

47. Authorisations Committee: Presidency at the Lord's Supper

1. The Authorisations Committee has completed its work for this year and submits the necessary lists for the approval of the Conference in regard of those applications where the connexional requirements have been met. The committee appreciates all of the work that has gone into getting these applications ready in Circuits and Districts. However, only half of the applications had been received by the closing date (which is always April 2nd each year). We are minded to ease this situation by starting the process earlier, for example renewals of authorisation for a fourth and subsequent years could be prepared in the late autumn as all of the information is known and could be dealt with in Circuit Meetings early in the connexional year. We will, therefore, take the initiative about this with our letter to the Districts going out in the September period instead of January, as is the current practice. We do, of course, appreciate that it is not known that early who will be moving to new appointments on the stations nor which presbyteral probationers will be recommended for ordination, and that the committee will need to deal with these cases later.
2. The committee is also conscious of the many different situations that we are facing at the moment with regard to stationing issues and new opportunities for ministry and mission that are emerging and we try to be sympathetic to these cases. We are conscious that the current parameters for our work as a committee were established some years ago. Fresh expressions, pioneer ministries and the merging of Circuits and ecumenical situations are challenging new opportunities for us all. In some circuit amalgamations it may well be necessary to re-appraise a situation - both to check that the criteria for deprivation are still met or to see if the emerging new Circuit would qualify for an authorisation for a lay person to preside. We believe that there are many Circuits where an authorisation would enhance the sacramental ministry in that area. We are also conscious of ecumenical sensitivities in dealing with some applications.
3. The committee would like to remind Circuits and Districts that where it is proposed to make an application for a deacon to be granted an authorisation, Standing Orders require an early consultation with the Warden of the Methodist Diaconal Order. We would also remind Circuits that an authorisation is granted to a particular individual, in that specific Circuit and is not transferable. In the event of illness, or other reasons, where a person has to cease from acting as an authorised lay person to preside at the Lord's Supper, it is necessary to submit an application for another lay person (not necessarily a local preacher). In these circumstances the committee has emergency powers in conjunction with the President of the Conference to answer the need when it arises.

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***RESOLUTIONS

- 47/1.** The Conference received the Report.
- 47/2.** The Conference authorised the following persons to preside at the Lord's Supper for the year commencing 1st September 2009 in accordance with the provisions of Standing Order 011.

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In the following lists

+ denotes a presbyteral probationer

D denotes a deacon or diaconal probationer

L denotes a lay person

List A: Initial Applications and Renewals after Three Years

1/2	Bathafarn	Elizabeth Jones	L
1/3	Maelor	J Philip Davies	L
2/15	Llanelli and Carmarthen	Felicity Jepson Randall	+
2/3	Bangor and Holyhead	Alec Fuller	L
5/10	Coventry and Nuneaton	Siperire Mוגadzaweta	+
6/12	Chorley	Janet Pybon	+
7/16 *	West Mendip	Julie Letts	+
7/17	Weston super Mare & Burnham	Andrew Biggs	+
9/9	Penrith	Philip Jackson	+
11/13	Whitchurch	Nicholas Cutts	+
11/16	Kidsgrove	David Martin	L
11/25	Cheadle	Donald Haslam	L
12/3	Falmouth and Gwennap	Gerald Triggs	L
12/7	St Austell	Sheila Allen	L
12/8	Bodmin, Padstow and Wadebridge	Penelope Manders	L
		Jill E Garbett	L
		Alan R Priestley	L
12/17	Launceston Area	John Bailey	L
13/1	Darlington	David Goodall	+
13/12	West Durham	Rowland Wilkinson	D
14/3	Bury St Edmunds	John Boardman	+
16/9	Morley	Elwyn Wvans	L
		Margaret Newton	L
17/19	Alford, Skegness & Wainfleet	Nigel J Clements	+
18/5	Liverpool South	Sally Binymin	+
18/16	Widnes	Connie Smith	L
19/22	Hyde and Denton	David G Wynd	+
20/2	Newcastle Upon Tyne (West)	Leslie Dinning	+
20/22 *	Northwest Durham, Consett & Stanley	Andrew Longe	+
22/4	Nottingham Trent Valley	John Marriot	+
22/26	Newark and Southwell	Mark Douglas Roberts	+
23/4	Chipping Norton and Stow	Christina Cond	L
24/1	Plymouth and Devenport	Keith Bucknall	+
24/20	Ifracombe and Barnstaple	Martin Reardon	L
24/22	South Molton	Arthur Mildon	L

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24/24	West Devon	Meg Slingo	+
25/6	Sheffield Pilgrim Circuit	Rachel Ward	+
25/10	Chesterfield	Andrew Checkley	+
25/11	Bolsover and Stavely	David Presson	L
26/7	Winchester	Dawn Carn	+
26/12	East White Circuit	Robert Blair Boyce	L
26/14	Newbury and Hungerford	Dorothy Regan	L
28/9	Stafford	Ian Cantrill	L
28/21	Telford	Patricia J Jackson	+
29/6	Snaith and Selby Circuit	Sally Coleman	+
31/13	Inverness	Roger Bamfield	L
36/5	Staines and Feltham	Linda Ashford	L
36/25	Ashford	Edward E Rumsey	L

* Newly created Circuit – anticipated number is indicated

List B: Renewals for a Second Year (initially granted in 2008)

