reflecting on Biblical perspectives and exploring the Church's understanding."

This recommendation resulted from a workshop that took place in the 11 – 18s stream, entitled *Same Sex Marriage - I'm getting married in the morning?* This session explored the issue through scripture, tradition, reason and experience to help the young people to develop a considered Christian response.

The priorities for the 11 – 18s manifesto were decided through a voting system. Of the 400 young people who attended the 11 – 18s stream at 3Generate (some of whom abstained from the voting process), 257 chose this as a priority, meaning it came out as the absolute top priority for 11 – 18 year olds (as an indication of just how important the young people considered this priority, the next most popular manifesto item received just 183 votes).

Also in the programme for the 2015 11 – 18s stream of 3Generate was a session entitled *Let's talk about sex...and relationships...*, looking at what young people thought they should be discussing in sex and relationships education (SRE) at school, when it should happen and what influence and involvement churches should have in developing the ways people learn about sex and relationships in schools, families and the Church.

This session led to two recommendations:

**Suggestion 1:** We want the church to equip, resource and train our youth workers and ministers to create safe spaces to talk about relationships and sex within them.

Suggestion 2: We want to encourage open discussions about sex inside and outside of marriage.

In past years there has also been a strong indication from the delegates at 3Generate that they would welcome open conversations about the Church's thinking on marriage and relationships. Namely:

- In 2012 the 14 – 17 year olds attending the event had the opportunity to attend a session entitled *Mating, Dating and Waiting*, including (among other things) discussions on the issue of same sex relationships. The majority view was that the blessing of civil partnerships and same sex unions should be permitted on Methodist premises and the decision of the 2012 Conference to ask the Methodist Council to consider the issues around the blessing of civil partnerships as raised in M29 (2012) - Blessing Civil Partnerships was welcomed. The following recommendation came from this latter session and was included in the report to Conference: "We would like 3Generate 2013 to provide space to debate the biblical context and interpretation of language around sexuality."

- Also in 2012, the 18 – 23s programme included a session on the subject of co-habitation, building on what had been discussed at 3Generate in 2009 (which led to a resolution shaping work done by the Faith and Order committee). Outcomes from this session were fed back to Faith and Order. In 2012, the following resolution was also taken to Conference: "The Conference directed the Methodist Council to ensure that the views of young people on understandings of chastity be taken into account as part of the ongoing Pilgrimage of Faith as well as in any consideration of M29 (2012)."

- In 2013 the 15 – 18 year olds took part in a session entitled '*F*' words: *Friends, Family and Faith*, looking at relationships. 95% of delegates expressed that they would like the Church to provide quality teaching on the issue of same sex relationships and also to help people to understand all of the aspects of the debate. Ninety-six percent also articulated that they would like the Church to be helped to develop a realistic view of relationships and family life in 21st century Britain.

- Also in 2013, the 18 – 23 age stream looked at the subject of same-sex marriage and, in this session, it became very clear that the 18-23 year olds care very strongly about this issue and that young people want to be more involved in talking about it. There was also a clear request from this session to review the Church's current definition of marriage and either affirm or update it.

- In 2014 the 11 – 18 age stream held a session entitled Hitchhiker's Guide to Christianity: Some basics about Christianity and Methodism. One recommendation from this session was: "The Church should consider accepting same sex marriage." A further session, attended by 11 – 15 year olds, entitled R.E.S.P.E.C.T - Find Out What It Means to Me, looked at the question of "What does respect in relationships mean and what does it look like?" One recommendation from this session was: "To have more discussions on the subject of homosexuality and same sex marriage within the Methodist Church."

## Appendix 7

### Membership of the Task Group

Chair:

(until May 2015) **The Revd Ruth M Gee**, Chair of the Darlington District, past President of the Conference

(from May 2015) **The Revd R Graham Carter**, Supernumerary presbyter in the York Circuit, past President of the Conference

**The Revd Olufemi R W Cole-Njie** Superintendent, Forest Circuit

**The Revd Angela J Long**, Presbyter, Durham and Deerness Valley Circuit

\***The Revd Samuel E McBratney**, Director of the Global Christianity Programme at the Queen's Foundation, Birmingham

\***The Revd Dr Stephen E Mosedale**, Superintendent, Milton Keynes Circuit (appointed to the Task Group, November 2015)

\***The Revd D Paul C Smith**, Supernumerary presbyter, Tavistock Circuit

**Mr Eric Watchman**, Local Preacher, Darlington Circuit (resigned September 2015)

\***Mrs Louise C Wilkins**, Conference Officer for Legal and Constitutional Practice

Those marked with an asterisk (\*) also served on the previous Marriage and Civil Partnerships Task Group, 2013-14

6/8/2 The Conference adopted Resolution 29/2.

6/8/3 The Conference adopted Resolution 29/3 in the following form:

The Conference thanks the EDI Committee for the definition and guidance on homophobia set out in paragraphs 2.1.2 and 2.1.3 and directs that it be included within the guidance section of the *Constitutional Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church*.

6/8/4 The Conference adopted Resolutions 29/4, 29/5 and 29/6.

6/9 The Conference adjourned at 13.01.

6/10 The Conference reassembled at 14.15.

6/11 The President and the Vice-President, with their guests Ms Fardous Barbouh, Mrs Nancy Acquaaah, The Revds John C Howard-Norman, Rory J Dalgiesh and Dr Inderjit S Bhogal and Mr David Bradwell, led the Conference in discussion on the theme '**Responding to the Refugee Crisis**'.

6/12 The Conference adjourned at 15.50.

6/13 The Conference reassembled at 15.55.

6/14 **29. MARRIAGE AND RELATIONSHIP TASK GROUP (continued)**

6/14/1 The Conference adopted Resolution 29/7 in the following form:

The Conference directs that a new Statement of the judgment of the Conference on marriage and relationships shall be prepared and that, as part of the process, the definition of marriage should be revisited.

6/14/2 The Conference adopted Resolutions 29/8, 29/9 and 29/10.

6/14/3 **Memorial M33 Authorisation of same-sex marriage in LEPs**

The Conference received Memorial M33 and adopted as its reply that recommended by the Memorials Committee, the Memorial and reply appearing on pp40-41 of the Agenda Supplement.

6/15 The Conference adjourned at 16.27.

6/16 The Conference reassembled at 16.55.

6/17 **29. MARRIAGE AND RELATIONSHIP TASK GROUP (continued)**

6/17/1 **Additional Report**

When the Methodist Council met in April 2016 the final report of the Marriage and Relationships Task Group was not available. However, the Council was informed of the likelihood of the need to bring proposals to the Conference for the membership of a new group appointed to undertake new work. The Council appointed a scrutiny group consisting of Ms Gill M Dascombe, The Revd Eleanor G Jackson, and The Revd Peter D Sheasby to consider the membership of any such group. In undertaking its work the scrutiny group has given close and careful attention to the recommendation (see page 286 of the Agenda) that the new task group should include expert knowledge of matters of Faith and Order and marriage and relationships.

Alongside this the Scrutiny Group has been aware that the new group is being appointed to undertake a very different task from that given to the two previous groups appointed by the Conference in 2013 and 2014. Consequently, attention has been paid to a set of skills that, while reflecting different viewpoints within the life of the church, also reflects knowledge of earlier processes; prior experiences of drafting statements; and the expertise envisaged by the recommendation.

The Conference adopted as Resolution 29/8a:

The Conference appoints the membership of the new task group as follows:

Professor David Clough (Chair), The Revd Dr Roberta R Topham (Convener), The Revd Naomi Cooke, The Revd Ashley R Cooper, The Revd Geoffrey F J Farrar, Ms Ruth Hall, Ms Ann P Leck, The Revd Dr Paul Nzacahayo.

**Reasoned Statements**

**Professor David Clough (Chair)**

Professor of Theological Ethics at the University of Chester, Local Preacher, a member of the Joint Advisory Committee on the Ethics of Investment, and a former member of the Faith and Order Committee. He was part of national ecumenical working groups that produced the reports 'Peacemaking: A Christian Vocation' (2006) and 'Hope in God's Future: Christian Discipleship in the Context of Climate

Change' (2009). He has published on the ethics of Karl Barth, Christian pacifism, and social and political issues in the Methodist Church.

**The Revd Dr Roberta R Topham (Convener)**

Presbyter in the Nidd Valley Circuit. Her background is in social anthropology and theology and she is interested in the diverse ways in which people make meaning through social groups and in positive interactions between faith and public issues. She was a member of the Faith and Order Committee from 2003 - 2008, latterly on the Faith and Order Executive, and is a member of the Faith and Order Network.

