

## REPRESENTATIVE SESSION

### ORDER OF BUSINESS

14:10 The Assistant Secretary welcomes the Conference.

14:15 The Conference stands for the entry of:  
Former Presidents and Vice-Presidents  
The Conference Officer for Legal and Constitutional Practice  
The Secretary  
The President and the Vice-President

Hymn: *And are we yet alive?*

Reading: Luke 24:13-45

Prayer: The President of the Methodist Church in Ireland

Membership of the Conference: Agenda pages 392-399 and changes listed on the Order Paper page 11

Election of substitute Conference-elected member of the Conference [Resolution M/1, Order Paper page 11]

#### Appointment of Scrutineers

The Revd Katharine J Bland  
The Revd Andrew P de Ville  
Ms Jenny Jackson  
The Revd Philip J Jackson (Chief Scrutineer)  
Mrs Pedzisai G Katsande  
Dr Stephen Leah  
Mrs Anna Malnutt  
The Revd Barry Owen  
Mr David S Pendle  
Ms Martha Rand  
Mrs Sue Skidmore  
The Revd Johanna C Smart  
The Revd Ruth Wilson

Hymn: *Bless the Lord, O my soul*

The Vote for the President of the Conference – Resolution 1/1 (Agenda page 18)

The Vote for the Vice-President of the Conference – Resolution 1/2 (Agenda page 18)

Induction of the President and the Vice-President

Hymn: *Thank you, O God, for the time that is now*

The Loyal Address

Welcome of World Church Partners

*Response by the Revd Kan Baoping and the Revd Chen Xun, Chinese Christian Council*

Hymns: *The peace of the Lord be always with you*  
*We will walk with God*

Welcome of Ecumenical and Interfaith Guests and associate members

*Response by the Rt Revd David McGough, Auxiliary Bishop for the Archdiocese of Birmingham*

Reading from 1000 Letters

15:15 Hymn: *God, beyond our dreams*

The President's Address

Hymn: *Summoned by the God who made us*

16:00 Tea Break

17:00 Hymn: *Speak O Lord, as we come to you*

The Vice-President's Address

Hymn: *Thanks for friends who keep on loving*

17:45 Administration

**Agenda Item 2: First Report of the Conference Business Committee** (Agenda pages 22-28) Resolution 2/1. (Agenda page 28)

**Second Report of the Conference Business Committee** (Order Paper pages 12-15) Resolution B/1. (Order Paper page 15)

**Agenda Item 44: Report to the Representative Session from the Conference Diaconal Committee** (Agenda pages 384-388)

Resolutions 44/1, 44/3. (Agenda page 388)

**Agenda Item 12: 3Generate 2018 – Methodist Children and Youth Assembly** (Agenda pages 131-134)

Resolutions 12/1, 12/2 (Agenda page 134)

18:15 Prayers

Hymn: *Father of everlasting grace*

Reading: Romans 12:1-2

Hymn: *Heaven shall not wait*

18.30 Adjourn

## **CHANGES TO THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE CONFERENCE (Agenda 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

### **Conference-elected Representatives**

Deacon Tracey J Hume is unable to attend

*See resolution below.*

### **Cymru**

Sister Eluned Williams *vice* Mr R Arfon Williams

### **Darlington**

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

### **Manchester and Stockport**

Dr Daleep S Mukarji *vice* Miss Arielle Lufakaylo

### **Nottingham and Derby**

The Revd Greg Obong-Oshotse *vice* Deacon Jennifer A J Jones

*For* Miss Abigail Watterson *read* Miss Abby Watterson

### **Sheffield**

*For* Mrs Lauren Rossall *read* Mrs Lauren Rossell

### **Yorkshire West**

*For* to be confirmed *read* Mr Victor F Kuyeli

### **London**

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

### **South East**

Mr Steven Goldsack *vice* Mr Steve Curtis

### **Associate Members**

*Delete* Bishop Patrick Streiff

*For* The Revd Ruben A Zeledron 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.

### **Conference-elected representatives**

Pursuant to Standing Order 103(5), the Secretary of the Conference nominates Deacon Ruth M Richey to fill the vacancy in the Conference-elected members of the Conference.

### **\*\*\*RESOLUTION**

**M/1. The Conference elects Deacon Ruth M Richey as a Conference-elected member of the 2019 Conference.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Hours of session from Monday 1 July: 09:15 – 11:00; 11:30 – 13:00; 14:15 –16:15; 16:45 – 18:30

*The coffee break on Wednesday morning will be from 10:30-11:00, following the service of Holy Communion.*

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## SECOND REPORT FROM THE CONFERENCE BUSINESS COMMITTEE

The Business Committee brings this update to its Report printed in volume 1 of the Agenda (item 2, page 22).