1/4	Y Glannau	Maryl Rees	L
1/4	Y Glannau	Mavis Williams	L
1/4	Y Glannau	Vera Jones	L
1/4	Y Glannau	Goronwy Ellis	L
1/9	De Gwynedd	Robin Wyn Jones	L
2/9	Cardiff	Darren Middleton	+
2/13	Gwent Hills and Vales	Eric Smith	L
2/18	Neath Port Talbot	Clement Raymond	L
2/24	Swansea and Gower	John Wiseman	+
5/3	Birmingham (Elmdon)	Andrew J Smith	+
5/10	Coventry and Nuneaton	Andrew Charlesworth	+
5/10	Coventry and Nuneaton	David Musgrave	+
6/4	Rochdale and Littleborough	Carolyn A Lawrence	+
6/14	Rosendale	Janet Nendick	+
7/18	Somerset Mission	Kenneth Chalmers	+
7/21	Mid-Wiltshire (Methodist/ United Reformed) Area	Alison R Morley	+
9/1	Carlisle	Janet Preston	+
9/6	Keswick and Cockermouth	Susan Edwards	+
9/16	South-West Cumbria	Tom Luke	D
10/1	Bailiwick of Guernsey	David Hollingworth	L
11/1	Chester	Paul W Braidell	+
11/19	Stoke on Trent (Hanley)	Paul Owen	L
11/24	Leek	Michael S Etheridge	+

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12/5	Newquay, Perranporth and St Agnes	Kim Williams	+
12/7	St Austell	Rachael M Wilson	+
12/7	St Austell	Catherine A Ward	L
12/9	West Penwith	Alison Richardson	+
12/11	St Ives and Hayle	Mary Rogers	L
12/11	St Ives and Hayle	Kenny Bassett	L
12/12	St Ives (Fore Street)	Rodney Orr	L
12/21	Week St Mary	Brian Parkman	L
13/2	Middlesborough and Eston	Lawrence Law	+
16/2	Leeds (North-East)	Graeme M Dutton	+
16/3	Headingley	Rupert L A Weekes	+
16/11	Batley	Paul Martin	+
16/12	Knaresborough	Gail J Hunt	+
16/19	Pontefract and Normanton	Barry D Lotz	+
17/2	Lincoln (North)	Joanne Lightowler	+
17/3	Lincoln (South)	Claire F Simpson	+
19/11	Oldham and Saddleworth	Kenneth Goodwin	L
19/24	Macclesfield	David Stretton	+
20/1	Newcastle Upon Tyne Brunswick Central)	Lawrence Law	+
20/14	Gateshead and Jarrow	Janice Trimble	+
20/19	East Durham	Gillian McBride	+
21/6	Pendle	Sheila Prest	+
22/11	Ashbourne	H Merle Wilde	D
22/16	Burton-on-Trent	Phillip T Poole	+
22/27	Ripley	Paul Roase	L
22/27	Ripley	Andrew Leam	L
22/27	Ripley	Christopher Biggs	L
22/29	South Normanton	Ann Bakewell	L
23/9	Leicester West	Margaret Freeman	L
23/11	Hinckley	Andrew Murphy	+
24/20	Ilfracombe and Barnstable	Sylvia Edwards	L
24/25	West Somerset	Ruth Haines	L
24/25	West Somerset	Margaret C Morris	L
24/27	Ringash	Gloria Manning	L
24/27	Ringash	Colin Rice	L
25/14	Doncaster	Frank Okai-Sam	+
26/7	Winchester	Tom Belshaw	L
26/24	North Dorset	Rosamund V Hollingsworth	+
26/26	Sherborne and Yeovil	Jennifer Gardner	L
26/27	Basingstoke	Hazel F Parsons	L
27/2	Huddersfield (Pennine)	Joanne Archer-Siddall	+
27/6	Holmfirth	Timothy J Moore	+

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27/21	Settle	Wendy Holt	L
27/22	Birstall and Spenn	Graham Edwards	+
28/12	Tipton	Kenneth Gowland	+
28/23	Wem and Prees Green	Susan Mathews	L
28/25	Llanymynech	Christine Jones	L
28/25	Llanymynech	Betty Hughes	L
28/31	The Marches	Brian Wallace	L
29/2	York (South)	Neville Simpson	+
29/3	Hull (West)	Michael D C Poole	+
29/16	Tadcaster	Susan Greenhart	+
34/14	Harpenden	J A Jade Bath	+
35/34	Enfield	Inez A Reid	+
35/36	Harrow and Hillingdon	Susan D Male	+
35/36		Velma Campbell	+
36/1	Farnham and Alton	Vida D Foday	+
36/9	Worthing	Andrew Reed	+
36/19	Tonbridge	Lynda C Russell	+
36/23	Maidstone	Gary D Watt	+

List C: Renewals for a Third Year (initially granted in 2007)

1/5	Powys	John Ellis	L
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1/8	MŌn Ac Arfon	Merfyn Jones	L
1/11	Morgannwg	Eiddwen Thomas	L
1/12			
and 2/10	Ceredigion	Rhys Davies	L
9/4	Whitehaven	Alan Moore	L
9/14	Ambleside and Windermere	John Biggs	L
10/1	Bailiwick of Guernsey	P Irene Day	L
11/18	Burslem Mission	Philip Barber	L
11/19	Stoke-on-Trent (Hanley)	Helen Schoon	L
12/1	Redruth	Marquis Honeychurch	L
12/3	Falmouth and Gwennap	Mike Ely	L
12/7	St Austell	Tony Warren	L
12/20	Camelford and Tintagel	Brian Parkman	L
12/20	Camelford and Tintagel	Glenton Brown	L
12/21	Week St Mary	Robin Heywood	L
18/17	Southport	Anne Sanderson	+
22/27	Ripley	Jacqueline Dawson	L
22/28	South Derbyshire	Patricia Knowles	L
22/29	South Normanton	Harry Smith	L

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25/12	Clay Cross	Jonathan Reeve	L
26/8	Romsey	Michael Hatch	L
27/33	Bradford South (formerly 21/10 Bradford (Trinity))	Beverley T Hardy	L
29/11	Withernsea	Eileen Coombe	L