56. Committee Appointments

***RESOLUTIONS

56/1. The Conference appointed the Strategy and Resources Committee of the Council in accordance with Standing Order 213:

(i) Professor Peter D Howdle (Chair)

(ii) Ms Janet Arthur, the Revd David M Goodall, Mr Robert J Harrison, the Revd Susan Keegan Von Allmen, Dr Daleep S Mukarji, the Revd Michael D Parker, Mrs Heather Shipman

(iii) The Revd Timothy A Swindell, Mr Edward Awty (Connexional Treasurers)

(iv) Mrs Helen Woodall (Chair of the Connexional Grants Committee)

(v) The Revd Dr Andrew D Wood (Chair or Deputy Chair of the Ministries Committee)

(vi) The Revd Loraine N Mellor (District Chair)

(vii) The Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Connexional Secretary and other members of the senior leadership group (non-voting): the Revds Canon Gareth J Powell, Dr Jonathan R Hustler, Mr Doug Swanney, Mr Martin Ashford, Ms Jude Levermore, Mr Nick Moore

56/2. The Conference appointed the panel for the nomination of District Chairs:

The Revds Anne E Brown, Richard J Byass, David P Easton, John Hellyer, Kavula John, Christine Jones, Marian J Jones, Nichola G Jones, Derrick R Lander, Paul Nzacahayo, Keith A Reed, Daniel P Reed, D Paul C Smith, Dr Elizabeth A Smith, Graham Thompson, Alison F Tomlin, Martin H Turner, Dr Martin Wellings, Dr Andrew D Wood, Michaela A Youngson.

Deacons Josephine F A Critchley, Jane S Middleton, Ian H Murray

Ms Jane Allin, Ms Janet Arthur, Mrs Christine Bellamy, Miss Sarah Cave, Mrs Sue Chastney, Ms Evelyn de Graft, Prof Peter D Howdle, Miss Marion Mear, Mr Malcolm Pearson, Mr Noel Rajaratnam, Mr David Ridley, Mrs Caroline Stead, Dr Malcolm Stevenson, Mr David S Walton, Mrs Rosemary Wass, Mrs Louise C Wilkins, Mrs Ruth Wilton, Mrs Helen Woodall, Mr Rob Wylie

with the Secretary of the Conference as convener.

56/3. The Conference appointed the panel for Connexional Discipline, Pastoral and Appeal Committees and persons with associated functions:

Connexional Complaints Officer: Professor Diane Rowland; Mr Joseph Anoom (deputy); Mr David Booth (deputy); the Revd James A Booth (deputy).

Chairs: Mr Stephen Allinson, Mr Graham Danbury, Mr Robert Gaitskell, Mrs Susan R Howdle, Ms Jane McIvor, Sir Alastair Norris, Miss Elizabeth Ovey.

Advocates: Mr Stephen Allinson, Mr Joseph Anoom, Mr John Birtwell, Mr Graham Danbury, Mr Adrian Turner, the Revd Stuart Wild.

Conveners:

Discipline, Appeals and Pastoral: The Revd C Mary Austin, The Revd Andrew Cordy, Ms Ruby Beech, Mr David Kendrew, the Revds Ian S Rutherford, Sharon Willimott, Ian Yates


Deacons Eunice Attwood, Kate Barrett, Denise Creed, Sue Culver, Jane Middleton, Myrtle Poxon, Marion Sharp, Rowland H Wilkinson.

Mrs Jane Allison, Mr Donald B Appleyard, Ms Ruby Beech, Mr John A Bell, Mr Simon Birks, Mrs Stella Bristow, Mrs Teresa Broadbent, Miss Joan Charlesworth, Mr Dudley Coates, Mr John Connor, Mr Colin Cradock, Mr Andrew Cross, Ms Gillian Dascombe, Mr Brian Davies, Prof Peter Howdle, Mrs Sophie Kumi, Mrs Judy Jarvis, Dr Mary Jefferson, Mr David Kendrew, Mrs Ann Leck, Mrs Helen R Letley, Dr Edmund I Marshall, Mr Leon A Murray, Mrs Nwabueze Nwokolo, Mrs Sonia J O'Connor, Mrs Margaret Parker, Mrs Ruth Pickles, Mr Timothy Ratcliffe, Mrs Jean Schroeder, Mr Stephen Schroeder, Dr Alan Thomson, Mr Brian Thornton, Mr David Walton, Mrs Rosemary Wass, Mr Ivan Weekes, Sister Eluned Williams.