**The Revd Naomi Cooke**

Presbyter in the Gloucestershire Circuit. She spent 25 years working in the world of theatre as the Artistic Director and Chief Executive of a women's theatre company, and as an independent performer, writer and teacher. She lived and worked in Canada during the 1990s and helped to oversee the process of her local church becoming the first Affirming Congregation in the United Church of Canada.

**The Revd Ashley R Cooper**

Superintendent minister of the Burslem Mission Circuit with particular oversight for Swan Bank Church. Ashley is a member of Methodist Evangelicals Together and on the Executive of ECG Conference. He is currently working on his dissertation to complete an MA in Theology and Leadership at Moorlands Bible College.

**The Revd Geoffrey F J Farrar**

Presbyter in the West Hertfordshire and Borders Circuit. He was one of his District's co-ordinators for the recent Marriage and Relationships Consultation and helped prepare the final report for his Synod. He previously worked as a civil servant at the House of Commons and has considerable experience of drafting statements and reports.

**Ms Ruth Hall**

A member of Brunswick Methodist Church in Newcastle, Ruth is an undergraduate studying Animal Science at Newcastle University. She was elected to represent 3Generate on the Methodist Council.

**Ms Ann P Leck**

Vice-President of the Conference, 2001-2002, RELATE trained counsellor, sex therapist and trainer; Chair of RELATE National Executive, 1990-94; appointed MBE for services to RELATE, 1995. Served on various Methodist connexional working parties and other groups where RELATE training has seemed relevant, such as Christian Preparation for Marriage, the Human Sexuality Commission, and "Pilgrimage of Faith" (co-chair). Formerly consultant to the ecumenical Churches' Ministerial Counselling Service, and served on Churches Together for Families sub-committee on marriage preparation. Has a local church ministry with young people and in pastoral work.

**The Revd Dr Paul Nzacahayo**

Presbyter with 29 years of experience of ministry both in Rwanda and in the UK. His experience also includes cross-cultural ministerial practice; he served on the World Methodist Council from 2001 to 2006. He is member of the University of Edinburgh Centre for Theology and Public Issues. Paul is currently a tutor at the Queen's Foundation.

- 6/18 **DAILY RECORD**
- 6/18/1 The Daily Record for Monday, 4 July was presented, taken as read, and adopted as printed,  
                   5/9/5 penultimate line, *for 'Bureay' reading 'Bureau'*
- 6/18/2 The Daily Record for Friday, 1 July was amended, by the required majority,  
                   2/11 *for '6. Permission to serve another church' reading '5. Permission to reside abroad'*
- 6/19 **31. METHODIST MINISTERS' PENSION SCHEME AND PENSION AND ASSURANCE SCHEME FOR LAY EMPLOYEES OF THE METHODIST CHURCH**
- 6/19/1 The Conference adopted Resolution 31/1,  
                   p 318, paragraph 49, second sentence,  
                   *deleting ';* and to allow the Scheme to pay directors'
- 6/19/2 The Conference adopted Resolutions 31/2, 31/3, 31/4, 31/5, 31/6, 31/7, 31/8, 31/9, 31/10, 31/11, 31/12, 31/13 and 31/14.
- 6/20 **15. LARGER THAN CIRCUIT COORDINATING GROUP**  
 The Conference adopted Resolutions 15/1, 15/2, 15/3, 15/4, 15/5 and 15/6.
- 6/21 **LETTERS**
- 6/21/1 Letters of thanks were written in the name of the Conference to those who organised the Ordinands' Retreats. *[as corrected by 7/21]*
- 6/21/2 Letters of greeting and thanks were written in the name of the Conference to Mr Tony Tidey and Bishop Mary Ann Swenson.
- 6/21/3 Letters of greeting and concern were written in the name of the Conference to The Revd Dr George Lovell and Ms Gillian M Dascombe.
- 6/21/4 Letters of sympathy were written in the name of the Conference to Mr and Mrs J Bassill, Mrs Beatrice M Cloke and Mr John and Mrs Mary Hicks.
- 6/21/5 A letter of sympathy was sent in the name of the Conference to the President of The Methodist Church Sierra Leone on the death of The Rt Revd Francis S Nabieu.
- 6/21/6 A letter of congratulation was written in the name of the Conference to The Revd Dr Richard G Jones who celebrates his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday this month. *[as corrected by 7/21]*
- 6/22 The Conference shared in worship and adjourned at 18.58.

7/1 The Conference assembled at 9.45.

7/2 The Conference shared in a celebration of Holy Communion, in which the following, who have died in the last year, were remembered:

- (a) the presbyters remembered in the Presbyteral Session and listed at 2/19;
- (b) the deacons remembered in the Conference Diaconal Committee, and others who have since died:

Edna May Bell  
Margaret Louise Cox  
Janet Irene Edwards  
Christine Greening  
Iley Hearle

Susan Hibberd  
Phillipa Mary Kirby-Girdlestone  
Jean Miller  
Dorothy Mary Newton  
Jean Robinson

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

Peter Burrell	former Vice-Chair of the Central Finance Board
Pauline Callard	former Principal of Southlands College
Peter Cussons	member of the Central Finance Board and former member of its Council
Stuart Furnival	former member of the Conference Arrangements Team
Margaret Horrell	former member of the Ministerial Candidates' Selection Committee
Helen Martyn	member of the Connexional Complaints Panel, former member of Connexional Candidates' Selection Committee
E Alan Rose	member of the former Archives and Local History Task Group of the Archives and History Committee; long-serving editor of the Wesley Historical Society Proceedings
Kay Speight	former member of the Methodist Council

- (d) those who have served as Mission Partners:

Mrs Edna Gordon	Ghana and Zimbabwe
Miss Frances Harper	South India
Miss Jean Hay	South India
The Revd Bernard Jinkin	Zambia/Kenya
Mrs Betty L Kelly	Kenya
Mr David Rogers	Rhodesia
Mrs Barbara Shaw	South India
Miss Deina Smith	Zimbabwe
The Revd Noel L P Warman	Ghana
Mrs Hedi Way	South India
The Revd Elaine Woolley	Cote d'Ivoire/The Gambia



In addition, we remember The Revd Luis Veagra, a presbyter of the Methodist Church in the Caribbean and the Americas, who served the Conference as Secretary for Latin America and the Caribbean in the World Church Office;

(e) 259 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 God.

7/3 The Conference adjourned at 11.02.

7/4 The Conference reassembled at 11.25.

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

The Revd Loraine N Mellor was designated for appointment as President of the Conference of 2017.

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

Mrs E Jill Baker was designated for appointment as Vice-President of the Conference of 2017.

7/7 **CONFERENCE BUSINESS COMMITTEE**

The Conference elected Mrs Anna Malnutt to serve on the Representative Session Business Committee for the Conferences of 2017-2019.

7/8 **33. THEOLOGY AND ECCLESIOLOGY UNDERPINNING THE DIACONATE – INTERIM REPORT**

The Conference adopted Resolutions 33/1, 33/2 and 33/3.

7/9 **34. REPORT OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PAST CASES REVIEW REPORT: COURAGE, COST AND HOPE**

7/9/1 The Conference adopted Resolution 34/1,

p 372, paragraph 7.1, first sentence,  
for 'Foundation or Safeguarding Module level' *reading* 'Foundation or Leadership Module level'

p 378, Core List – Required Attendance  
for 'Local Preachers' *reading* 'Local Preachers including those on trial'  
for 'Worship Leaders' *reading* 'Worship Leaders including those in training'

p 375  
Recommendations 2 and 3 *reading*  
**Recommendation 2** That selection criteria for district chairs, the Warden of the Methodist Diaconal Order and Members of the Senior Leadership Group of the Connexional Team include awareness of and ability to deal effectively with safeguarding issues.

**Recommendation 3** That policy and guidance be provided to define what should be recorded by ministers or others undertaking pastoral work and that this be clear about requirements for each specific role as well as providing guidance for best practice.