1. Further to paragraph 1 of the report, the Revd Eleanor G Jackson is unable to attend the Conference, and the chair of the Council has appointed Deacon Angela Shereni to take her place under the terms of SO 136(1C).
2. As set out in paragraph 8 of that report (page 26), the Conference is required to elect two members of the Business Committee, one minister and one lay person, to serve on the Committee for three years (the Conferences of 2020, 2021 and 2022). Nomination forms are available from the Helpdesk and should be placed in the ballot boxes by 14:00 on Tuesday 2 July, with voting taking place on Wednesday 3 July.
3. Nomination forms for Conference-elected representatives are available from the Helpdesk. This year, of the three Conference-elected representatives to serve from 2020-2022, two will be presbyteral and one will be lay, thus fulfilling SO 103(2A). Nominations must be submitted by 14:00 on Tuesday 2 July, with voting taking place on Wednesday 3 July.
4. The schedule of business has been available on the Conference website and regularly updated. It now shows the current situation. Any Conference member wishing to have a hard copy can obtain one from the Helpdesk. It might help members of the Conference to know that it is not the intention for any votes to be taken in relation to Agenda Item 10 (God in Love Unites us: the report of the Marriage and Relationships Task Group) until Wednesday. This means that the deadline for notices of motion which seek to amend the report or its resolutions will be Monday at 4:30pm.
5. The Conference is advised that, in the event of a counted vote on Saturday, the count will be conducted by the scrutineers who are presbyters and the Chair of the Conference Business Committee. Normal scrutineering arrangements will begin on Monday morning.
6. Nominees for President and Vice-President of the Conference for 2020 and as Conference-elected representatives 2020-2022 are kindly asked to have their photographs taken, for use in the visual projection during breaks. Would they please see June Howard-Norman in the Conference Arrangements Team office as soon as possible and no later than the respective closing times for nominations given in the Agenda page 27? In the event that nominees are not present at the Conference, it would be most helpful if those making the nominations could arrange for nominees' photos to be sent electronically to [asc@methodistchurch.org.uk](mailto:asc@methodistchurch.org.uk)
7. There are two ballot boxes on each side of the hall. These can all be used at any time on Saturday until 19:00 and from Monday morning onwards for all nomination papers and for all completed ballot papers, strictly observing the deadlines given on page 27 of the Agenda. Please do not place your envelope with your completed Trustee Declaration Form and

Register of Interest form in these boxes; they should be deposited in the box by the Helpdesk.

8. All Memorials will either be taken with existing business to which they relate or placed in *en bloc* as shown in the table below.

<b>Number</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Connection to other business</b>
M1	Reimbursements for stipends of ministers on long term sick leave	17. Connexional Allowances Committee
M2	Amendment of Standing Order 365	17. Connexional Allowances Committee
M3	Property Levy for the Connexional Priority Fund (CPF)	3. Methodist Council, part 1
M4	Revision of guidelines in relation to Standing Order 955	<i>en bloc</i>
M5	Amendment of Standing Order 931(5)(i)	<i>en bloc</i>
M6	Alcohol on Methodist premises	<i>en bloc</i>
M7	Opening and Closing of Churches	<i>en bloc</i>
M8	District Assessment	21. Connexional Central Services Budget for three years commencing with 2019/2020
M9	Financial Circumstances	21. Connexional Central Services Budget for three years commencing with 2019/2020
M10	Funding a non-separated Chair	17. Connexional Allowances Committee
M11	Funding a non-separated Chair	17. Connexional Allowances Committee
M12	Substitute District Chair	<i>en bloc</i>
M13	3Generate Voting	<i>en bloc</i>
M14	Reinstatement of October data collection	<i>en bloc</i>
M15	Recording of Statistics at LEPs	<i>en bloc</i>
M16	Membership	<i>en bloc</i>
M17	Application of policies	<i>en bloc</i>
M18	Ministerial Workload	20. Methodist Council, section K: Ministries Committee
M19	Chinese Ministry	20. Methodist Council, section K: Ministries Committee
M20	Chinese Ministry	20. Methodist Council, section K: Ministries Committee
M21	Vocations	3. Methodist Council, section A: general report
M22	Amendment to Standing Order 731	20. Methodist Council, section K: Ministries Committee
M23	Obituaries	20. Methodist Council, section K: Ministries Committee
M24	Process of submitting portfolios for worship leading and preaching	20. Methodist Council, section K: Ministries Committee
M25	Development of Worship Leaders and Preachers	20. Methodist Council, section K: Ministries Committee
M26	Safeguarding Training	19. Safeguarding Committee
M27	Safeguarding Advanced Module, Required Attendance List	19. Safeguarding Committee