56/4. The Conference appointed the panel for Connexional Complaints Teams:
The Revds Catherine H Bird, Timothy J Bradshaw, Victoria O Bravette, Hilary Cheng, Molly Chitokwindo, L E Maree Farrimond, Andrew F Goodhead, Keith Harbour, Christopher Jones, Simon H Leigh, Henry Lewis, Brenda Mosedale, Nicholas A Oborski, Stephen Penrose, Valerie Reid, David M Shaw (A), Dr Jennifer H Smith, Mary R Teed, Paul S Weir, Ruth E Whittard, Stuart Wild, Linda M Woollacott

Deacons Donna Ely, Myrtle Poxon, Stephen F Roe, Deborah L Wilde

Miss Maureen Anderson, Mr Graham Arthurs, Miss Joan Ball, Mr Peter Binks, Mr John Birtwell, Mr David M Chandler, Mr Leo Cheng, Mr Peter Dawe, Mrs Eve DeGraft, Mr David Djaba, the Revd David R Ellis, Dr John Jefferson, Mr G David Kendall, Mr David Kendrew, Mr Chris Kitchin, Miss Kathryn Larrad, Mr David Laycock, Mrs Ann Leck, Mrs Nwabueze Nwokolo, Mrs Jean Schroeder, Mr Stephen Schroeder, Mr John Scott, Mr Ray Warren, Mr Graham Wilson

56/5. The Conference appointed the Ministerial Candidates' Selection Committee:


Miss Victoria Aggasild, Mrs Akua Agyepong, Ms E Jane Allin, Mr Richard Armiger, Mr Rob Cooper, Ms Sarah Dixon. Mrs Janet Dobinson, Mrs Sylvia Gnanapragasam, Mrs Glena Griffin, Mrs Elaine M Groul, Ms Sylvia Hart, Miss Sharon Lam, Mr Phil Langdale, Mrs Dorothy Lumley, Mrs Hayley Moss, Mrs Grace Penn-Timity, Mr Alfred Philpott, Mrs Maxine Scott, Mr Michael Sharpe, Dr Rachel Starr, Mrs Karen Stefanyszyn, Mrs Anne Vautrey, Mrs Denise Tomlinson, Dr Margaret Williams, Dr Bart Woodhouse

The Warden of the Methodist Diaconal Order has the right to attend but not to vote.
56/6. **The Conference appointed oversight tutors [in accordance with Standing Order 321(5)(b)]:**

(Where more than one oversight tutor is appointed for the same institution one shall be identified as having oversight responsibility. In the following list, that person is identified by an asterisk.)

**Queen’s Foundation, Birmingham**

*The Revds Dr Jane V Craske, Dr Jonathan Dean, Gary P Hall, Dr Paul Nzakahayo, Dr Judith A Rossall; Deacons Eunice Attwood, Kerry R Scarlett*

56/7. **The Conference appointed the Faith and Order Committee:**

The Secretary of the Conference: The Revd Canon Gareth J Powell.

The Secretary of the Committee: The Revd Dr Nicola V Price-Tebbutt

Deacon Eunice Attwood, the Revd Dr David M Chapman, Prof Beverley Clack, the Revd Dr Keith Davies, the Revd Dr Jonathan Dean, the Revd Ruth M Gee, Prof Tom Greggs, the Revd Gary P Hall, the Revd Dr David J Hart, Mrs Susan R Howdle, the Revd Carole Irwin, the Revd Prof Teddy Kalongo, the Revd Dr Jane Leach, Prof Judith Lieu (Chair), the Revd Dr Michael Long, Deacon Karen McBride, the Revd Mark Rowland, the Revd Dr Jennifer H Smith, the Revd Simon C Sutcliffe, the Revd Dr Martin Wellings.