- 7/9/2 The Conference adopted as Resolution 34/2:
- The Conference directs the Methodist Council to review the required attendance for the Leadership Module of *Creating Safer Space* with a view to amending the list to:-
- a) include those lay persons who are appointed to exercise pastoral leadership within a local church;
  - b) remove the Local Preachers and Worship Leaders;
  - c) remove Safeguarding Officers Church and include in the warmly invited but not mandatory list for the Leadership Module.
- 7/9/3 The Conference adopted as Resolution 34/3:
- The Conference directs the Methodist Council to review the current 6<sup>th</sup> bullet point of the Required Attendance for the Leadership Module and to ensure its application is clearly defined.
- 7/10 The Conference adjourned at 13.05.
- 7/11 The Conference reassembled at 14.15.
- 7/12 **30. SAFEGUARDING REPORT**
- 7/12/1 The Conference adopted Resolution 30/1,
- p 307, paragraph 3.1  
for the second sentence *reading*  
Because of the regular changes and developments in legislation and public expectation in relation to safeguarding, it is proposed that the five-year cycle of refresher training for Foundation and Leadership courses is reduced to four years with effect from July 2017.
- 7/12/2 The Conference adopted Resolution 30/2 in the following form:
- The Conference approves the change in frequency for designated training for *Creating Safer Space* Foundation and Leadership Modules to every four years with effect from July 2017.
- 7/12/3 The Conference adopted Resolutions 30/3 and 30/4.
- 7/12/4 **Memorial M22 – Systems for recording safeguarding cases**
- The Conference received Memorial M22 and adopted as its reply that recommended by the Memorials Committee, the Memorial and reply appearing on pp 27 - 28 of the Agenda Supplement.
- 7/13 **15. LARGER THAN CIRCUIT COORDINATING GROUP (continued)**
- 7/13/1 The Conference adopted Resolution 15/7 in the following form:
- The Conference directs that:
- (a) At the times specified below, the Secretary of the Synod in consultation with the Secretary of the Conference shall convene a District Commission, jointly appointed by the District and the Conference, to oversee and

undertake a thorough review of the life of the District, set in the wider regional, connexional and ecumenical context.

(b) A review shall take place:

- (i) At a time which will allow the outcome of the review to inform the work of the Chairs Nomination Panel when a new Chair is sought or the present Chair is exploring the possibility with the District of a reinvitation; and
- (ii) At any other time when a District or group of Districts wants to engage in the process of reflection or review.

*[For a resolution regarding when Resolution 15/7 comes into effect, see 59/1 at 8/42/2]*

7/13/2 The Conference adopted Resolution 15/8.

#### 7/14 **Notice of Motion 2016/202 – DBS Checks**

The Conference notes an inconsistency in the Safer Recruitment Policy guidance on p751 of Volume 2 of CPD.

Under “Part 1 Qualification for Appointment under S.O. 010(3), and Duty to Obtain Disclosures”, and specifically within the section “Note regarding Safeguarding”, there is at b) provision for Supernumeraries no longer capable of preaching to be exempt from having a criminal records check, but there is no similar exemption permitted, at c), for local preachers no longer capable of preaching.

The Conference therefore amends the Safer Recruitment Policy by harmonising b) and c) in this regard. Thus c) states: “All local preachers **capable of preaching** and worship leaders.”

The Conference referred the Motion to the Methodist Council.

#### 7/15 **58. REPORT FROM THE PRESBYTERAL SESSION**

7/15/1 The Presbyteral Session adopted a Notice of Motion [201(P) at 2/16] expressing concern about aspects of national life. Pursuant to the provisions of the Deed of Union the Presbyteral Session refers the substance of the notice of the motion to the Representative Session with the resolutions [below].

7/15/2 The Conference unanimously adopted as Resolution 58/1:

The Conference adopts the Report.

7/15/3 The Conference adopted as Resolution 58/2:

The Conference directs that this statement be sent to the Prime Minister and to national media and that it be read in all Methodist Churches on Sunday 10 July 2016 or as soon as possible in July with it then being made available for members of the church to send to their own constituency MPs.

7/16 The Conference engaged in discussion on ‘Accessibility to the Conference.’

7/17 The Conference adjourned at 16.29.

7/18 The Conference reassembled at 16.50.

7/19 **Notice of Motion 2016/204 – Building community cohesion**

*[as corrected by 8/44/1]* In the light of the report from the Presbyteral Session of the Conference, the Conference is committed to building community cohesion throughout all parts of the Connexion.

The Conference therefore urges all Districts, Circuits and Local Churches regardless of location to identify how they may contribute to the development and promotion of local cohesion strategies.

The Conference adopted the Motion.

7/20 **24. METHODIST COUNCIL, part 2 (continued) Section H**

The Conference adopted Resolution 24/3,

p 191, **4. Membership**  
(iii) *for 'SO 116E' reading 'SO 116(1E)'*

7/21 **DAILY RECORD**

The Daily Record for Tuesday, 5 July was presented, taken as read, and adopted as printed,

at 6/2, last line, *for 'reply' reading 'replies'*

at 6/21/1, *for 'Retreat' reading 'Retreats'*

at 6/21/6, *for 'Letters of congratulation were', reading 'A letter of congratulation was'*

7/22 **Notice of Motion 2016/203 – Deployment and resourcing of ministry**

The Conference welcomes the Vice-President's exhortation, in her address to the Conference, to stand with the poor and not to withdraw from areas of poverty. However, it is in those very areas of deprivation and poverty that resourcing of ministry can be most difficult due to the lack of financial resources. Circuits are usually staffed on their ability to be able to afford ordained ministry rather than need. This appears to be an unjust way of distributing ministry resources and seems at odds with John Wesley's encouragement to go to these who need us most.

The Conference therefore calls on the Stationing Committee in conjunction with the Ministries Committee and the Faith and Order Committee *[as corrected by 8/44/1]* urgently to review the methods of funding and deploying ordained ministry across the Connexion and asks the committee to consult with districts and circuits on this matter.

The Conference adopted the Motion.

7/23 **Notice of Motion 2016/208 – Evangelism and Church Growth**

The Conference in asking candidates for ordained ministry to have a clear understanding of the breadth of mission and evangelism (agenda page 201) recognises the need to ensure that our structures and practices are clearly focussed to ensure that this is a priority for the whole church. In recent years the Connexional Central Services Budget has recognised the need to invest now in

boosting mission and evangelism across the church. However, it is not clear how that manifests itself in the conferring of the Conference and the resulting work plan of the Team and the Methodist Council. Therefore the Conference affirms the priority of evangelism and church growth and directs the Methodist Council to examine all areas of work in the light of this priority and to ensure that there is evidence that this has been given adequate budget provision.

The Conference adopted the Motion.

7/24 **M17 Pension contributions from lay employees**

**M18 Employer-only pension contributions for lay employees**

The Conference received Memorials M17 and M18 and adopted as its replies those recommended by the Memorials Committee, the Memorials and replies appearing on pp 21-23 in the Agenda Supplement.

7/25 **18. COMMITTEE ON METHODIST LAW AND POLITY (1)**

7/25/1 The Conference adopted Resolution 18/1.

7/25/2 The Conference adopted Resolution 18/2,

p 132, *deleting* the amendment to SO232(1)(ii)

7/25/3 The Conference adopted Resolutions 18/3, 18/4, 18/5, 18/6, 18/7, 18/8, 18/9, 18/10, and 18/11. *[as corrected after Conference]*

7/26 **43. COMMITTEE ON METHODIST LAW AND POLITY (2)**

7/26/1 The Conference adopted Resolutions 43/1 and 43/2.

7/26/2 The Conference adopted Resolution 43/3,

p 416, SO 232(4A), *for* 'recommendations' *reading* 'recommendation'  
p 418, SO 235(2), *for* 'person' *reading* 'party'

7/26/3 The Conference adopted 43/4, 43/5, 43/6, 43/7, 43/8, 43/9, 43/10, 43/11, and 43/12.

7/27 **Memorial M37 Benefit sanctions**

The Conference received Memorial M37 and adopted as its reply that recommended by the Memorials Committee, the Memorial and reply appearing on pp 44-45 in the Agenda Supplement,

*amending* the final paragraph of the reply as follows, inserting points a) and b) at the beginning of the second line of that paragraph and then making the original remaining part of the paragraph point c):

a) commends the work of the Joint Public Issues Team in continuing to highlight the impact of changes to the benefits systems and challenging the negative portrayal in the media of those being sanctioned;

b) asks that a letter:

- expressing the concerns of this Conference about the effects of sanctions;

- repeating the request of the Methodist Church alongside many ecumenical partners for a full independent enquiry into benefit sanctions;
- joining our Church of England sisters and brothers in asking that the DWP implement the recommendations of the All Parliamentary Report from March 2015 in relation to benefit sanctions

be handed into the Department of Work and Pensions Headquarters located a few yards from Westminster Central Hall before the Conference is adjourned.

c) directs the Methodist Council to ensure that the Joint Public Issues Team seeks other opportunities for the Methodist Church to work with the Church of England and other sister churches in calling for change and raising the issues contained in the memorial with other members of the Government.

