

1/1 The Conference in its Presbyteral Session assembled in Birmingham at 14.15, The Revd Michaela A Youngson, the President of the Conference, in the Chair.

1/2 The Conference engaged in worship.

1/3 **MEMBERSHIP OF THE CONFERENCE**

The Conference adopted the membership of this Session of the Conference, being those presbyters who are listed in the Agenda (pp 392-399) as members of the Representative Session, with any substitutions duly made, together with the officers of this session appointed by the last Conference, associate members, and those presbyters listed in the Agenda (p 400) who have received the permission of their Synods or, where appropriate, the President to attend this Session by their own arrangement, with the following corrections:

**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**

*adding* The Revd Greg Obong-Oshotse [*vice* a Deacon]

**London**

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

**Associate Members**

*deleting* Bishop Patrick Streiff

*for* The Revd Ruben A Zeledron Castro *reading* 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**

*adding* The Revd Dr Inderjit S Bhogal

*adding* The Revd Ruth Jackson

*adding* The Revd Helen Johnson

*deleting* The Revd R Stephen J Penrose

1/4 **LETTERS**

The Conference directed that letters of greeting be sent to presbyters with more than 70 years of 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)

1/5 **HOURS OF SESSION**

The Conference agreed that these should be 14.15-16.00 and 16.30-18.30 on Thursday, 27 June; 09.15-10.35, 11.30-13.00, 14.15-14.45, 15.30-16.30 and 17.00-18.30 on Friday, 28 June.

1/6 **APPOINTMENT OF SCRUTINEERS**

The Conference appointed the Scrutineers as follows:

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

1/7 **APPOINTMENT OF ATTESTORS**

The Revds Andrew J L Hollins and Charity Nzegwu were appointed to attest the 'written portion' of the Daily Record of the Presbyteral Session.

1/8 **4. REPORT OF THE PRESBYTERAL SESSION BUSINESS COMMITTEE**

The Conference adopted Resolution 4/1.

1/9 **5. CONFERENCE ARRANGEMENTS**

The Conference adopted Resolutions 5/3, 5/4, 5/5 and 5/6.

1/10 The Conference was addressed on the theme of *The Presbyter as Evangelist* by The Revd Trey Hall, Director of Evangelism & Growth. Responses were made by The Revds Jill Marsh and Steven J Wild, and the Conference engaged in discussion.

1/11 The Revd Dr Nicola V Price-Tebbutt, the Secretary of the Faith and Order Committee, introduced *Agenda item 25: The Theology and Ecclesiology underpinning the Diaconate and the Methodist Diaconal Order*. Deacon Karen McBride, the Warden of the Order, responded and the Conference engaged in discussion.

1/12 The Conference adjourned at 16.01.

1/13 The Conference reassembled at 16.30.

1/14 **PASTORAL ADDRESS AND HOLY COMMUNION**

The Conference shared in a service of Holy Communion, during which the President addressed the Conference.

1/15 The Conference adjourned at 18.33.