56/8. **The Conference appointed the Stationing Committee under Standing Order 322:**

(i) Lay Chair: Mrs Pamela Lavender

(ii) The Secretary and Assistant Secretary of the Conference: The Revds Gareth J Powell and Dr Jonathan R Hustler

(iii) Seven district Chairs and seven district Lay Stationing Representatives:

- **South-East**
  - The Revd Nigel Cowgill
  - Ms Jenny Jackson

- **South-West**
  - The Revd Dr David Hinchliffe
  - Mrs Biddy Bishop

- **Wales/Midlands**
  - The Revd Ian Howarth
  - *To be confirmed*

- **Yorkshire**
  - The Revd Gillian M Newton
  - Mrs Beverley Duffy

- **East Midlands**
  - The Revd Bruce Thompson
  - Ms M Frances Hopwood

- **North-West**
  - The Revd Dr Sheryl M Anderson
  - Mr Iain S A Henderson

- **North/Scotland**
  - The Revd Stephen J Lindridge
  - Mr Bill Offler

(iv) No more than two Team members with responsibility for presbyteral and diaconal selection; and for the stationing of probationers: *to be confirmed*

(v) deleted

(vi) deleted

(vii) The chair of the Stationing Advisory Committee: The Revd Dr Jennifer A Hurd

(viii) The Warden or deputy Warden of the Methodist Diaconal Order: Deacon Karen McBride

(ix) The chair and a lay member of the Diaconal Stationing Sub-committee: The Revd Peter E Barber; Mrs Biddy Bishop

(x) The chair of the group responsible on behalf of the Stationing Committee for overseeing the matching of particular presbyters to appointments: The Revd Stephen J Poxon

(xi) The convener of the Stationing Action Group: The Revd Graham Thompson
The Conference appointed representatives to ecumenical bodies as follows:

   The Revd A Peter Hancock; Ms Emma Johnson

(b) Churches Together in Britain and Ireland (CTBI): Annual General Meeting
   Mr Michael P King

(c) Churches Together in Britain and Ireland: Senior Representatives’ Forum
   Mr Michael P King; The Revd Neil A Stubbens

(d) Churches Together in England (CTE): Enabling Group
   The Revds Dr Jonathan H Pye, Neil A Stubbens

(e) Action of Churches Together in Scotland (ACTS): Members’ Meeting:
   The Revd Dr David P Easton; Mr Alan Henderson
   Alternate: The Revd T Alan Anderson
   Proxies: The Revds Dr Ian D Morris, Philip A Poynor

The Conference appointed the lay persons nominated by the Synod to the General Committee of the Relief and Extension Fund for Methodism in Scotland and notes the membership of the Committee as otherwise provided for in Standing Order 476(1)(i), (ii) and (iii) as follows:

(i) the Chair and Presbyteral Secretary of the Methodist Synod in Scotland and the Presbyteral Secretaries responsible for “Mission in Britain” and “Property” (being the ‘ex officio Trustees’ of the Fund);
   The Revds Dr David P Easton (Synod Chair); Dr Helen Jenkins (Synod Secretary); Allan Y Loudon (District Presbyteral Property Secretary); Nicholas Baker (District Church Life Secretary).

(ii) Other trustees and the secretary and treasurer of the Fund and the lay secretaries responsible for “Mission in Britain” and “Property”;
   Miss Maureen G Anderson, Mr David A Easson, Mr Phillip A Haggis (District Lay Property Secretary), Dr Alan Hayes, Mr Edward A L Wallace (General Secretary and Treasurer).

(iii) The Superintendent of each Circuit in the District (not otherwise appointed)
   the Revds Andrew M Baker, John Beadle, Dr Mark A Jason, Andrew Letby, Dr John McNeill, Mary M Patterson.

(iv) Lay persons nominated by the Synod and appointed by the Conference;
   Mrs Margaret Brown, Mrs Jennifer H Easson, Mr Peter A Mills.

The Conference appointed the Audit Committee:
   Mr Adrian Burton, Mr Alan Kershaw (Chair), Mr David Stubbs, Mr Andrew Whitley

The Conference appointed the Methodist Council of 2017:
   The ex officio members specified in Standing Order 201, and:

(i) The chair of the Council: The Revd Ruth M Gee

(iiA) The Assistant Secretary of the Conference: The Revd Dr Jonathan R Hustler

(iiB) The Conference Officer for Legal and Constitutional Practice: Mrs Louise C Wilkins

(ii) The lead Connexional Treasurer: The Revd Timothy A Swindell

(iii) Four District Chairs: The Revds Jennifer A Hurd, Rachel E Parkinson, Dr Andrew D Wood, a vacancy