#### 7/28 **Memorial M3 Questions asked in the Presbyteral Session of Synod**

The Conference received Memorial M3 and adopted as its reply that recommended by the Memorials Committee, the Memorial and reply appearing on pp 5-7 in the Agenda Supplement,

*amending* the reply so that the last paragraph reads:

The Conference declines the Memorial, but directs the Ministries Committee to circulate to all presbyters a statement, based on the above reply which affirms the significance and centrality of the questions of the annual inquiry.

#### 7/29 **37. WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE CARE OF CREATION**

The Conference adopted Resolution 37/1.

7/30 The Conference went into closed session at 18.16.

7/31 The Conference received the report of the Chair of the Safeguarding Committee. *[as corrected after Conference]*

7/32 The Conference received a report on behalf of the Convenor of Connexional Discipline, Pastoral and Appeal Committees.

7/33 The Conference noted that Piers G J Lane had ceased to be a presbyter in Full Connexion with the Conference.

7/34 The Conference received a report from the Conference Officer for Legal and Constitutional Practice.

7/35 The Conference resumed in open session at 18.28

#### 7/36 **LETTER**

A letter of sympathy was sent in the name of the Conference to Mrs Judy Furnival.

7/37 The Conference shared in worship and adjourned at 18.46.

- 8/1 The Conference assembled at 9.45, and shared in worship.
- 8/2 **CONFERENCE-ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES**  
The Conference elected the following to serve as Conference-elected Representatives at the Conferences of 2017-2019:  
  
Dr Stephen Leah  
The Revd Dr Jane V Craske  
The Revd Elaine M Lindridge
- 8/3 The Secretary of the Conference offered reflections from his first year in office.
- 8/4 **24. METHODIST COUNCIL, part 2, Section K**  
The Conference adopted Resolutions 24/7, 24/8 and 24/9
- 8/5 **MEMORIALS**
- 8/5/1 **Memorials M1, M5-M6, M25 and M31**  
The Conference received Memorials M1, M5, M6, M25 and M31 and adopted as its replies those recommended by the Memorials Committee, The Memorials and replies appearing on pp 3-4, 10-11, 31-32, and 38-39 in the Agenda Supplement.
- 8/5/2 **Memorial M24 - Circuits in tragedy and crisis**  
The Conference received Memorial 24 and adopted as its reply that recommended by the Memorials Committee, the Memorial and reply appearing on pp 29-30 in the Agenda Supplement,  
  
*amending* the reply by deleting the last paragraph and replacing with:  
  
The Conference is content that the measures and guidance above provide an appropriate level of support for individuals and directs Districts to reiterate information about available resources to those affected by such bereavements. However the Conference recognises that the question of support for the circuit – that is, for the affected circuit as a community – has not been addressed and directs the Ministries Committee to create a small group to listen to circuits affected in this way and consider what form additional support would take in order to address the issues raised. The group should report through the Ministries Committee to the 2017 Conference.
- 8/5/3 **Memorial M4 - The circuit reinvitation process**  
The Conference received Memorial M4 and adopted as its reply that recommended by the Memorials Committee, the Memorial and reply appearing on pp 7-10 of the Agenda Supplement,  
  
p 9, in the amendment to SO 545(3F), *deleting '7 days (168 hours)' and substituting 'one week'*  
  
*amending* SO 545(3G) to read:

If such an intention has been notified by one or more members by the time allowed, ***the written grounds for opposing or proposing an amendment to the recommendation shall be circulated no later than 24 hours before the meeting and*** the meeting shall hear the member or members concerned, ***a response by or on behalf of the circuit Invitation Committee*** and any response by the presbyter ~~and by or on behalf of the committee~~ and ***shall*** then consider the matter and proceed to vote.

in the amendment to SO 546(10), *deleting '7 days (168 hours)' and substituting 'one week'*

pp 9-10, *amending* Standing Order 546(11) to read:

If such an intention has been notified by one or more members by the time allowed, ***the written grounds for opposing or proposing an amendment to the recommendation shall be circulated no later than 24 hours before the meeting and*** the meeting shall hear the member or members concerned, ***a response by or on behalf of the circuit Invitation Committee*** and any response by the deacon ~~and by or on behalf of the committee~~ and ***shall*** then consider the matter and proceed to vote.

8/5/4 **Memorial M26 – TMCP**

The Conference received Memorial M26 and adopted as its reply that recommended by the Memorials Committee, the Memorial and reply appearing on pp 32-35 of the Agenda Supplement,

*adding* to the reply:

'The Conference appoints Mrs Susan R Howdle to chair the proposed working group.

**Reasoned Statement** Susan Howdle is a past Vice-President of the Conference, and a former member of the TMCP board.'

8/5/5 **Memorials M2, M7 to M8, M11 to M14, M20, M23, M27 to M30, M34 to M36, M38 to M39**

The Conference received Memorials M2, M7, M8, M11, M12, M13, M14, M20, M23, M27, M28, M29, M30, M34, M35, M36, M38 and M39 and adopted as its replies those recommended by the Memorials Committee, the Memorials and replies appearing on pp 4-5, 11-13, 16-20, 25-26, 28, 35-38 and 42-46 of the Agenda Supplement.

8/6 **4. TRUSTEES FOR THE BAILIWICK OF GUERNSEY METHODIST CHURCH PURPOSES**

The Conference adopted Resolution 4/1.

8/7 **5. TRUSTEES FOR JERSEY METHODIST CHURCH PURPOSES**

The Conference adopted Resolution 5/1.

8/8 **7. ACTION FOR CHILDREN**

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

8/9 **9. METHODIST FORCES BOARD**

8/9/1 The Conference adopted Resolution 9/1,



p 67, paragraph 10, for '2014/15' reading '2016/17'

8/9/2 The Conference adopted Resolution 9/2.

8/9/3 The Conference adopted Resolution 9/3,

p 68, **1007 The Forces.** *changing* the amendments to read:

(1) [...]

(i) the work of all ~~presbyters~~ **ministers** who are set apart to serve [...]

(ii) the work of all deacons serving in support of chaplains; [...]

(1A) The Forces Board shall also exercise a general oversight of the work of ~~presbyters~~**ministers** appointed to serve [...]

(3) [...]

(b) Chaplains shall be regarded as ~~presbyters~~**ministers** in the home work.

Deacons serving in support of chaplains shall be similarly regarded. In either case they shall be members of the Synod [...]

(4) Such chaplains, deacons and lay workers are not appointed [...]

8/10 **13. ALL WE CAN – METHODIST RELIEF AND DEVELOPMENT**

The Conference adopted Resolution 13/1.

8/11 **17. STATIONING COMMITTEE REPORT**

8/11/1 The Conference adopted Resolution 17/1,

p 125, paragraph 4.4

*Additional information:*

Since the Stationing Action Group commenced its work on 8 February 2016, 22 matches have been agreed (21 presbyteral and 1 diaconal). The Stationing Action Group is grateful to a number of presbyters who agreed to move early to help fill vacant appointments.

p 127, paragraph 7.7, for 'a member of the Committee' reading 'intended to attend the Committee'

8/11/2 The Conference adopted Resolution 17/2.

8/12 **19. METHODIST MINISTERS' HOUSING SOCIETY**

The Conference adopted Resolution 19/1.

8/13 **21. METHODIST DIACONAL ORDER GENERAL REPORT**

8/13/1 The Conference adopted Resolution 21/1,

p 153, **6. Wellbeing**, paragraph 2, line 6,

for 'to do more and more to do' reading 'to do more and more'

8/13/2 The Conference adopted Resolution 21/2.

8/14 **25. FERNLEY HARTLEY TRUST**

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

8/15 **35. RELIEF AND EXTENSION FUND FOR METHODISM IN SCOTLAND**

The Conference adopted Resolutions 35/1 and 35/2.

8/16 **38. CENTRAL FINANCE BOARD**

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

8/17 **40. WESTMINSTER COLLEGE OXFORD TRUST LIMITED**

8/17/1 The Conference adopted Resolution 40/1.

8/17/2 **Additional Report:**

Section 40 of the Agenda contains the main report of Westminster College Oxford Trust Ltd (WCOT). Section 8 of that report refers to the earlier decision of the Conference of 2013, consenting to a new lease of 99 years (or extension of the present lease) by the Trust to Oxford Brookes University (OBU), with approval of the final form of the lease being delegated to the Methodist Council within certain parameters.

