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

The Conference Diaconal Committee (“the Committee”) met during the Convocation of the Methodist Diaconal Order on 2 May 2017. The President took the Chair.

1. Deacons who have died
   The Committee approved the obituaries of Gwendoline Appleton, Marion Aspinall, Mary Mawson, Mavis McBride, Jean Miller, Jean Robinson, Leonard Russell Smith, and noted that the obituary for Susan Mary Jackson will be presented to the Conference Diaconal Committee in 2018.

2. Candidates
   2.1 The Committee recommended, with the required majority, acceptance by the Representative Session of the following candidates to proceed immediately into pre-ordination training:
      - Caroline Michelle Goddard
      - Helen Louise Lunn
      - Theresa Effuah Sam
      - Helen Snowball

   2.2 The Committee noted the following deacon recommended by the Ministerial Candidates’ Selection Committee for training for presbyteral ministry upon transfer from diaconal ministry:
      - Philip John Osborne

   2.3 The Committee noted the following accepted diaconal candidates recommended by the Ministerial Candidates’ Selection Committee for training for presbyteral ministry:
      - No case

3. Transfer
   The Committee adopted the recommendation by a 75% majority or more of the Ministerial Candidates’ Selection Committee acting as Transfer Committee that the following applicant should be transferred to the jurisdiction of this Conference, as a probationer:
   - Bryanell Rop (United Methodist Church)

4. Training and probation
   The Committee adopted the following special reports of the Ministerial Candidates’ and Probationers’ Oversight Committee:

   4.1 Candidates accepted at previous Conferences and given permission to delay entry into training:
      - No case

   4.2 Candidates accepted at this Conference and to be given permission to delay entry into training:
      - No case

   4.3 Candidates accepted at this Conference and to be given permission to transfer to another Conference:
      - No case
4.4 Candidates conditionally accepted at previous Conferences:
- (a) Those judged to have fulfilled the condition and therefore to be accepted as candidates
  *No case*
- (b) Those judged to have failed to fulfil the condition and thereby not to be accepted as candidates
  *No case*
- (c) Those still to fulfil the condition
  *No case*

4.5 Changes in expected date of Reception into Full Connexion:
- (a) To an earlier date
  *No case*
- (b) To a later date
  *No case*

4.6 Special cases:
*No case*

4.7 Deferred entry into probation:
*No case*

4.8 Withdrawals under SO 727:
- (a) Candidates
  *No case*
- (b) Student deacons
  *No case*
- (c) Probationers
  *No case*

4.9 Transfer to other Conferences or Churches:
*No case*

4.10 Reinstatements under SO 761:
- (a) Student deacons
  *No case*
- (b) Probationers
  *No case*

4.11 Discipline:
*No case*

4.12 The Committee noted, pursuant to SO 031, that the following students and probationers had been discontinued:
  Beverley Jane Gibson
The Committee recommended to the Representative Session that the following continue in training or on probation:

**In the following lists:**
* = change from the lists approved by the 2016 Conference
+ = candidates accepted by the 2016 Conference

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

Laura Evans  
Alison McMillan  
Gail Morgan  
Selina Jane Nisbett  
Marlene Alison Skuce

6. **Permission to serve abroad**
Angleena Keizer

7. **Permission to reside abroad**
Harriet Bacon  
Gordon Wallace

8. **Deacons becoming supernumerary**

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

John G Hill  
Jennifer M Knight
b) Permissions granted during the year:

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

*No case*

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

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

*No case*

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

***RESOLUTIONS***

52/1. The Conference received the Report.

52/2. The Conference resolved, by a Standing Vote, that it accepted for training, unconditionally or conditionally as the case may be, the candidates for ministry recommended by the Diaconal Committee whose names are recorded in the report of that Committee.

52/3. The Conference adopted the report on diaconal students and probationers recommended for continuance in training or on probation as set out in section 4.

52/4. The Conference resolved by a Standing Vote that those persons whose names have been read to the Conference and are printed in the Agenda and Daily Record be now received into Full Connexion with the Conference as deacons, and, if not already ordained, to be ordained by prayer and the laying on of hands and to be received into full membership of the Methodist Diaconal Order on the afternoon of this day, the 25th day of June, at Darlington Street Methodist Church, Wolverhampton.