- 2/1 The Conference assembled at 09.15, and shared in worship.
- 2/2 The Rt Revd Dr Christopher J Cocksworth, Bishop of Coventry, The Revd Dr J M Ainsley Griffiths, Director of Faith, Order and Unity for the Church in Wales, The Revds Leo E and Charlotte Osborn, and The Revd Dr Elizabeth A Kent, Director of the Wesley Study Centre facilitated the Conference in a conversation about *The Nature of Ministry in the light of the Covenant*.
- 2/3 The Conference adjourned at 10.48 to continue the conversation in district groups.
- 2/4 The Conference reassembled at 11.36.
- 2/5 The Revd Dr Elizabeth A Kent, The Revd Leo E Osborn, The Revd Dr J M Ainsley Griffiths and The Rt Revd Dr Christopher J Cocksworth reflected on the district conversations.
- 2/6 The Conference went into closed session at 11.53.
- 2/7 **37. MINISTERIAL CANDIDATES' AND PROBATIONERS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE**
- 1. Candidates for Presbyteral Ministry**
- 2/7/1 The Conference received the report of the Candidates Appeals Committee.
- 2/7/2 The Conference recommended, with the required majority, acceptance by the Representative Session of the following candidates, to proceed unconditionally into pre-ordination training:
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|--------------------------|----------------------|
| Tina Brooker             | Sally Jones          |
| Sarah Butcher            | Rosemary Mutopo      |
| Jonathan Cunningham      | Michelle Onyett      |
| Michelle Deans           | James Alan Patterson |
| Rebecca Elizabeth Fugill | Philip Robinson      |
| Craig Gaffney            | Gareth Sherwood      |
| Paul Harold              | Gillian Songer       |
| John Hayward             | Steven Sutton        |
| Catharine Hughes         | Fiona Weir           |
- 2/7/3 The Conference adopted, with the required majority, Resolution 37/2.
- 2/8 **2. Special Reports**
- 2/8/1 The Conference agreed the following changes in the expected date of Reception into Full Connexion:
- To an earlier date:*
- |                       |                  |
|-----------------------|------------------|
| Laurent Robert Vernet | 2019 (from 2020) |
| Morwenna Wills        | 2019 (from 2020) |
| William Edmund Davis  | 2019 (from 2020) |

*To a later date:*

Elisabeth Karen Brooks	2023 (from 2022)
Julie Ann King	2022 (from 2021)
Manuokafoa Tuipulotu	2022 (from 2021)
Karen Sian Williams	2022 (from 2020)
Rebecca Helen Wright	2022 (from 2021)

2/8/2 The Conference received a report regarding the suspension of training of student presbyter Elisabeth Karen Brooks and the deferment of probation of probationers Penelope Jane Thorne and Karen Sian Williams, all under SO 726.

2/8/3 The Conference received a report regarding the withdrawal under SO 727 of accepted candidates Philip Cotton and Ruth Arce Rosales.

2/8/4 The Conference adopted Resolution 37/1,  
p 353, 1.5(b), *for* Karen Elizabeth Brooks *reading* Elisabeth Karen Brooks  
p 354, 1.6(a), *adding* Elisabeth Karen Brooks  
p 354, 1.7(a), *adding* Ruth Arce Rosales

2/9 **3. Preachers Recommended for Continuance on Trial**

The Conference adopted Resolution 37/4,

p 355, *deleting* \*Arce Rosales, Ruth 2023

p 357, *amending* Smith, Katherine Jane to Smith, Katharine Jane

p 357, *adding* Thorne, Penelope Jane 2021

p 357, *amending* Tull, Marcia Yvone to Tull, Marcia Yvonne

2/10 **4. Preachers on Trial presented to the Conference for Reception into Full Connexion**

2/10/1 The Conference accepted the recommendation of the Ministerial Candidates' and Probationers' Oversight Committee that the following are fit to be admitted into Full Connexion with the Conference as presbyters:

Kido Beak	David Michael Lees
David Jonathan Bintliff	Shalome Shawnda MacNeill Cooper
Raymond Frederick Paul Borrett	Jonathan Paul Parker
Nicola Ann Briggs	Christine Pamela Preece
Donna-Marie Broadbent-Kelly	Claire Elizabeth Rawlinson
Grace Cauldwell	Karl Aiden Rutledge
William Edmund Davis	Mary Sachikonye
Andrew Gavin Fishburne	Cliff Shanganya
Sharon Mary Gardner	Tony Simpson
Emma Caroline Holroyd	Laurent Robert Vernet
Alberta Konadu-Yiadom	Morwenna Wills
Anne Lawrence	Mmasape Temana Zihle

2/10/2 The Conference, by a Standing Vote, adopted Resolution 37/5.