M28	Streamlining Discipline Processes with regard to Safeguarding Panel Outcomes following Risk Assessments	<i>en bloc</i>
M29	Streamlining Discipline Processes with regard to Safeguarding Panel Outcomes following Risk Assessments	<i>en bloc</i>
M30	Supervision for Lay Employees	<i>en bloc</i>
M31	Authorisations for Lay Persons to preside at the Lord's Supper	24. Faith and Order Committee
M32	Publishing Inclusivity	<i>en bloc</i>
M33	Same Sex Marriage	10. God in love unites us.
M34	Votes on resolutions regarding Marriage and Human Relationships	10. God in love unites us.
M35	Same Sex Marriage	10. God in love unites us.
M36	Same Sex Marriage	10. God in love unites us.
M37	Situation in Palestine	<i>en bloc</i>
M38	Israel/Palestine	<i>en bloc</i>
M39	Israel and Palestine	<i>en bloc</i>
M40	Israel and Palestine	<i>en bloc</i>
M41	Situation in the West Bank, East Jerusalem and Gaza	<i>en bloc</i>
M42	Israel and Palestine	<i>en bloc</i>
M43	Israel/Palestine	<i>en bloc</i>
M44	Israel/Palestine	<i>en bloc</i>
M45	Israel and Palestine	<i>en bloc</i>
M46	Israel/Palestine	<i>en bloc</i>
M47	Israel/Palestine	<i>en bloc</i>
M48	Israel/Palestine	<i>en bloc</i>
M49	Israel/Palestine	<i>en bloc</i>
M50	Israel/Palestine	<i>en bloc</i>
M51	Tax Justice	<i>en bloc</i>
M52	Tax Justice	<i>en bloc</i>
M53	Tax Justice	<i>en bloc</i>
M54	Eco Church	20. Methodist Council, section S: Net Zero Emissions
M55	Declaration of Climate Emergency	20. Methodist Council, section S: Net Zero Emissions
M56	Year of Prayer 2020/21	<i>en bloc</i>

Any recommended reply to a Memorial which is the subject of an amending notice of motion will automatically be removed from the *en bloc* list.

9. The list of *en bloc* items of business (page 28) has since been updated and is as printed below:

- (3) Methodist Council, Part 1 Sections D, E, F
- (7) The Trustees for the Bailiwick of Guernsey Methodist Church Purposes
- (8) Methodist Forces Board
- (9) Methodist Homes
- (14) Methodist Schools
- (15) Committee on Methodist Law and Polity (1)
- (20) Methodist Council, Part 2 Sections G, N, O, P, Q, R, U
- (22) Ecumenical Report
- (23) Joint Covenant Advocacy and Monitoring Group

- (26) Methodist Ministers' Pension Scheme
  - (27) Stationing Committee
  - (28) Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes
  - (29) Managing Trustees of Central Hall Westminster
  - (30) Central Finance Board
  - (31) Committee on Methodist Law and Polity (2) Section F
  - (32) Kingswood School – Revision to Articles of Association
  - (35) Referred Memorials and Notices of Motion
  - (42) Methodist Diaconal Order general report
  - (47) Managing Trustees of John Wesley's Chapel, the New Room, Bristol, and 4-5 Charles Street, Bristol
  - (48) The Trustees for Jersey Methodist Church Purposes
  - (49) Relief and Extension Fund for Methodism in Scotland
- Memorials to the Conference as listed in paragraph 8 above.

Under the terms of SO 134A, if Notices of Motion are received about items in the *en bloc* list (including Memorials), those items will automatically be removed from the above list. In addition, by giving notice to the Assistant Secretary of the Conference, any six members of the Conference may, without proposing an amendment, require that an item be removed from the list and debated. Such notice must be given before the close of business on Monday 1 July (SO 134A(1)(c)).

**\*\*\*RESOLUTION**

**B/1. The Conference receives the Report.**

**ADDITIONS AND CORRECTIONS TO THE CONFERENCE AGENDA**

**AGENDA ITEM 14: METHODIST SCHOOLS (Pages 147-149)**

**Page 149**

*For Mrs Beth Garner read Miss Beth Garner*

**AGENDA ITEM 15: COMMITTEE ON METHODIST LAW AND POLITY (1)**

**Page 152**

*Insert*

**1121 First Formal Complaint Stage.** (9) Where the complaint is an abuse complaint or a criminal complaint and is not treated as having been referred directly to the connexional Complaints Panel in accordance with Standing Order ~~1121~~0(5)(ii) or (6),...

**AGENDA ITEM 20: METHODIST COUNCIL, PART 2 (Pages 199-236)**

**Page 208, second line**

*For license read licence*

**Page 209, Paragraph 5**

**SO 1001(1)(iii)**

Replace with:

(iii) ~~to share~~*ing* insights and develop*ing* vision;

**Page 216, Paragraph 5.5**

*Replace with:*

The Committee reported to the Council that the manses subgroup had had no success in the attempt to find a past President of the Conference to replace the current chair. Reflecting on this, the group suggested that it was not necessary for the chair to be a past President but that it needed someone with an understanding and experience of stationing matching but who is not currently a member of the Stationing Matching Group. The Committee therefore changed the group's terms of reference to read (i) a former Chair of District (chair).

**Page 218, Resolution 20/13**

**\*\*\*AMENDED RESOLUTION**

**20/13. The Conference adopts the Report in paragraph 2.5 as its further reply to M2 (2018).**

**Page 218, Resolution 20/15**

*The resolution is withdrawn.*

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**AGENDA ITEM 20: METHODIST COUNCIL, PART 2**

**ADDITIONAL SECTION T: Secretary of the Faith and Order Committee**

The Council, on the recommendation of its reinvitation committee, agreed to recommend to the Conference that the appointment of the Revd Dr Nicola V Price-Tebbutt as Secretary of the Faith and Order Committee be extended for a period of five years from 1 September 2019.