Since the 2016 report went to press, negotiations have been continuing, and as a result of those negotiations and following discussions between representatives of WCOT and of the Methodist Council, it has been agreed to bring this supplementary report, recommending a resolution which amends in certain aspects the effect of the 2013 resolution of delegation to the council. This would authorise the council to approve, if the council thought this to be appropriate, certain terms for the lease which differ from those originally envisaged. The relevant provisions are as follows:

a) First, the originally proposed terms included one providing that “the permitted use would be use in accordance with the educational purposes currently specified by the Declaration of Trust”. It is now recommended that the lease could encompass a somewhat broader use of the property by the university than originally envisaged, although still in “social areas” connected with teaching and learning. This would enable a more flexible use of the estate by the university, which would be reflected in the income available to the Trust to fulfil its primary charitable educational purposes under the Declaration of Trust by which it is governed.

b) Secondly, the originally proposed terms included a provision for the payment of a commercial rent (instead of the current subvention) whilst also anticipating a premium in the form of a cash sum payable by OBU for the grant of the new lease. It is now possible that the premium may be paid in instalments rather than as a lump sum or be encompassed in the level of rental payments recommended by the surveyor acting for WCOT.

c) Finally, it was expected that the lease would be within the security of tenure provisions of the Landlord and Tenant Act 1954 Part II (enabling OBU to obtain a renewal at the end of the lease, subject to the landlord’s rights to refuse on certain statutory grounds). It is now less certain that the lease will contain this provision, and flexibility on this point is requested.

8/17/3 The Conference adopted as Resolution 40/2:

The Conference receives the additional report and, pursuant to the delegation by the Conference of 2013 (Daily Record 2013 5/16/3) to the Methodist Council of the approval of a new lease or, alternatively, the extension of the current lease by Westminster College Oxford Trust Ltd to Oxford Brookes University on the basis of the terms set out in paragraph 5 of the Trust’s Supplementary Report to that Conference (DR 2013 5/16/2), amends its delegation so as to authorise the Methodist Council to approve the new or

extended lease with further discretion over the terms as set out under paragraphs a) to c) above.

8/18 **41. REFERRED MEMORIALS AND NOTICES OF MOTION**

The Conference adopted Resolution 41/1.

8/19 **44. MINISTERIAL CANDIDATES' AND PROBATIONERS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE**

The Conference adopted Resolution 44/1.

8/20 **46. TRUSTEES FOR METHODIST CHURCH PURPOSES**

8/20/1 The Conference adopted Resolution 46/1,

p 442, above heading **Utilisation of Resources**, *inserting:*



p 455, 8(a),

for 'Net Investment gains' reading 'Net Investment (losses)/gains'

p 455, 8(b)

Under **Central Finance Board**, *changing the text to:*

'Trustees Interest Fund  
Overseas Investment Fund  
UK Equity Fund  
Short Fixed Interest Fund  
Corporate Bond  
Property Investment Fund'

8/20/2 The Conference adopted Resolutions 46/2, 46/3 and 46/4.

8/21 **49. MANAGING TRUSTEES OF THE METHODIST CENTRAL HALL, WESTMINSTER**

8/21/1 The Conference adopted Resolution 49/1.

8/21/2 The Conference adopted Resolution 49/2,

*for 'The Revd Ian C Bell' reading 'a vacancy'*

8/22 **55. MANAGING TRUSTEES OF JOHN WESLEY'S CHAPEL, THE NEW ROOM, AND 4 & 5 CHARLES STREET, BRISTOL**

The Conference adopted Resolutions 55/1 and 55/2.

- 8/23 **57. ECUMENICAL PARTNERSHIPS AND SHARING AGREEMENTS**  
The Conference adopted Resolutions 57/1, 57/2, 57/3 and 57/4.
- 8/24 **27. CONNEXIONAL CENTRAL SERVICES BUDGET FOR THREE YEARS COMMENCING 1 SEPTEMBER 2016**
- 8/24/1 The Conference adopted Resolutions 27/1 and 27/2.
- 8/24/2 Resolutions 27/3 and 27/4 were accordingly withdrawn.
- 8/25 **28. CONNEXIONAL CENTRAL SERVICES BUDGET 2016/17- DISTRICT ALLOCATIONS**  
The Conference adopted Resoluton 28/1.
- 8/26 **8. CONFERENCE ARRANGEMENTS (continued)**  
The Conference adopted Resolution 8/2.
- 8/27 **39. AUTHORISATIONS COMMITTEE**
- 8/27/1 The Conference adopted Resolutions 39/1 and 39/2.
- 8/27/2 The Conference adopted Resolution 39/3,
- p 400, List A
- |                 |       |                        |                        |   |
|-----------------|-------|------------------------|------------------------|---|
| <i>Adding</i>   | 1/1   | Cymru (Glannau Maelor) | Philip Davies          | L |
| <i>Adding</i>   | 1/1   | Cymru (Glannau Maelor) | Goronwy Ellis          | L |
| <i>Adding</i>   | 1/1   | Cymru (Glannau Maelor) | Maryl Rees             | L |
| <i>Adding</i>   | 5/13  | Mid Warwickshire       | Trevor Pethick         | L |
| <i>Deleting</i> | 19/11 | Oldham and Saddleworth | K Goodwin              | L |
| <i>Deleting</i> | 19/11 | Oldham and Saddleworth | G Lamb                 | L |
| <i>Deleting</i> | 19/11 | Oldham and Saddleworth | G Radcliffe            | L |
| <i>Adding</i>   | 23/28 | Amersham               | John Poston            | L |
| <i>Adding</i>   | 23/28 | Amersham               | Pamela A Sitford       | L |
| <i>Adding</i>   | 25/1  | Sheffield              | Keith Blinston         | L |
| <i>Adding</i>   | 28/3  | Shropshire and Marches | Christopher John Hardy | P |
- p 403, List B
- |                 |      |                          |                    |   |
|-----------------|------|--------------------------|--------------------|---|
| <i>Deleting</i> | 5/21 | Blackheath and Halesowen | David Nightingdale | L |
| <i>Deleting</i> | 25/1 | Sheffield                | Richard Wilshaw    | L |
- 8/27/3 **Memorial M10 – Authorisations to preside at the Lord’s Supper**  
The Conference received Memorial M10 and adopted as its reply that recommended by the Memorials Committee, the Memorial and reply appearing on pp 15-16 of the Agenda Supplement.
- 8/28 **Notice of Motion 2016/205: Prospects Ministry**  
The Conference:
- notes that the Prospects Ministry, through local churches, is reaching 3,000 adults with learning disabilities (there are 1.5 million adults with learning disabilities in the UK).
  - notes that Prospects, in partnership with churches, equips volunteers to offer accessible worship and Bible teaching in locally-run ministry groups to enable

people with learning disabilities to feel welcomed and to express their faith in Jesus. Prospects also offers parallel programmes for adults with learning disabilities at major Christian festivals.

- notes that many of our churches are not well resourced for enabling people of all abilities to express themselves in worship and encourages Methodist societies to make use of Prospects' expertise in widening accessibility and participation.
- directs the Methodist Council to ensure that the Connexional Team considers ways in which the Methodist Church can further engage with Prospects and the wider subject of worship that is accessible to people of all abilities.

The Conference adopted the Motion.

**8/29 Notice of Motion 2016/206: Climate Change**

Climate change is a huge challenge. The Conference commends study of "Hope in God's Future" and, bearing in mind the Paris Agreement in 2015, the Conference asks the Methodist Council to encourage further work to move from two degrees to one point five degrees (2°C to 1.5°C); and thereby to try to save Pacific Island States like Tuvalu and Kiribati from drowning; and invites all Methodist Congregations to take the Eco Church challenge.

The Conference adopted the Motion.

8/30 The Conference adjourned at 11.19.

8/31 The Conference reassembled at 11.34.

**8/32 Notice of Motion 2016/207: Fracking**

Hydraulic fracturing, the process known as fracking, involves drilling into the earth and directing a high-pressure water mixture at the rock to release the gas inside. There has been relatively little research into fracking but areas of the United States have suffered small earthquakes and water pollution believed to have been caused by fracking, as fracking involves shale gas, it seems that this process will contribute to climate change.

The Conference therefore:

- directs the Joint Public Issues Team to research fracking and to consider producing resources on this issue.
- directs the Joint Advisory Committee on the Ethics of Investment to consider the ethics of companies involved in fracking, especially following recent discussions regarding fossil fuels.

The Conference referred the Motion to the Methodist Council.

**8/33 Notice of Motion 2016/209: Listening for the Voice of God**

The Conference recognises the invaluable work of local preachers and worship leaders in the life of the Methodist Church and gives thanks to God for this witness in Local Churches and Circuits throughout the Connexion.

The Conference also recognises the significant challenges faced by many Circuits in filling the plan, and a discernible shortage of local preachers and worship leaders in our Church.

Therefore, the Conference calls on Methodist people of all ages to listen for the voice of God calling them to share in this ministry. As well as this, the Conference encourages Circuits to engage enthusiastically with this important issue, to ensure that this affirmation of the Conference is heard and appropriate support is given to those discerning God's call.

