

21. Appointment of the Assistant Secretary of the Conference

*****RESOLUTION**

21/1. The Conference appointed the Revd Dr Jonathan R Hustler as Assistant Secretary of the Conference for a period of six years, from 1 September 2017.

Reasoned Statement

Jonathan Hustler trained for the ministry at Wesley House Cambridge, spending a year prior to his first station at the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome. His widespread experience of circuit ministry has been gained over a period of 20 years, serving the Leighton Buzzard and Stewkley Circuit, the Redcar, Saltburn and Guisborough Circuit and from 2001-11 as Superintendent of the Horncastle and Bardney Circuit. Throughout his ministry Dr Hustler has maintained a rigorous approach to scholarship, reading for his PhD while in circuit. From 2011-14 he served as Vice-Principal of Wesley House, Cambridge.

Since 2014 he has served as Ministerial Co-ordinator for the Oversight of Ordained Ministries in the Connexional Team, accepting the discipline of the Conference in being stationed to the role. In this role Dr Hustler has developed a detailed understanding of every aspect of connexional (ministerial) oversight processes as well as undertaking work to find ways of ensuring that the variety of Fellowship Groups present in our Connexion find a voice in the life of the Church as a whole. His personal sense of spiritual discipline ensures that he has the resilience to sustain both himself and others when faced with difficulties. Many have had cause to be thankful to him for his care and graciousness when dealing with difficult, complex matters. In recent work on: the development of a model for supervision; the Connexional Team's responsibility under immigration legislation; revising and developing new patterns of oversight he has combined an eye for detail with an awareness of the very breadth of the whole Connexion and its needs.

As one who is passionate about the Church as an instrument of God's mission he is a loyal servant of it. Jonathan Hustler brings to the role of Assistant Secretary of the Conference a reflective, informed, faithful and compassionate style of ministry that will foster the vocations and gifts of others as he celebrates the presence of God.