**Reasoned Statement**

**The Revd Dr Nicola V Price-Tebbutt**

Nicola Price-Tebbutt has served as Secretary of the Faith and Order Committee since 1 September 2013. The Reinvitation Committee received very positive feedback in the process of reviewing Dr Price-Tebbutt's appointment, including regarding her abilities as a theologian and communicator, how she enables the work of the Committee and its contribution to the wider connexion and how she represents Methodism ecumenically. The Faith and Order Committee has benefited from Dr Price-Tebbutt's appointment thus far, and an extension would allow continuity for the development of its work within the church more generally.

**\*\*\*RESOLUTION**

**20/28. Under Standing Order 313(1), the Conference appoints the Revd Dr Nicola V Price-Tebbutt as Secretary of the Faith and Order Committee for a further period of five years from 1 September 2019.**

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**AGENDA ITEM 20: METHODIST COUNCIL, PART 2**

**ADDITIONAL SECTION U: Accounting Software M21 (2016)**

1. Memorial M21 to the 2016 Conference (shown below) requested the development of accounting software for the use of churches and Circuits. The Memorial was discussed at the District Treasurers' Practitioner Forum in August 2016 and also briefly by the Finance Sub-committee of the Strategy and Resources Committee (FSC). One of the outcomes was to consult with the Accountancy Support Group about how this might be taken forward.
2. Having considered software requirements to serve local church, circuit and district accounting activities, there is a variety of 'off the shelf' accountancy packages available for



such purposes. The Support Group is of the view that using these accountancy packages could well serve churches, Circuits and Districts and that developing bespoke packages either in-house or externally is neither justified nor necessary. The Association of Church Accountants and Treasurers (ACAT) website provides some suggestions of software that are recommended for church use.

3. The aspect of the memorial where the Team is able to provide support is to provide *pro forma* accounts in an annotated format to help Treasurers know what belongs in the different accounting categories. This would be in a form that would allow treasurers to tailor the contents to their needs. The other point the Accountancy Support Group wishes to stress is that they now have experience of producing accounts under the new accounting rules, meaning that treasurers can use the previous year's format as a template, thereby making the overall process easier in subsequent years. Therefore, the Team will be able to provide support to Treasurers by producing a *pro forma* for the annual report including guidance notes for completing financial statements.
4. The Council agreed to this approach, noting the developments and rationale set out above, and recommends to the Conference that this is the further reply to the Memorial.

### **M21 (2016) Accounting Software**

*The South Molton and Ringsash (24/22) Circuit Meeting (Present: 39; Voting: 34 for, 3 against) asks the Conference to direct connexional officers to authorise the development of a computerised accounts program set on a base of Windows 7 and above and compatible with both the short and the long version of the Standard Form of Accounts for the use of churches and Circuits. The Circuit Meeting further asks officers to direct that the program be available as of 1 September 2017, and include the facility to produce the Standard Form of Accounts thereafter automatically, subject to updates available online through the Methodist website.*

### **Reply**

*The Conference appreciates the time and commitment that is given across the Connexion by treasurers in order to ensure that annual accounts are prepared and presented in accordance with Charity Law, and thanks the South Molton and Ringsash Circuit Meeting for suggesting the provision of a program to assist in this.*

*The Conference does not believe that it is appropriate to initiate the development of accounting software, specifically for use within the Church, recognising the capacity and expertise that this would require and the wide diversity of practices already in use by treasurers across the Connexion.*

*However, the Conference agrees that adding the facility to produce and submit electronically both the short and long version of the Methodist Standard Form of Accounts would be useful. It directs the Methodist Council, therefore, to oversee an evaluation of the potential development of such a program, and if appropriate to initiate it. It recognises, however, that the deadline of 1 September 2017 is unlikely to be realistic. In addition to development time, which would include identifying a suitable supplier, it is vital that a selection of treasurers is able to provide input to both the design and implementation of the program to ensure that it is as user-friendly and effective as possible. Such work is also not included within the 2016/17 budget.*

*The Conference therefore directs the Methodist Council to oversee this work, with a target implementation date of 1 September 2018.*

**\*\*\*RESOLUTION**

20/29. The Conference adopts paragraphs 1-3 above as its further reply to Memorial 21 (2016).

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**AGENDA ITEM 22: ECUMENICAL REPORT (Pages 249-253)**

**Page 252, paragraph 13.2**

**Third bullet point**

*Replace with*

- to offer a ministry of prayer and reflection, of learning and growth

**Additional report**

The World Council of Churches 11th Assembly is due to take place in Germany in September 2021, and the Methodist Church is invited to appoint its representatives to that assembly. The Conference is asked to delegate this responsibility to the Methodist Council.

**\*\*\*RESOLUTION**

22/2. The Conference delegates responsibility for the appointment of representatives to the 11th Assembly of the World Council of Churches to be held in 2021 to the Methodist Council.