(iv) Thirty District representatives:
   Mr Mike Anderson, Mrs Janet Baker, Mr Tim Baker, Mrs Carole Burgess, the Revd Linda J Catlow, the Revd Rory J Dalgliesh, Mr Jack Delbridge, Ms Sue Draper, The Revd Mark Dunn-Wilson, Mrs Aileen Fox, the Revd Dr Andrew M Fox, the Revd Catherine Gale, the Revd Novette Headley, the Revd Beverly Hollings, the Revd Eleanor G Jackson, the Revd Philip J Jackson, Mrs Carolyn Lawrence, Mrs Heather Lovelady, Deacon Jonathan Miller, Professor Ken Mortimer, Mrs Idy Osibodu, the Revd Mary M Patterson, the Revd Gareth P Phillips, Mr
Peter Prescott, Mrs Anne Pryke, the Revd Sally A Ratcliffe, the Revd Mary V B Shannahan, the Revd Peter D Sheasby, the Revd David Shirtliff, Mr Richard Wills, vacancies (Bristol, Cornwall, Lincolnshire, Northampton).

(v) The Connexional Secretary: Mr Doug Swanney
(vi) The Chair and two members of the SRC: Professor Peter Howdle, Mrs Heather Shipman, Dr Daleep S Mukarji
(viA) The Chair or Deputy Chair of the Ministries Committee: Ms Gill M Dascombe
(vii) A representative of the Diaconal Order: Deacon Karen McBride
(viii) Two representatives of the Youth Assembly: Ms Gemma Curtis, Ms Ruth Hall
(ix) Two representatives of concerns of racial justice: The Revd Olufemi R W Cole-Njie, the Revd Stephen J Pofox
(x) Up to four Conference-appointed persons.

56/12A. The Conference delegated to the Council the appointment of a representative to the Council from the Chairs’ Meeting and from the Birmingham District.

56/13. The Conference directed that in accordance with Standing Order 210(2)(a) the Districts shall be represented on the Methodist Council of 2018 as follows:

By a presbyter or deacon:
Cymru, Birmingham, Cumbria, Chester and Stoke-on-Trent, Cornwall, Darlington, Isle of Man, Newcastle upon Tyne, Lancashire, Northampton, Sheffield, Yorkshire North and East, Scotland, Shetland, Bedfordshire Essex Hertfordshire, South East.

By a lay person:
Wales, Bolton and Rochdale, Bristol, Channel Islands, East Anglia, Lincolnshire, Liverpool, Manchester and Stockport, Nottingham and Derby, Plymouth and Exeter, Southampton, Yorkshire West, Wolverhampton and Shrewsbury, London.

56/14. The Conference appointed the following officers of the 2018 Conference:

Representative Session
Journal Secretary: The Revd Jennifer M Dyer
Record Secretary: Mr David Ridley
Convener of the Memorials Committee: Mr Martin Harker

Presbyteral Session
Record Secretary: The Revd Jennifer M Dyer
Assistant Record Secretary: The Revd Rosemarie E G Clarke

56/15. The Conference appointed the following officers of the Conference Diaconal Committee:

Recording Officer: Deacon Josephine F A Critchley
Reporting Officer: Deacon Julie A Hudson

56/16. The Conference appointed the Ministries Committee:
Mrs Jill Baker, Mr Peter Baffoe, Miss Sarah Cave, the Revd Olufemi Cole-Njie, Ms Gill M Dascombe (Deputy Chair), the Revd Dr Russell Herbert, the Revd Dr Jonathan R Hustler (Convener), Deacon Jennifer A J Jones, Mr Mike King, Deacon Michelle Legumi, Mrs Hayley Moss, the Revd Joanna R Rand, the Revd Dr Roger L Walton, the Revd Dr Andrew D Wood (Chair).

56/17. The Conference appointed the Trustees of Epworth Old Rectory:
The Revd R Graham Carter (Chair until 31 December 2017), Mrs Sarah Friswell (Chair from 1 January 2018), Mr John Purdy (Secretary), the Revd Stuart Gunson (Treasurer), Ms Sarah Braisdell, Mrs Jenny Carpenter, Mr Barry Clarke, Mrs Linda Crossley, Professor William Gibson,
Mr Roger Kuhnel, the Revd Angela Long, Mr Edward Mardell, Mr Doug Swanney, Ms Germaine Tuck, the Revd Ian R S Walker.

World Methodist Council Trustees:
Bishop Ivan Abrahams, the Revd Dr John Beyers, the Revd Dr Fred Day, Mr Kirby Hickey, Archbishop Michael Kehinde Steven.