- 2/11 **38. PRESBYTERAL TRANSFERS AND REINSTATEMENTS**
1. **Recommendations of the Ministerial Candidates' Selection Committee acting as a Transfer Committee (under S.O.730)**
- 2/11/1 The Conference recommended, with the required majority, acceptance by the Representative Session of the following applicants for transfer to be received into Full Connexion:
- in 2019*  
 Robert James Birnie (Church of the Nazarene)  
 Felicity Eunice Myfanwy Ferriter (Church of England)  
 Rachel Lynn Frank (Alliance of Baptists (USA))  
 Japhet Kaberia Kabilu (The Methodist Church in Kenya)  
 Robert Jilenda Kasema (Pentecostal Assemblies of God, Zambia)  
 Lansford Herbert Penn-Timothy (Congregational Evangelical Mission, Sierra Leone)
- in 2020*  
 Cleopas Sibanda (Methodist Church in Zimbabwe)
- 2/11/2 The Conference accepted the recommendation of the Ministerial Candidates' Selection Committee that the following be recognised and regarded as presbyters in Full Connexion with the Conference under Standing Order 732(2) and (3):
- Martin Pieter Beukes (The Methodist Church of Southern Africa)  
 Shannon Casey DeLaureal (United Methodist Church)  
 Richard Muzei Kyaira (The Methodist Church in Kenya)  
 Aboseh Ngwana (Presbyterian Church in Cameroon)  
 Rajbharat Patta (Andhra Evangelical Lutheran Church, India)  
 Joan Marion Pell (United Methodist Church)  
 Manoa Ratubalavu (Methodist Church in Fiji)
- 2/11/3 **3. Recommendations for reinstatements to Full Connexion**
- The Conference concurred with the recommendation of a Reinstatement Committee that Helen Anne Reah should be reinstated to Full Connexion.
- 2/11/4 The Conference adopted Resolution 38/1,
- p 360, 1.3, *noting* Cleopas Sibanda (Methodist Church in Zimbabwe) will be received into Full Connexion in 2020
- p 361, 1.7, *deleting* Ildlo Christino de Oliveira Junior (The Methodist Church in Brazil)
- p 361, 1.10, *deleting* Tokunbo Ezekiel Olusegun Asogbon (Methodist Church Nigeria)
- 2/11/5 The Conference, by a Standing Vote, adopted Resolution 38/2,
- inserting* in the wording of the resolution 'or at a specified date' after the word 'now'.
- 2/11/6 **4. Recommendations for reinstatement of local preachers**
- The Conference adopted Resolution 38/3.

2/12 **36. PERMISSIONS TO SERVE**

The Conference adopted Resolution 36/1.

2/13 **RESIGNATIONS**

The Conference received a report that the President had accepted the resignation of the following presbyters in Full Connexion, according them the status indicated:

Malcolm Chester	No status
D Darlene McCarley	No status

2/14 The Conference received a report on behalf of the Convenors of Connexional Discipline, Pastoral and Appeal Committees.

2/15 The Conference received a report from a connexional Discipline Committee under SO 1147(3)(ii) removing Eric Mustapha from Full Connexion. *[as corrected by 5/16/1]*

2/16 The Conference reassembled in open session at 12.33.

2/17 **OBITUARIES**

2/17/1 The Conference adopted the Obituaries as printed and circulated to the Conference, and the Obituaries below,

*directing* that if, after checks have been carried out in the Conference library, it is necessary to correct inaccuracies in these Obituaries, the Secretary of the Conference be authorised to make such corrections before the Obituaries are published in the Minutes of the Conference.

2/17/2 **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.

2/18 The Conference adjourned at 12.39.

2/19 The Conference reassembled at 14.15.

