

Notice of Motion 2019/101: Preaching Fees for Supernumerary Deacons

The Conference is thankful for the ongoing work of the Connexional Allowances Committee.

The Connexional Allowance Committee acknowledges in its report (para 4.19) that Supernumerary Deacons do not receive the preaching fee as this could lead to a sense of injustice, as Local Preacher status is not a requirement of Diaconal ministry and therefore only some Deacons would receive the fee, while others may feel denied.

If the Conference accepts the recommendations contained in “The Theology and Ecclesiology Underpinning the Diaconate and the Methodist Diaconal Order” and especially resolution 25/5 the “Conference affirms that preaching is part of the ministry of Deacons...” then the justification in the CAC report now appears inconsistent with our theology. The Conference therefore directs that Paragraph 4.21 of the Connexional Allowances Committee's report be amended with the addition of the following sentence: 'In the light of the adoption of resolution 25/5, the Committee further recommends that the preaching fee also be paid to supernumerary deacons as from September 2020, thereby then applying to all supernumerary ministers'.

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