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**AGENDA ITEM 25: THE THEOLOGY AND ECCLESIOLOGY UNDERPINNING THE DIACONATE AND THE METHODIST DIACONAL ORDER (Pages 259-299)**

**Page 259, cover sheet**

*Add*

**Background documents**

The Methodist Diaconal Order (1993) in *Statements and Reports of the Methodist Church on Faith and Order*, Volume Two, 1984-2000 Part One, pp. 291-314.

[www.methodist.org.uk/downloads/Faith\\_and\\_Order\\_Statements\\_Vol2\\_Part1\\_0409.pdf](http://www.methodist.org.uk/downloads/Faith_and_Order_Statements_Vol2_Part1_0409.pdf)

The Theology and Ecclesiology Underpinning the Diaconate – Interim Report (2016).

[www.methodist.org.uk/downloads/conf-2016-33-Theology-Underpinnig-the-Diaconate.pdf](http://www.methodist.org.uk/downloads/conf-2016-33-Theology-Underpinnig-the-Diaconate.pdf)

**Page 259, Footnote 1**

*For* Referred to hereafter as either ‘The Methodist Church’,...

*Read* Referred to hereafter as ‘The Methodist Church’,...

**Pages 259-260, Paragraph 1.2**

Resolution 35/4 (2012) needs to be the first item in the lettered list, as a. and the following items in the list lettered b-d.

**Page 261, Paragraph 1.5.1**

Final line, *for* see the resolutions at 1.2c above *read* see the resolutions at 1.2c and d above

**\*\*\*AMENDED RESOLUTION**

25/4. The Conference directs that from the 2020 Conference the presentation of the badge of the Methodist Diaconal Order occur immediately after the reception into Full Connexion of those who are to be ordained to the diaconate, and it directs the Faith and Order Committee ~~in consultation with the Secretary of the Conference,~~ to create an appropriate liturgical text for this symbolic action.

**\*\*\*AMENDED RESOLUTION**

- 25/5. The Conference affirms that preaching is part of the ministry of deacons and directs that from 1 September 2020:
- a. deacons shall no longer be listed as Local Preachers on the Plan;
  - b. ~~that~~ the list of ministers on the Plan will follow the order listed in SO 785(4)(b);
  - c. ~~that~~ all deacons will be members of the Local Preachers' Meeting.

**\*\*\*ADDITIONAL RESOLUTION**

25/11. The Conference directs the Ministries Committee to ensure that there are resources to support and equip deacons in a preaching ministry which can be made available to deacons, probationer deacons and those who began initial ministerial training before 2020 who are not, or are not training to be, Local Preachers. The Conference further directs the Warden of the Order to make such resources available as appropriate.

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**AGENDA ITEM 31: COMMITTEE ON METHODIST LAW AND POLITY (2) (Pages 333-336)**

**Page 335**

*For Section 11A. Trusteeship*

*Read Section 10A. Trusteeship*

**\*\*\*AMENDED RESOLUTION**

31/2. *[Special resolution]*

The Conference amends paragraph 2 and 16 of the Model Trusts and inserts section ~~11A~~10A and clause 42A into the Deed of Union as set out in this Report.

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**AGENDA ITEM 33: UPDATE ON HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS WORK (Pages 338-340)**

**Page 339, Paragraph 7**

Last sentence, after housing associations

*Insert which the Methodist Council is satisfied has purposes that fulfil Standing Order 935(1)(i)...*

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**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*

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**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)

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**AGENDA ITEM 42: METHODIST DIACONAL ORDER GENERAL REPORT (Pages 378-380)**

**\*\*\*AMENDED RESOLUTION**

42/2. The Conference resolves that the Convocation of the Methodist Diaconal Order shall meet at Yarnfield Park, Staffordshire from Monday 4 May until Thursday 7 May 2020.

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**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)

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**AGENDA ITEM 44: REPORT TO THE REPRESENTATIVE SESSION OF BUSINESS CONDUCTED BY THE CONFERENCE DIACONAL COMMITTEE (Pages 384-388)**

**Page 384, Paragraph 2.1**

For Janet Ann Guy read Janet Ann Amey

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**AGENDA ITEM 45: PRESBYTERS AND DEACONS FROM OTHER CHURCHES (Pages 389-391)**

**(2) Presbyters of other autonomous Methodist Conferences**

Delete Tokunbo E O Asogbon

Add Richard M Kyaira 14/1 Methodist Church Kenya

Delete Michael Moon

Add Manoa Ratubalavu 22/28 Methodist Church in Fiji

**(3) Presbyters of other communions applying to be recognised and regarded**

Delete Noreen S Daley-Lee

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**ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEM 46: APPOINTMENT OF THE SECRETARY AND ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE CONFERENCE FOR 2019/2020**

Under the terms of SO 313, the Council nominates to the Conference the following appointments for the year 2019/2020. This will enable the Council to oversee a process of

discernment during the ensuing connexional year, and to bring nominations for new appointments to the 2020 Conference.

