

PRESBYTERAL SESSION

ORDER OF BUSINESS

09:15 Prayers

09:30 Administration

09:35 **The nature of ministry in the light of the Covenant**

Led by: The Rt Revd Dr Christopher Cocksworth, Bishop of Coventry
The Revd Ainsley Griffiths, Director of Faith, Order and Unity for the Church in Wales
The Revds Leo and Charlotte Osborn, respectively past President of the Conference and a priest of the Church of England
The Revd Dr Elizabeth Kent, Director of the Wesley Study Centre

10:35 Extended coffee break

11:30 Feedback and reflections

Administration

11:45 **Closed session (Candidates, Probationers and Reinstatements business)**

Agenda Item 37: Ministerial Candidates' and Probationers' Oversight Committee (pages 353-359)

1. Candidates for Presbyteral Ministry (see separate booklet)
Resolution 37/2 (page 355)

2. Special Reports
Resolution 37/1 (page 354, Order Paper page 7)

3. Preachers recommended for continuance on trial
Resolution 37/4 (page 357)

4. Preachers on trial presented to the Conference for Reception into Full Connexion in 2019
Resolution 37/5 (page 358)

Agenda Item 38: Presbyteral Transfers and Reinstatements (pages 360-362)
Resolutions 38/1, 38/2, 38/3 (page 362, Order Paper page 7)

Agenda Item 36. Permissions to serve (page 352)
Resolution 36/1 (page 352)

Resignations accepted by the President (Order Paper page 8)

Report of Connexional Discipline Committees and Appeal Committees (SO 1147)

- 12:45 Adoption of the obituaries
(including the Additional Obituaries, Order Paper pages 3-4)
- 13:00 Lunch
- 14:15 Service of Thanksgiving and Remembrance
- 14:45 Break
- 15:30 **Diversity, unity and reconciliation: the presbyter as agent of reconciliation**
Led by: The Revd Inderjit Bhogal, the Revd Jongikaya Zihle, the Revd Rory Dalgliesh and the Very Revd John Witcombe, Dean of Coventry
- 16:30 Tea Break
- 17:00 Notice of Motion 2018/205: Conversation about stationing matching

Agenda Item 43: Presbyters Becoming Supernumerary or Returning to the Active Work (pages 381-383, Order Paper page 7)
Resolutions 43/1, 43/2 (page 382)

Any Outstanding Business

Annual Inquiry

Presbyteral Character and Discipline:

Does each of us continue faithfully to discharge the obligations laid upon us by the ministry we have received from the Lord Jesus to testify to the grace of God?

Do we continue to believe and preach our doctrines and observe and administer our discipline?

Thanks to the President

- 18:15 Closing Worship and Motion for the Adjournment
- 18:30 Adjourn

ADDITIONS AND CORRECTIONS TO THE CONFERENCE AGENDA

AGENDA ITEM 37: MINISTERIAL CANDIDATES' AND PROBATIONERS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE (Pages 353-359)

Page 353, Paragraph 1.5 (b)

for Karen Elizabeth Brooks read Elisabeth Karen Brooks

Page 354, Paragraph 1.7 (a)

Add Ruth Arce Rosales

Pages 355-357, Preachers recommended for continuance on trial

Delete Arce Rosales, Ruth

Add Thorne, Penelope Jane 2021

AGENDA ITEM 38: PRESBYTERAL TRANSFERS AND REINSTATEMENTS (Pages 360-362)

Page 360, Paragraph 1.3

Insert the following note:

Cleopas Sibanda is recommended to be received into Full Connexion at the 2020 Conference.

Page 361, Paragraph 1.7

For Ildlo Christino de Oliveira Junior (The Methodist Church in Brazil)

Read No case

Page 361, Paragraph 1.10

Delete Tokunbo Ezekiel Olusegun Asogbon (Methodist Church Nigeria)

Page 362, Resolution 38/2

*****AMENDED RESOLUTION**

38/2. The Conference resolves by a Standing Vote that those persons whom the Conference has duly adjudged as fit to be received by transfer or reinstatement as the case may be as presbyters be now *or at a specified date* presented to the Representative Session to be received into Full Connexion with the Conference, and if not already ordained, to be ordained by prayer and the laying on of hands.

AGENDA ITEM 43: PRESBYTERS AND DEACONS BECOMING SUPERNUMERARY OR RETURNING TO THE ACTIVE WORK (Pages 381-383)

2. Permission to become supernumerary granted during the year

*Add * Barnabas J Alexander*

3. Presbyters requesting permission to become supernumerary

Add Olufemi R W Cole-Njie (26)

Add Jonathan H Doble (18)

For Andrew P Maguire (10) read Andrew P Maguire (40)

*For Paul Martin (B) (11) read * Paul Martin (B) (11)*

For Andrew J Mashiter (27) read + Andrew J Mashiter (27)

RESIGNATIONS ACCEPTED BY THE PRESIDENT DURING THE YEAR

Malcolm Chester No status
D Darlene McCarley No status