

PRESBYTERAL SESSION

ORDER OF BUSINESS

14:15 Opening Worship

14:35 Preliminary business and administration

Membership of the Conference (Agenda pages 392-400 and Order Paper pages 2-3)

Letters of greeting to presbyters with more than 70 years' service:

The Revd John H Atkinson (1949)
The Revd Herbert W Clark (1949)
The Revd William Farrell (1945)
The Revd John Garfoot (1942)
The Revd Harry W Gillespie (1949)
The Revd Thomas Hall (1949)
The Revd Anthony M Hearle (1947)
The Revd Arthur H Howell (1946)
The Revd George W S Knowles (1949)
The Revd Dr Albert W Mosley (1948)
The Revd Ronald H Rich (1946)
The Revd Gordon F Simmons (1947)
The Revd George W Simons (1947)
The Revd John E Stanfield (1948)
The Revd Reginald E Tansey (1947)

Hours of session: Thursday: 14:15-16:00; 16:30-18:30; Friday: 09:15-10:35;
11:30-13:00; 14:15-14:45; 15:30-16:30; 17:00-18:30.

Appointment of Scrutineers

The Revd Katharine J Bland
The Revd Andrew P de Ville
The Revd Philip J Jackson (Chief Scrutineer)
The Revd Barry Owen
The Revd Johanna C Smart
The Revd Ruth Wilson

Appointment of Attestors of the written portion of the Daily Record

The Revd Andrew J L Hollins
The Revd Charity Nzegwu

Membership of the Presbyteral Session Business Committee

Agenda Item 4: Report of the Presbyteral Session Business Committee (pages 38-39)
Resolution 4/1 (page 39)

Agenda Item 5: Conference Arrangements (pages 40-41)
Resolutions 5/3, 5/4, 5/5 and 5/6 (page 41)

Draft of Stations

Presentation of the text of the obituaries

Memorials and Notices of Motion

14:45 **The Presbyter as Evangelist**

15:30 The Theology and Ecclesiology underpinning the diaconate and the Methodist Diaconal Order (see Agenda item 25, pages 259-299)

16:00 Tea Break

16:30 Holy Communion and Pastoral Address

18:30 Adjourn

AMENDMENTS AND CORRECTIONS TO THE CONFERENCE AGENDA

CHANGES TO THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE PRESBYTERAL SESSION (Pages 392-399)

Secretary of the Conference

The Revd Dr Jonathan R Hustler *vice* The Revd Canon Gareth J Powell

Assistant Secretary of the Conference

The Revd Ruth M Gee *vice* The Revd Dr Jonathan R Hustler

Representatives of United Methodist Church

Bishop Patrick Streiff *vice* Bishop Cynthia Harvey

Darlington

The Revd Beverly Hollings *vice* The Revd John P Henry

Nottingham and Derby

Add The Revd Greg Obong-Oshotse [Deacon Jennifer A J Jones is unable to attend.]

London

The Revd R Stephen J Penrose *vice* The Revd Eleanor G Jackson

Associate Members

Delete Bishop Patrick Streiff

For The Revd Ruben A Zeledon Castro *read* The Revd Ruben A Zeledon Castro

The Most Revd Dr Prem Chand Singh *vice* The Rt Revd Dr Probal K Dutta

The Revd Kristi Sinurat (Gereja Methodist Indonesia) is unable to attend.

PRESBYTERS ATTENDING UNDER THEIR OWN ARRANGEMENTS

Add The Revd Dr Inderjit S Bhogal

Add The Revd Ruth Jackson

Add The Revd Helen Johnson

Delete The Revd R Stephen J Penrose

ADDITIONAL OBITUARIES

The Conference is asked to accept these additional obituaries. If, when necessary checks are carried out, changes need to be made prior to publication in the Minutes of the Conference, the Conference gives permission for such changes to be made.

Reginald Charles Edmonds: Born on 20 December 1928 in London, spending his early life there and in Kent. Reg felt called to the Methodist ministry in his twenties, studying at Hartley Victoria College in Manchester and following graduation moving to St Andrew's College, Selly Oak to train with the Methodist Missionary Society. Here he met Mary who was also in training and after a whirlwind engagement they married and were stationed in Nigeria together.

Reg worked at Oron Boys High School teaching Religious Education and English Literature while also being the chaplain. They moved after four years to Oyubia where Reg started his first appointment as a minister with oversight of 51 churches scattered over a wide area and involving many eventful journeys, even resorting to travelling by canoe in the rainy season. During this time, Reg and Mary's three daughters, Jan, Gwen and Sue were born.

With war looming in Biafra, Reg and family returned to Britain where Reg served in the following Circuits: Callington and Gunnislake, Exeter, Ipswich, London (Leytonstone and Forest Gate), and finally South Essex. He immersed himself in serving his congregations and local communities. He always worked ecumenically and related well to young people in both Church activities and schools, bringing many to faith. Reg also served on the Connexional Committee, Overseas Division. His special interests included the healing ministry and New Testament study, and he loved cricket, walking, reading and gardening. He and Mary moved to Bramford near Ipswich following his retirement but sadly Mary died soon after the move. They had shared the work of ministry and he felt her loss greatly. He met up again with Jill, a missionary friend they had known in Nigeria and he and Jill married, sharing a happy retirement together. Reg became the chaplain of Norwood MHA home in Ipswich and enjoyed an active part in the life of Bramford Church and the Ipswich Circuit. After several years of living with dementia, Reg died on 26 January 2019 in the ninety-first year of his age and the sixty-fifth year of his ministry.

Victor Edward Vine: Born in Tottenham on 17 July 1926, moving to Staines and then Hayes, Middlesex. An only child, his father encouraged a love of woodwork, his mother attendance at the Queen's Hall, Hayes, Sunday School, where Victor gained "the sense of God as ever present in loving challenge". He met Freda in the Youth Club, and trained for local preaching at 16. Eventually he overcame a childhood speech difficulty, shaping perhaps his careful mastery of words. War disrupted schooling, but night-school followed, and promotion from office boy to basic accountancy. Called up in 1944, Victor was posted to Poona in India as a blood transfusion orderly, gaining, through army life and positive impressions of Indian Christians, a sense of how other people might think

and feel. Promoted to sergeant and having candidated, Victor returned for ministerial training at Handsworth College in February 1948. Stationed in 1950 and marrying Freda in 1952, he served in the following Circuits: Banbury, Selby, Liverpool (North-East), Worsley, Devon and Dorset Mission, Okehampton, Romford, Teddington, and Exeter. He was a District Youth secretary, member of the Connexional Education and Youth committee, and a Superintendent minister. Moving to support elderly parents, Victor and their daughter Frances suffered the painful loss of Freda to cancer. Dedicated to circuit ministry, Victor continued to be appreciated for his pastoral listening, practical support, clear-sighted advice and equanimity. He married Anne in 1974, delighting in their children Beth and Andy, and in his grandson, Frances' son. Endearingly in each manse, Victor used two wartime phones to communicate between floors; carefully ordered papers and possessions; and meticulously kept financial records, including as Exeter YMCA treasurer after retirement in 1992. Moving to Cheltenham near Beth in 2008, two further grandsons and Anne's care kept him young, making and playing. His sharp, enquiring, theological mind found expression in an ecumenical forum; Spectrum; and preaching until 90. Thereafter, his writing ministry continued through articles and letters, living out that Christ "shall have my life, my all". He died on 10 April 2019, in the ninety-third year of his age and seventieth year of his ministry.