56/18. The Conference appointed the following persons as Directors of Westminster College Oxford Trust Ltd for a three year period from 1 September 2017:
Professor Beverley Clack, Dr Clive Norris.

56/19. The Conference reappointed Mrs Susan Howdle as a Director of Westminster College Oxford Trust Ltd for a further three year period from 1 September 2017, and resolves, under Article 36 of the Articles of Association of Westminster College Oxford Trust Ltd, that a period of one year’s non-service upon the Board should not be required in relation to this reappointment.

Details of New Nominations (underlined above):

E Jane Allin a church and circuit steward in the Taunton Deane and South Sedgemoor Circuit and member of Plymouth and Exeter District Candidates’ Committee. Formerly a conveyancing solicitor she now works as the volunteer coordinator for a charity.

Guy Austin-Bride a deacon currently serving in the Chelsea, Hammersmith, and Fulham circuit.

Peter Baffoe the Faith and Community Development Worker at South London Mission. He is a member of the MDO Leadership Group and has served as Chaplain to the Ministerial Candidates’ Selection Committee.

Tim Baker nominated to the Council for the new Yorkshire West District.

Sarah Braisdell was employed by Methodist Women in Britain to catalogue their archive material which is now stored at Epworth Old Rectory. She helped to produce a display illustrating the history of the role of women in Methodism from Susanna Wesley to the present day and has produced a resource pack related to this exhibition.

Adrian Burton former member of the Strategy and Resources Committee, works for Lloyds Bank in the area of compliance

Sarah Cave Experience of ministry issues from the perspective of a Lay Stationing Representative and a Synod Secretary

Faith and Order Committee
Beverley Clack Professor in the Philosophy of Religion at Oxford Brookes University and has prior experience of the work of the Faith and Order Committee. She is interested in exploring the way in which God can be communicated to a secular world.

Westminster College Oxford Trust
Beverley Clack Professor in the Philosophy of Religion at Oxford Brookes University. Her first degree is in Theology from Westminster College. From 2012-16 she was City Councillor for St Clements Ward in Oxford, and currently sits on the Education
Commission of the Labour Party. She is a member and church steward at Cowley Road Methodist Church, Oxford.

**Alan Combes**

Presbyter in the Enfield Circuit and part of the leadership team of the Cockfosters centre for spirituality. Prior to candidating for ordained ministry, his career was in engineering and teaching, most recently as head of a university department.

**Josephine F A Critchley**

Currently stationed in the North Fylde Circuit. Within the Lancashire District, she is part of the Child Friendly Church Award team, convenes the Lay Employees support group, and participates on the mission team alongside lay and ordained colleagues.

**Linda Crossley**

Currently serving as connexional President for Methodist Women in Britain (MWiB) in 2013-2015 and is a member of the Managing Trustees for the West Yorkshire District. Her appointment will help to cement the partnership between the Rectory and MWiB.

**Gemma Curtis**

Nominated to the Council by 3Generate

**Rory J Dalgliesh**

Nominated to the Council by the York and Hull District

**Peter Dawe**

A retired teacher, a local preacher and served on the former Home Missions and DSR boards. He is a magistrate and a school governor, and has served as a local councillor and mayor of a London borough, and on the former GLC. He brings very wide judicial and managerial experience in public life.

**David Djaba**

A lifelong Methodist who has served as a church and circuit steward, runs his own business as a financial consultant. He has handled complaints and grievance work in the course of his professional life, and is accustomed to dealing with difficult people issues.

**Beverley Duffy**

Lay Stationing Representative for the York and Hull District.

**Mark Dunn-Wilson**

Nominated to the Council by the Cornwall District.

**David Ellis**

Brings great experience and wide perspective to complaints work. He emphasises reconciliation and forgiveness, fundamental aspects of the complaints procedure, as leading aspects of ministry.

**L E Maree Farrimond**

Feels called to continue her ministry of pastoral healing and wholeness through involvement in the complaints process. She is particularly interested in conflict resolution and reconciliation, key features of the process.

**Andrew M Fox**

Nominated to the Council by the Shetland District.

**Sarah Friswell**

Passions lie in the promotion of heritage as a tool for mission and in understanding our place in the world church (currently Chair of the Heritage Committee and member of World Methodist Council, 2011-2016). Professionally she has developed the visitor ministry at St Edmundsbury Cathedral and currently at King’s College, Cambridge.
William Gibson: professor of Ecclesiastical History at Oxford Brookes University and Director of the Oxford Centre for Methodism and Church History.