**Secretary of the Conference: The Revd Dr Jonathan R Hustler**

Jonathan Hustler has served as Assistant Secretary of the Conference since 1 September 2017 and has been stationed by the President as Secretary until 31 August 2019.

Jonathan brings a wide experience of circuit ministry, gained over a period of 20 years in the Leighton Buzzard and Stewkley Circuit, the Redcar, Saltburn and Guisborough Circuit and as superintendent of the Horncastle and Bardney Circuit. From 2011-14, he served as Vice-Principal of Wesley House, and from 2014-2017 as Ministerial Coordinator for the Oversight of Ordained Ministries in the Connexional Team.

Jonathan combines an eye for detail with an awareness of the breadth of the whole Connexion and its needs, and brings to the role of Secretary a reflective, informed, faithful and compassionate style of ministry along with an ability to deal with difficult and complex matters with care and graciousness.

**Assistant Secretary of the Conference: The Revd Ruth M Gee**

Ruth Gee is currently the Connexional Ecumenical Officer having been appointed to that role from 1 September 2018.

Prior to that, Ruth Gee was a circuit minister in Halifax and Bradford and Chair of the Darlington District from 2008. She was President of the Conference 2013/14. As Chair of the Methodist Council between 2015 and 2018, Ruth gained experience of a wide range of issues and a grasp of the detail required which enabled her to present the Council's business to the Conference knowledgably and ably.

Ruth brings to the role of Assistant Secretary a broad experience of the connexional life of the Church and a commitment to serve the Conference with care and grace.

**\*\*\*RESOLUTIONS**

**46/1. The Conference appoints the Revd Dr Jonathan R Hustler as Secretary of the Conference for the connexional year 2019/2020.**

**46/2. The Conference appoints the Revd Ruth M Gee as Assistant Secretary of the Conference for the connexional year 2019/2020.**

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**ADDITIONAL ITEM 47: MANAGING TRUSTEES OF JOHN WESLEY'S CHAPEL, THE NEW ROOM, BRISTOL, AND 4-5 CHARLES STREET, BRISTOL**

The New Room has been through its first full year with the new visitor centre in the Horsefair Courtyard open and has seen a doubling of its visitor numbers to 50,000 per annum. We believe this increase strongly reinforces our focus on the New Room being a place of pilgrimage, worship, exploration, nourishment, community building and spiritual growth. We are also delighted to report that the weekly Friday lunchtime communion service continues to grow with a good number of regulars, and many of our international and domestic groups now schedule their visits in order to play an active part in the service which provides a highly valued spiritual experience to those who attend as they worship in the oldest Methodist building in the world.

The new facilities have been widely praised and received over a dozen awards including Gold for Small Attraction of the Year and Bronze for International Visitor Attraction of the Year in the

Bristol, Bath & Somerset Tourism Awards. This led to the New Room being recognised further when it received the Bronze Award for Small Attraction of the Year for the whole of the south-west. These awards reflect the quality of the facilities now on offer including the state-of-the-art museum, library & archive, meeting rooms for education, training and external hire, a cafe within the atrium space, shop, office accommodation and modern toilet facilities, as well as the chapel itself. Charles Wesley's House at 4 Charles Street also saw some additional refurbishment as part of the overall project. The scale of activity both at and instigated from the New Room since last summer has been remarkable, and media interest continues to be keen, including regular features on the BBC and ITV as well as local media platforms, such as the Bristol Post and Made in Bristol TV.

Working partnerships with other organisations, such as the Bristol Record Office, the District and local Circuit, Wellspring Healthy Living Centre and Second Step, a mental health charity, are developing and our community choir and 'chat & craft' groups continue to attract new members. Our regular Folk at the New Room concerts also continue to prove popular with a number of sold out shows in the chapel over the past year.

The challenge now is to ensure that what has been achieved can be expanded and sustained beyond the point at which the ongoing financial support from Heritage Lottery Fund ends in December 2020. Grants have been sought from the church for the work delivered by the staff team and there will be applications made to external charities and grant making trusts to support these income streams. In addition, there will also be a relaunch of the Friends of the New Room plus a focus on bringing more international ambassadors on board. We have also recently appointed our first patron, Michael Eavis, founder of the Glastonbury Festival, and this has already generated some very positive publicity with national media interest.

Currently, income from room hire and the shop continues to grow although we would like to see an increase in museum admissions which continues to face a degree of reluctance from some visitors due to the payment of a fee. Previously, the museum was free to visit but we believe the exceptional quality that visitors now experience in the award-winning museum justifies the application of a fee. We are delighted to confirm that many of those who have visited have been extremely complimentary and we've received much positive feedback on its content and layout. The cafe has established itself as a delightful space in which to relax and appreciate this 'oasis' in the middle of Bristol Shopping Quarter which promotes Fairtrade products and developed a well-deserved reputation for its food and drink offer along with great customer service. Income streams have increased substantially since we first opened, and we are seeking to run more events with in-house catering.