Whilst acknowledging resources already produced in Methodism, such as the recent booklets, *Called to Preach?* and *Called to Lead Worship?*, and the work done by the Discipleship and Ministries Learning Network to roll out the new Leading of Worship and Preaching course across the network, we believe that the time is right to have a connexional approach in encouraging more people to hear God calling them to the ministry of preaching and worship-leading.

To this end, the Conference strongly encourages the Methodist people to hear the voice of God, specifically to listen for a call to preach or lead worship in the Methodist Church and to respond in faith. Further, the Conference directs the Council to consider creative ways of re-emphasising the place of both Vocations Sunday and Local Preachers' Sunday, to consider whether new resources would be appropriate for the church to use, and to promote these as appropriate throughout the Connexion.

The Conference adopted the Motion.

#### 8/34 **Notice of Motion 2016/210: Responding to the Chilcott Report**

The Conference notes that it meets as the Chilcott Enquiry published its report. The Conference highlights the profound finding that 'the UK chose to join the invasion of Iraq before the peaceful options for disarmament had been exhausted' (Chilcot). The result of this action will resonate for generations.

The Conference remembers all those who died as a result of the conflict, both military and civilian.

The Conference asks politicians to seek, at every stage, in relations with our neighbours, peaceful resolution until no other option is available. The Conference highlights *Peacemaking: A Christian Vocation* as a resource for churches to engage with the ethical questions the Chilcot Report will open up.

The Conference adopted the Motion.

#### 8/35 **54. PRESBYTERS AND DEACONS BECOMING SUPERNUMERARY OR RETURNING TO ACTIVE WORK**

8/35/1 The Conference adopted Resolution 54/3,

pp 497-498, **3. Presbyters requesting permission to become supernumerary**  
for Stephen L Kingsnorth *reading* \*Stephen L Kingsnorth  
*adding* \*Helen M Freeston (13)  
*adding* \*Jane R Parker (14)  
*adding* Robert O Saunders (48)  
*adding* \*Philip A Sharpe (22)

8/35/2 The Conference adopted Resolution 54/4 in the following form:

The Conference permits the following presbyters to return to the active work:  
Wendy M Evans-Wood, Jane M Willcock

- 8/35/3 The Conference adopted Resolution 54/5.
- 8/36 **45. MINISTERIAL CANDIDATES AND PROBATIONERS OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE**  
The Conference by a Standing Vote, adopted Resolution 45/3.
- 8/37 **47. REPORT TO THE REPRESENTATIVE SESSION OF BUSINESS CONDUCTED BY THE CONFERENCE DIACONAL COMMITTEE**  
The Conference, by a Standing Vote, adopted Resolution 47/2.
- 8/38 **56. PRESBYTERS AND DEACONS FROM OTHER CHURCHES**  
8/38/1 The Conference, by a Standing Vote, adopted Resolution 56/1,  
p 504, **(2) Presbyters of other autonomous Methodist Conferences**  
*deleting* Eric Agyenim-Boateng 17/2 Methodist Church Ghana
- 8/38/2 The Conference, by a Standing Vote, adopted Resolution 56/2.
- 8/38/3 The Conference adopted Resolutions 56/3, 56/4 and 56/5.
- 8/39 **51. DESIGNATIONS FOR APPOINTMENT OF THE WARDEN AND DISTRICT CHAIRS**  
8/39/1 The Conference adopted Resolutions 51/1, 51/2 and 51/3.  
8/39/2 The Conference adopted, with the required majority, Resolutions 51/4, 51/5, 51/6 and 51/7.
- 8/40 **52. COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS**  
8/40/1 The Conference adopted Resolutions 52/1 and 52/2.  
8/40/2 The Conference adopted Resolution 52/3,  
p 487, Conveners: Discipline, Appeals and Pastoral:  
*adding* The Revd Andrew Cordy  
A supernumerary presbyter with experience of circuit ministry and prison chaplaincy. Experience of serving the District in a variety of contexts, most recently in relation to safeguarding.
- 8/40/3 The Conference adopted Resolution 52/4.  
8/40/4 The Conference adopted Resolution 52/5,  
p 488, **Ministerial Candidates' Selection Committee**  
*adding* The Revd Catherine Hutton  
*adding* The Revd Kavula J John  
*adding* The Revd Andrew Letby  
*adding* The Revd Dr Paul Nzacahayo  
*for* Barbara T Routley  
*reading* Barbara T Evans-Routley *and reordering list*  
*deleting* Neal H Street  
*adding* Deacon Julie A Hudson  
*adding* Deacon Belinda A Letby

<i>adding</i>	<u>Deacon Kerry R Scarlett</u>
<i>adding</i>	<u>Deacon Marilyn O S Slowe</u>
<i>deleting</i>	Mrs Christine Haigh
<i>adding</i>	<u>Mr Mike Sharpe</u>
<i>adding</i>	<u>Mrs Anne Vautrey</u>

**Catherine Hutton**

Has been the Superintendent of the Norwich Circuit since 2015. In previous appointments she has served as a member of the Manchester & Stockport District Probationers' Committee and as Secretary of the Darlington District Candidates' Committee.

**Kavula J John**

Superintendent of the South West Sussex United Area where she is involved in the pilot scheme for ministerial supervision. She focuses on work with people from other cultures and celebrating diversity of gifts.

**Kerry R Scarlett**

Trained at the Wesley Study Centre Durham and has served since 2008 in the Birmingham Circuit. She has been part of the District Mission in the Economy team and manages the Adavu Project, which supports adult survivors of modern slavery. Since September 2013 she has been part-time Methodist Diaconal Tutor at the Queen's Foundation; she is completing her MA in Theology and Transformative Practice.

**Marilyn O S Slowe**

Originally from Sierra Leone, she trained at the Queen's Foundation and is currently stationed to the North Lambeth Circuit. She has been chaplain to the London District Candidates' Committee and represented the MDO at Vocation Exploration days.

**Mike Sharpe**

Senior Steward of the Cambridge Circuit and a worship leader. He serves as a trustee of Wesley House. A chartered civil engineer (now retired) by profession, he was an assessor of candidates seeking to become either Chartered or Incorporated Engineers under the rules of the Engineering Council UK and is currently an auditor of the assessment process.

**Anne Vautrey**

Currently works for Citizens Advice Leeds. She is a local preacher who has been a mission partner in Nigeria, a member of the World Methodist Council (2001-2016), secretary to the British World Methodist Committee (2003-2014), and a member of the Leeds District Policy Committee and Chair's nomination panel.

8/40/5 The Conference adopted Resolutions 52/6 and 52/7.

8/40/6 The Conference adopted Resolutions 52/8,

p 489, (iii) South-East

<i>for</i>	The Revd Jennifer A Impey
<i>reading</i>	The Revd Nigel Cowgill

p 490, (ix) The chair and a lay member of the Diaconal Stationing Sub-committee:



for The Revd Peter E Barber; *to be confirmed*  
reading The Revd Peter E Barber; Mrs Bidy Bishop

**Reasoned Statement** Bidy Bishop is nominated to the Stationing Committee by the Diaconal Stationing Sub-Committee.

8/40/7 The Conference adopted Resolutions 52/9, 52/10 and 52/11.

8/40/8 The Conference adopted Resolution 52/12,

p 491, **Methodist Council**  
*(iv) Thirty-one District representatives:*  
*for 'one vacancy (Leeds)' reading Mr Tim Baker*  
Nominated to the Council by the Leeds District.

8/40/9 The Conference adopted Resolutions 52/13, 52/14, 52/15, 52/16 and 52/17.

8/40/10 The Conference adopted as Resolution 52/18:

The Conference appoints Mrs Pamela Lavender as Chair of the Stationing Committee from 1 September 2017.

**Reasoned Statement** Pam Lavender has been a district Lay Stationing Representative since 2013; she has a broad knowledge of both the strategic priorities and pastoral sensitivities necessary in the stationing matching processes. She also serves the District as a member of the District Executive, the District Council and on the Manses Committee. Pam is a retired primary school teacher who still undertakes some supply teaching. She served for 10 years on the governing body of a 11-16 community comprehensive school during which time she was chair of the personnel subcommittee. She has long experience of the Methodist Church and the joys and challenges of stationing having been married to a presbyter for many years. Pam has spent much time supporting work in churches particularly with children and young people (including involvement in crèche, Sunday School, youth fellowship, student work and in Brownies). Pam is a trainer in the Circuit Safeguarding Training Team, a member of the Circuit Fair Trade Group and involved in the extension of Messy Church work.