A Peter Hancock: Long-standing awareness of CEC; studied in Strasbourg, fluent in German and French.

Novette Headley: nominated to the Council by the Northampton District.

Beverly Hollings: nominated to the Council by the Darlington District.

Susan Howdle: a Past Vice-President of the Conference and a lawyer with experience in higher education and in chairing a number of connexional bodies.

Jonathan R Hustler: Nominated to the Conference as Assistant Secretary of the Conference.

Emma Johnson: Attended the 14th General Assembly; member of CEC Governing Board (2013-18); recently living in Basel/Bâle; fluent in German.

Alan Kershaw: a Fellow of Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW), currently working as Finance Director of a manufacturing company in the North West. He is a Worship Leader and member of the Circuit Meeting.

John Lampard: a supernumerary presbyter in the City Road circuit and a former Connexional Local Preachers’ Secretary. In the absence of a Ministerial Coordinator for Oversight of Ordained Ministries within the Team, he has agreed to serve as Secretary to this committee.

Henry Lewis: has been a presbyter for ten years and was a senior social services manager for over twenty years. He has considerable experience of complaints work. He is a member of the Connexional Safeguarding Committee, sits on safeguarding panels, and undertakes safeguarding risk assessments for the Church.

Angela Long: superintendent minister of the Epworth and Scunthorpe Circuit and minister at Wesley Memorial Church, Epworth which is a key part of the Wesley heritage story related to Epworth Old Rectory.

Heather Lovelady: nominated to the Council by the Liverpool District.

Peter A Mills: Nominated by the Scotland Synod as a trustee of the Relief and Development Fund for Methodism in Scotland.

Ken Mortimer: nominated to the Council by the Bristol District.

Gillian M Newton: Chair of the Sheffield District.

Clive Norris: a management accountant, who ended his career as a Whitehall civil servant with senior roles in finance and human relations. More recently he has been attached to the Oxford Centre for Methodism and Church History at Oxford Brookes where he completed his PhD, A member of Putney Methodist Church, he is also a trustee of the Southlands Methodist Trust.

Faith Nyota: a presbyter currently serving as Superintendent of the Purley circuit. Having ministered on three continents, she brings to the committee considerable cross-cultural experience; she has been a member of a Regional Oversight
Committee for ministers-in-training and convenes the London District Authorised Ministries Commission.

**Nicholas Oborski**  A Local Complaints Officer for seven years, committed to seeking reconciliation and justice for those who find themselves in disagreement. His experience prior to ministry has given him an ability to weigh issues and to consider carefully complex issues to reach balanced and fair conclusions.

**Rachel E Parkinson**  nominated to the Council by the Chairs’ Meeting.

**Suzanne Peat**  serves in the West Durham circuit and is a member of the Darlington District Candidates Selection Committee and Probationers committee. She was a member of the Wesley Study Centre Oversight Committee until 2014. Prior to ordained ministry, she worked as a Youth Pastor and Cliff College Evangelist; in both roles, she was involved in helping people to discern their Christian vocation and calling.

**Jonathan H Pye**  nominated by the District Chairs’ Meeting; a representatives to CTE’s Enabling Group.

**John Scott**  a circuit steward, is an accountant with business interests in property and other investments. He has a lifetime’s experience of supervising staff and management.

**Doug Swanney**  Connexional Secretary. Chair of the World Methodist Council (Britain) Committee

**Denise Tomlinson**  a circuit steward in the Teddington circuit and a member of the London District Candidates Committee and Probationers Committee.

**Bruce Thompson**  Chair of the Lincolnshire District.

**Graham Thompson**  Chair of the Plymouth and Exeter District, and previously Chair of the East Anglia District.

**Ruth Whittard**  specialises in running quiet days and is training to be a spiritual director. She brings listening skills, an emphasis on contextual theology, and a strong belief in the power of God to bring reconciliation and healing in conflict situations.

**Richard Wills**  nominated to the Council by the Lincolnshire District.

**Linda Woollacott**  formerly a primary school head teacher, has served as a superintendent, assistant district chair, been a member of the Methodist Council and sat on resignation advisory committees. She has, therefore, wide experience of dealing with people, supporting them in difficult times and conflict situations.