The current New Room staff team are funded in the following ways:

- Director (full time) – Connexion: David Worthington
- Education Officer (full time) - 50% HLF and 50% Bristol District: Mandy Briggs
- Collections Manager & Community Engagement Officer (full-time) – HLF: Kate Rogers
- Operations Manager - (full time) – HLF: Louise Wratten
- Assistant Manager (part time) - Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF): Elizabeth Worthington
- Cafe Manager (full time) - New Room: Ewa Kozdeba
- Assistant Cafe Manager (full time) - New Room: Niamh Archbold

New volunteers continue to be recruited: a significant number of overseas students among them. They all undergo a training programme which includes safeguarding training and input about the Wesleys and Methodism. Work with schools is expanding and brings in a modest income as well as raising awareness with teachers and pupils about Wesley, Methodism and other issues such as slavery and abolition in Bristol. The New Room enjoys a positive

relationship with the South West Learning Network and often hosts events with them, especially book launches and talks.

## SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2018

	General Fund (unrestricted) £	Designated Funds (unrestricted) £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2017-18 £
<b>Income</b>					
Donations, Legacies and Grants	52,186		200,839		253,025
Charitable Activities	44,393				44,393
Other Trading Activities	149,014				149,014
Interest and investment income	7,222				7,222
Other	1,992				1,992
<b>Total income</b>	<b>254,807</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>200,839</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>455,646</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>					
Raising Funds	110,157				110,157
Charitable Activities	115,230	35,439	374,336		525,005
Other					
<b>Total charitable expenditure</b>	<b>225,387</b>	<b>35,439</b>	<b>374,336</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>635,162</b>
Gains/(losses) on monetary investments	(325)		(1,234)	7,896	6,337
<b>Net income/(expenditure)</b>	<b>29,095</b>	<b>(35,439)</b>	<b>(174,731)</b>	<b>7,896</b>	<b>(173,179)</b>
Transfers between funds					0
Other gains/(losses)					0
<b>Net movement in funds</b>	<b>29,095</b>	<b>(35,439)</b>	<b>(174,731)</b>	<b>7,896</b>	<b>(173,179)</b>
Total funds brought forward	75,837	71,262	466,597	143,059	756,755
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>	<b>104,932</b>	<b>35,823</b>	<b>291,866</b>	<b>150,955</b>	<b>583,576</b>

### \*\*\*RESOLUTIONS

47/1. The Conference adopts the Report.

47/2. The Conference appoints the following as the Managing Trustees of the New Room for 2019/2020:

- (i) The Secretary of the Conference
- (ii) The Chair of the Bristol District: The Revd Dr Jonathan Pye
- (iii) The Superintendent of the Bristol and South Gloucestershire Circuit: The Revd David Alderman
- (iv) Mrs Jane Allin, the Revd Josette Crane, Mr Gary Best, Mr Geoffrey Gollop, Mr John Hirst, the Revd A Ward Jones, Mrs Linda Jones, Mrs Rachel Newton, Mr Niall Philips, Mr Michael Rose, Mr John Savage (Chair), Mrs Aroona Smith, Ms Anne Topping, the Revd David G Weeks, the Revd Steven Wild, Mr Robert Wood

### ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEM 48: THE TRUSTEES FOR JERSEY METHODIST CHURCH PURPOSES

The appointed Trustees, together with the Chair of the Channel Islands District Synod (the Revd Dr David Hinchliffe) and the Superintendent of the Jersey Circuit (the Revd Graeme Halls) are:

Mr R J L Le Maistre, Mrs S Edwards, Mr D Speight, Mrs L Wheeler and Miss M A Lee (Secretary).

1. There were no property transactions in 2018
2. The Trustees were pleased to note the care and maintenance of Methodist Church property in the Island and expressed their appreciation to those concerned.
3. The Trustees are discharging their duties under The Methodist (Jersey) Church Law, 1986.
4. The Trustees extend their thanks to the Revd Graeme Halls for his stewardship and oversight of circuit property as part of the Trustees for Jersey Methodist Church Purposes during his ministry in Jersey which was seen not only in his pragmatic approach to ensuring that circuit property serves the needs and mission of Methodist people in the Island.

**\*\*\*RESOLUTION**

**48/1. The Conference receives the Report.**

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**ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEM 49: RELIEF AND EXTENSION FUND FOR METHODISM IN SCOTLAND**

<b>Contact name</b>	Edward A L Wallace General Secretary and non-official trustee
<b>Resolutions</b>	49/1. The Conference receives the Report 49/2. The Conference approves the actions proposed in paragraph 6.4 of the Report.

**1. Legal**

- 1.1 The fund is governed by a Deed of Trust registered in the books of the Lords and Council and Session at Edinburgh on 4 November 1869. The Deed narrates resolutions of the Conference of 1869 as to the raising, administration and purposes of the Fund. (See Standing Order 476 for further information.)