8/40/11 The Conference adopted as Resolution 52/19:

The Conference appoints the Methodist Diaconal Order Leadership Group:

Mrs Ruth Pickles (Chair), The Revd Richard M Andrew, Mr Peter Baffoe, The Revd Sonia M Hicks, Deacon Kathryn Lamb, Deacon Ian H Murray, Dr Malcolm Stevenson

**Reasoned Statement** The Revd Sonia Hicks is Superintendent of the Thames Valley Circuit. She has worked alongside deacons both in the Methodist Church of the Caribbean and the Americas and in her present appointment. She believes passionately in the affirmation and promotion of diaconal ministry in our church.

8/41 **53. APPRECIATIONS**

8/41/1 The Secretary of the Conference expressed the appreciation of the Conference for the work of the Chair of the Business Committee, Mrs Ruth E Pickles.

- 8/41/2 The Secretary of the Conference expressed the appreciation of the Conference to the Warden of the Methodist Diaconal Order, Deacon Susan W Culver.
- 8/41/3 The Conference adopted Resolutions 53/1 and 53/2.
- 8/42 **ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEM 59. REPORT OF THE LAW AND POLITY SUB-COMMITTEE**
- 8/42/1 **Report**  
There are no special resolutions requiring submission for appropriate consultation. The sub-committee proposes Resolution 59/1 under Standing Order 131(25):
- 8/42/2 The Conference adopted as Resolution 59/1:  
  
The Conference resolves that Resolution 15/7 shall have effect from 1 September 2017.
- 8/42/3 The Conference adopted as Resolution 59/2:  
  
The Conference delegates to the Methodist Council the making of any outstanding appointments and the completing of any outstanding business required to be made or done by the Conference of 2016, and directs that any such actions be reported to the Conference of 2017.
- 8/43 **THE STATIONS**
- 8/43/1 The Stations were presented to the Conference in the form of the Draft previously circulated with the following amendments:
- THE WALES SYNOD**
- 2/12 Conwy and Prestatyn**  
*Supernumeraries:*  
*Deleting* Ronald W C Hoar
- 2/26 Wrexham**  
*Deleting* Christopher J Mabb (WA) who shall act in respect of ministerial duties under the direction of the Chair of the District
- 2/27 Vale of Glamorgan**  
*Supernumeraries:*  
*Adding* Gordon Squire
- THE BIRMINGHAM DISTRICT**
- 5/1 Birmingham**  
*For* J Roy Boffey (*Hospital Chaplain*)  
*reading* J Roy Boffey (WA)  
*Deleting* Linda P Pearce (*U5's and Families Enabler Diocese of Lichfield*)
- The Queen's Foundation**  
*For* Kerry R Scarlett (D) (*Adavu Project and Tutor*)  
*reading* Kerry R Scarlett (D) (*Tutor*)  
*Deleting* Raymond G Gaston (AP) (*Tutor*)
- 5/15 Stratford and Evesham**  
*Supernumeraries:*  
*Adding* C Brian Holliday

**5/21 Blackheath and Halesowen**  
*Deleting Supernumerary:*  
*Deleting* Gordon Squire

THE BOLTON AND ROCHDALE DISTRICT

**6/3 Farnworth and Worsley**  
*Adding* Thandeka Q Sibanda (AP)

**6/4 Rochdale and Littleborough**  
*Deleting* Carolyn White (AP)

THE BRISTOL DISTRICT

**7/15 Gordano Valley**  
*Adding* Roxanne Simpson (WA)

THE CUMBRIA DISTRICT

*For* There is a Lay Secretary of the District Synod.  
*reading* Stephen J Radford, Secretary of the Synod

THE CHESTER AND STOKE-ON-TRENT DISTRICT

**11/5 Dane and Trent**  
*Supernumeraries:*  
*Adding* Leonard Smith (D)

**11/8 Cheshire South**  
*Supernumeraries:*  
*Deleting* Leonard Smith (D)

**11/20 Stoke-on-Trent (South)**  
*Deleting* Nichola G Jones

THE CORNWALL DISTRICT

**12/7 St. Austell**  
*For* Danny Wheadon (S)  
*reading* Danny Wheadon

**12/14 The Lizard and Mounts Bay**  
*For* Amanda Stevens (*Retreats and Spirituality Enabler*)  
*reading* Amanda Stevens (*District Retreats and Spirituality Enabler*)

THE DARLINGTON DISTRICT

**13/7 Cleveland and Danby**  
*Supernumeraries:*  
*Adding* W Hugo Squire

**13/11 Durham and Deerness Valley**  
*Deleting* Kevin Kitson (AP)

THE EAST ANGLIA DISTRICT

**14/1 Norwich**  
*Deleting* Helen M Freeston  
*Supernumeraries:*  
*Adding* Helen M Freeston

**Culford School**

*For* Simon C Battersby (AP)

*reading* Simon Compton-Battersby (AP)

**14/4 Haverhill**  
*Adding* Deborah J Borda (S)  
*Deleting* Peter N Goodhall (S)

**14/13 North Norfolk**  
*For* David P Philo (S)  
*reading* David P Philo  
*For* Seung Wook Jung  
*reading* Seung-Wook Jung  
*For* Sharon L Willimott  
*reading* Sharon L Willimott (S) *and reordering list*

#### THE LEEDS DISTRICT

**16/1 Leeds (South and West)**  
*Supernumeraries:*  
*Adding* R Maclaren Widdows

#### THE LINCOLNSHIRE DISTRICT

**17/11 Barton and Brigg**  
*Adding* Nichola G Jones (S)  
*Deleting* Bruce D Thompson (S)

#### THE LIVERPOOL DISTRICT

**18/5 Liverpool (South)**  
*Adding* Sally Binymin

**18/9 Wirral**  
*Deleting* † Susan Guénault

**18/17 Southport**  
*Deleting* Sally Binymin (WA)

**18/19 Lancashire West**  
*Adding* † Susan Guénault

#### THE MANCHESTER AND STOCKPORT DISTRICT

**19/1 Manchester**  
*Deleting* Rodney Hill (*District Resourcing Mission Enabler*)

**19/15 Bramhall and Wythenshawe**  
*For* Heegon Moon  
*reading* Hee Gon Moon

**19/16 Romiley**  
*Adding* Rodney Hill (*District Resourcing Mission Enabler*)

#### THE LANCASHIRE DISTRICT

**21/6 Pendle**  
*Adding* Philip A Clarke (S)  
*Deleting* Paul H Davis (S)

#### THE NOTTINGHAM AND DERBY DISTRICT

**22/2 Nottingham (South)**  
*Adding* Loraine N Mellor (S)

*Deleting* Mark D Roberts (S)

**22/6 Derby**  
*For* Joshua Yap  
*reading* Kok Kong Yap

**22/26 Newark and Southwell**  
*Adding* Mark D Roberts  
*Supernumeraries:*  
*Deleting* Bernard J Ward

THE NORTHAMPTON DISTRICT

**23/1 Oxford**  
*Supernumeraries:*  
*Deleting* C Brian Holliday

**23/6 Buckingham, Bicester and Brackley**  
*Supernumeraries:*  
*Deleting* David Mann

THE PLYMOUTH AND EXETER DISTRICT

**24/1 Plymouth and Devonport**  
*Adding* Mark J Lawrence

**24/8 Torbay**  
*Adding* Jonathan H Doble  
*Deleting* Gavin P Hancocks

**24/10 South Devon**  
*For* *Supernumeraries:*  
*reading* *Supernumerary:*  
*Deleting* W Hugo Squire

**24/20 Ilfracombe and Barnstaple**  
*Adding* Donald A S Macalister (AP)

**24/28 Teignbridge**  
*Deleting* Jonathan H Doble

THE SOUTHAMPTON DISTRICT

**26/2 Winchester, Eastleigh and Romsey**  
*Supernumeraries:*  
*Adding* Robert J Kitching

**26/5 Yeovil and Blackmore Vale**  
*Deleting* Thomas A Carmichael (AP)  
*Deleting* Elizabeth A Kemp (AP)  
*Supernumeraries:*  
*Deleting* Elizabeth Pennington

**26/7 East Solent and Downs**  
*For* E Gordon Charlesworth (*Horticultural Trade Chaplain - Portsmouth Area*)  
*reading* E Gordon Charlesworth (*Hospital Chaplain*)

**26/9 Poole Bay**  
*Deleting* Janice E Audibert (AP)

**26/10 Christchurch and Wimborne**  
*Supernumeraries:*  
*Deleting* Robert J Kitching

THE WEST YORKSHIRE DISTRICT

**27/36 North Kirklees and Morley**  
*Deleting* Jane R Parker (Hospital Chaplaincy)  
*Supernumeraries:*  
*Adding* Jane R Parker