**The purposes of the said Relief and Extension Fund for Methodism in Scotland should be as follows:**

- (1) The liquidation of debts yet remaining on Methodist churches, chapels or manses in Scotland or debts that may yet be contracted with the sanction of the connexional property committee,
- (2) The purchase or erection of new or additional places of worship and of sites for such objects, and
- (3) The acquisition of manses or investment of money to meet house rents thus making provision for the residences of ordained ministers where at present only probationers are stationed and from time to time in other places as occasion may arise.

**2. Administration**

- 2.1 The means of Aid is by way of Grants and/or interest free loans but no funds can be allocated unless the Project requires approval under the Methodist Church Property Consents Procedure, sanctioned and approved by the District Consents Panel and, where appropriate, the Connexional Conservation Officer. Where a grant has been made it remains refundable if the property is subsequently sold.



## 2.2 The present Trustees are:

OFFICIAL: The Revd Dr David P Easton – Synod Chair; the Revd Dr Helen E Jenkins – Presbyteral Synod Secretary; the Revd Allan Y Loudon – District Ministerial Property Secretary and the Revd Nicholas B Baker – District Home Mission.

NON-OFFICIAL: Dr Alan J Hayes; Mr David A Easson; Mr Edward A L Wallace (General Secretary and Treasurer); and Miss Maureen G Anderson.

The General Committee consists of the Trustees, General Treasurer, the District Lay Property Secretary – Mr Phillip A Haggis, the superintendent ministers of every Circuit and Mrs Margaret Brown, Mrs Jenny Easson and Mr Peter Mills as the present Synod nominated lay members.

## 3. Financial

3.1 The incoming resources of the Fund for the year ended 31 December 2018 was £35,746 (2017 £38,012). The decrease over the previous year was mainly due to lower grant repayments from the proceeds of sale of grant aided properties.

3.2 The net of incoming resources for the year after deducting grants paid and expenses was an increase of £14,427 (2017 £32,802).

3.3 During the year no new applications for Aid were considered by the General Committee.

3.4 Grants previously approved paid out totalling £14,794 (2017 £1,911).

3.5 Grants approved and paid out this year totalled £nil (2017 £1,404).

3.6 Loans previously approved paid out totalling £5,932 (2017 £637).

3.7 Loans approved and paid out this year totalled £nil (2017 £468).

3.8 The General Fund balance at 31 December 2017 (£12,168.26) was allocated to the Grants Fund as noted by Synod and consented to by the 2018 Conference.

3.9 Investments in the CFB Mixed Managed Fund have been stated in the accounts under review at 31 December 2018 market value £211,540 (2017 £224,599). There was an unrealised loss of £13,060 (2017 gain of £14,878). The accumulated unrealised gain at 31 December 2018 was £154,231 (2017 £167,291).

3.10 Balances at 31 December 2018 were General Fund £12,335 (2017 £12,168), Grant Fund £56,659 (2017 £45,437) and Loan Account £22,290 (2017 £19,252), outstanding loans at 31 December 2017 amounted to £29,491 (2017 £31,961). The overall Fund balance at 31 December 2017 was £302,825 (2017 £301,456).

## 4. Grants

4.1 The following grants, approved in a previous year, have been paid:

Forth Valley Circuit Re: Dunbar Church £2,045

Woodlands Methodist Church £6,000

Stirling Methodist Church £6,750

4.2 There were no Grants approved and paid during the year.

4.3 No grants have been considered by the General Committee during the year:

## **5. Loans**

5.1 The following loans approved in a previous year have been paid:

Forth Valley Circuit Re: Dunbar Church £682

Woodlands Methodist Church £3,000

Stirling Methodist Church £2,250

5.2 No loans were approved and paid during the year.

5.3 No loans have been considered by the General Committee during the year:

## **6. General**

6.1 In 2016 after undertaking a review of the methodology surrounding the allocation of circuit subscriptions (which replaced the previous subscription and annual church collection scheme at their request)] it was proposed by the Trustees and agreed by the General Committee that future calculations would be based on circuit membership and number of model trust properties in the District.

After due consideration of the General Committee, Notice of Subscriptions for the connexional year 2018/2019 were despatched to Circuit Treasurers on 15 March 2018 using the new methodology with an overall increase in the total subscriptions collected of 3%.

6.2 Loan instalments are collected half-yearly in May and November.

6.3 Although, in the event it did not again materialise this year, the General Committee proposes, that if there are insufficient immediate funds to satisfy approved applications for Aid then sufficient funds be transferred from the Capital fund, excluding funds attributed to the 'endowment' section of the Capital Fund, to meet that need from the sale of Units in the Investment Trust held on behalf of the Fund by TMCP.

6.4 After consideration by the Trustees a proposal in respect of the allocation of the General Fund balance (£12,335.37) as at 31 December 2018 to be allocated to the Grant Fund was put to the General Committee. In the event the General Committee considered that balance should be put to the Capital Fund. This proposal will be put to the Synod to note but requires the consent of the Conference.

6.5 A copy of the Final Annual Report and Accounts for 2018 was tabled during the Synod.

### **\*\*\*RESOLUTIONS**

**49/1. The Conference receives the Report**

**49/2. The Conference approves the actions proposed in paragraph 6.4 of the Report.**