THE WOLVERHAMPTON AND SHREWSBURY DISTRICT

**28/21 Telford**  
*Deleting* Andrew P L Smith (AP)

THE SCOTLAND DISTRICT

*For* T Alan Anderson, Secretary of the Synod  
*reading* Helen E Jenkins, Secretary of the Synod

**31/1 Edinburgh and Forth**  
*For* Geoffrey Baines  
*reading* Geoffrey Baines (WA) *and reordering list*

**31/9 Central Scotland**  
*Adding* Ian Wilkie (AP)

**31/11 Angus, Dundee and Perthshire**  
*For* John A Butterfield (*United Reformed Church*)  
*reading* John A Butterfield (*Church of Scotland*)

THE BEDFORDSHIRE, ESSEX AND HERTFORDSHIRE DISTRICT

**34/1 North Bedfordshire**  
*Adding* Wendy M Evans-Wood  
*Supernumeraries:*  
*Deleting* Wendy M Evans-Wood

**34/4 South Bedfordshire**  
*Deleting* Nina J Johnson

**34/9 Chelmsford**  
*Adding* Peter N Goodhall

**34/13 St Albans and Welwyn**  
*Adding* Nina J Johnson

THE LONDON DISTRICT

*For* Michaela A Youngson (Chair of the District)  
Jennifer A Impey (Chair of the District)  
Nigel Cowgill (Chair of the District)  
*reading* Nigel Cowgill (Chair of the District)  
Jennifer A Impey (Chair of the District)  
Michaela A Youngson (Chair of the District)

**35/1 City Road**  
*Supernumeraries:*  
*Deleting* Kenneth J Start

**Methodist Church House**  
*Adding* Joseph Daley (WA)  
*Adding* PJ Jackson (WA)  
*Adding* Louise E Morrissey (WA)  
*Adding* Linda P Pearce (WA)  
*Deleting* Roxanne Simpson (WA)

**35/6 Lambeth**  
*Adding* Lena Ali (WA)

**35/22 New River**  
*Deleting* Lena Ali (WA)

**35/25 Richmond and Hounslow**  
*Adding* Eleanor G Jackson (*Permission to study*)

**35/30 Lesnes Abbey**  
*Deleting* Amanda J Harper (AP)  
*Deleting* Wendy J Saunders (AP)

**35/31 Barking, Dagenham and Ilford**  
*Supernumeraries:*  
*Adding* Jennifer-Ann Sweet

**35/34 Enfield**  
*Adding* Nigel Cowgill (S)  
*Deleting* Louise E Morrissey (S)

**35/35 Barnet and Queensbury**  
*For* David C Newton (WA)  
*reading* David C Newton *and reordering list*

**35/41 Croydon**  
*Deleting* Eleanor G Jackson

#### THE SOUTH EAST DISTRICT

**36/1 Hants-Surrey Border**  
*Adding* Graham Horsley (*Connexional Team*)

**36/6 Wey Valley**  
*Deleting* Graham Horsley (*Connexional Team*)

*Deleting* **36/8 South West Sussex United Area**

*Deleting* **36/9 Worthing**  
*and replacing with*

**36/8 Worthing**

Ian Suttie (S)

† Gabriele E Britton-Voss

Dawn R Carn

Pauline A Crispin

Kavula J John

Graham R Locking

Robert Sneddon

Bruce S Allinson (AP)

Margaret Ashby (AP)

*Supernumeraries:*

Neil R Bartlett

Geoffrey P Bell

Eric W Blennerhassett  
Anthony Brazier  
Ian V Field  
Douglas Graham  
William Hewison  
Douglas R Hopwood  
Allan J Hughes  
John R Jennings  
Phyllis M King (D)  
Alfred Lawson  
Ivor F Mann  
Frederick G J Manuell

James Mills  
Norman H Peck  
Kathleen L Rhodes  
Trevor E Rolls  
Timothy J Ross  
John D Searle  
Nigel J Stapley  
Anthony G Trevithick  
Gina Upton  
Richard F Westwood  
John D H Wren

**36/10 Dorking and Horsham**

*Adding* Gavin P Hancocks (S)  
*Deleting* John Hellyer (S)

**36/13 Central Sussex United Area**

*Adding* Jennifer Yule (AP)  
*Supernumeraries:*  
*Adding* David E R Deacon

**SERVICE IN OTHER CONFERENCES AND CHURCHES**

**PERMISSION TO RESIDE ABROAD**

*Adding* Ronald W C Hoar (New Zealand)  
*Deleting* Jennifer-Ann Sweet (South Africa)  
*For* Stephen H Ward  
*reading* Stephen H Ward (Cyprus)

**THE CONNEXIONAL TEAM**

*For* Graham Horsley (Fresh Expressions) (36/6)  
*reading* Graham Horsley (Fresh Expressions) (36/1)

**FORCES CHAPLAINS**

**(a) Royal Navy:**

*Adding* Mark R Mander (RR)

**THE CIRCUITS TO WHICH THE FOLLOWING ARE TO BE APPOINTED OR IN WHICH THEY ARE TO BE STATIONED ARE YET TO BE IDENTIFIED:**

*Deleting all names in this section*

**ASSOCIATE PRESBYTERS**

*For* Clive Barrett (27/0)  
*reading* Clive Barrett (27/-)  
*Deleting* Diane Brownhill (19/1)  
*Adding* Jane E Dicker (28/12)  
*For* Lissa M Gibbons (13/10)  
*reading* Lissa M Scott (13/10) *and reordering list*

8/43/2 The Conference, by a Standing Vote, adopted the Stations.

8/44 **DAILY RECORD**

8/44/1 The Daily Record for Wednesday, 6 July was presented, taken as read, and adopted as printed,



at 7/19, amending heading to read **'Notice of Motion 2016/204 – Building community cohesion'**

at 7/22, paragraph 2, *inserting* 'and the Faith and Order Committee' *after* 'the Ministries Committee'

- 8/44/2 The Conference adopted the Daily Record for Thursday, 7 July in headings only.
- 8/44/3 The Written Portion of the Daily Record of the Representative Session was presented in headings only and adopted.
- 8/45 **EXPRESSIONS OF THANKS**
- 8/45/1 The Conference expressed its thanks to the Connexional Team, the Secretary and the Assistant Secretary, the Conference Secretariat and the staff in the Record Office, the Conference Arrangements Committee, those on the Conference Business Committee, the ministers and staff of Methodist Central Hall, and all stewards and volunteers.
- 8/45/2 The ex-President, The Revd Steven J Wild, and the ex-Vice-President, Dr B Jill Barber, expressed the thanks of the Conference to the President and Vice-President of the Conference.
- 8/46 **LETTERS**
- 8/46/1 Letters were sent in the name of the Conference to the Prime Minister, all Members of Parliament and national media organisations in accordance with Resolution 58/2 (Daily Record 7/15/3) **After the Referendum: National Life**.
- 8/46/2 A letter was sent in the name of the Conference to the Rt Hon Stephen Crabb MP, Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, expressing deep concern about the Benefit Sanctions system, in accordance with the reply to Memorial M37 (Daily Record 7/27).
- 8/47 **ATTESTATION**
- The Daily Record of the Presbyteral and Representative Sessions and associated documents were signed by the President, the Vice-President and the Secretary of the Conference, and were duly attested.
- 8/48 **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, 30 June 2016, be duly entered in the Journal of the Conference, subscribed by the President, the Vice-President and the Secretary, and shall be taken as, and shall be, the Acts of the Conference to all intents and purposes whatsoever.
- 8/49 **ADJOURNMENT**
- The Conference, by a Standing Vote, resolved to adjourn to the Conference of 2017, which would meet in Birmingham on Thursday, 22 June in its Presbyteral Session, and on Saturday, 24 in its Representative Session.
- 8/50 The Conference adjourned at 12.59.

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#### (a) adopted

After the referendum: national life (201(P)).....	2/16, 7/15, 8/46/1
Building community cohesion (204).....	7/19
Climate change (206).....	8/29
Deployment and resourcing of ministry (203) .....	7/22
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Listening for the voice of God (209) .....	8/33
Prospects ministry (205) .....	8/28
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#### (b) not put

*none*

#### (c) referred to the Methodist Council

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*For a report about work done and work in progress on Notices of Motion brought to previous Conferences, see item 41 of the Agenda (adopted Daily Record 8/18).*

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M39	Centenary of the King's Hall Southall .....	8/5/5

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**APPENDIX C  
REPLIES TO MEMORIALS OF PREVIOUS CONFERENCES**

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