2/20 **MEMORIAL SERVICE**

A solemn Memorial Service was held during which the Secretary of the Conference read the names of those presbyters who had died during the year, as follows:

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| John Michael Adams*          | Edwin Paul Coupland      |
| Maurice Malcolm Adams        | Amos Samuel Cresswell    |
| Michael Frank Ayden          | Linda Day                |
| Charles Banks**              | Paul Dickinson           |
| David Anthony Barker         | Jack Dowson              |
| George Samuel Beck           | Brian David Earley       |
| Keith Beecroft               | Reginald Charles Edmonds |
| Shirley Jean Bench           | Paul Ellingworth         |
| Eric William Blennerhassett* | Kenneth Francis Elworthy |
| William Ralph Blow           | Owen Ellis Evans         |
| John David Bridge            | Denis Egerton Gardiner   |
| Margaret Gwynne Brindley     | Pamela Susan Garrud      |
| Gerald Stanley Broadbent**   | John Beverley Glover*    |
| Linda Joanne Brock           | Colin Norman Gooch       |
| Ruth Mary Carter             | Marjorie Grantham**      |
| Peter Egerton Coates         | George Graham            |
| Kathleen Corkish             | Barbara Halstead         |



Derek Hancock  
 Trevor Lewis Hancock\*\*  
 Alan Edward Davidson Harvey  
 Murray John Hasler  
 Geoffrey Bertie Hawkrige  
 Alan Frederick Herrick  
 William Hewison\*  
 Edward Heyes  
 Ronald James Hockley\*  
 C Brian Holliday\*\*  
 Deborah Anne Hopkinson  
 Allan James Hughes\*  
 Edith Patricia Hunter  
 Peter Jarvis  
 Ieuan Alfred Johnston  
 Godfrey Kenyon\*\*  
 Chris Kirkman\*  
 Peter Anthony Knight  
 James Derrick Leach  
 Graham Leaman\*  
 Christopher John Solven Lewis  
 George Lovell  
 Terence Robert Lovell  
 Shirley Ludlow  
 William McLarnon Lynn  
 Kenneth Mondon Marsh\*  
 Eileen Mason  
 Francis Vernon May  
 Dorothy Heather McGivern  
 Michael Sidney Robert Meech  
 Arthur Charles Tourgis Mignot  
 Harry Mills

John Charles Neal  
 Isaac Blenkinsop Nixon  
 Raymond Henry Norgate  
 John Allan Ogden  
 Daniel Bramwell Booth Parry  
 William Henry Pittam  
 David Adam Proud  
 Ronald Roper\*\*  
 William Millar Ross  
 David Rushton  
 Alan Skipsey\*  
 Christopher Hughes Smith  
 John Graham Snaith\*\*  
 Robert Michael Speed  
 John Spratt Stephens\*  
 William Peter Stephens  
 Roger John Steward\*\*  
 David Stringer\*\*  
 Tom Summersby\*\*  
 Alan Taplin  
 Ronald Lang Thomas  
 Derek Thorpe\*  
 Raymond Francis Trudgeon  
 John Munsey Turner  
 Victor Edward Vine  
 Arthur William Wainwright  
 David Stansby Watkinson  
 Charles Ambrose Watson\*  
 Stephen Watts  
 George Brian Westwood  
 Herbert White\*\*  
 [as corrected by 7/15/3]

\* Presbyters who had died before or during the previous Conference but whose Obituaries are presented to this Conference.

\*\* Obituaries for these presbyters will be presented to the next Conference

- 2/21 The Conference adjourned at 14.48.
- 2/22 The Conference reassembled at 15.30.
- 2/23 The Revds Dr Inderjit S Bhogal, Jongikaya Zihle, Rory J Dalgliesh and the Very Revd John J Witcombe, Dean of Coventry, facilitated the Conference in conversation about ***Diversity, Unity and Reconciliation: The Presbyter as Agent of Reconciliation.***
- 2/24 The Conference adjourned at 16.29.
- 2/25 The Conference reassembled at 17.00.
- 2/26 The Conference engaged further in conversation about diversity, unity and reconciliation.
- 2/27 The Conference engaged in conversation about ***Stationing Matching (Notice of Motion 2018/205).***

- 2/28      **43. PRESBYTERS BECOMING SUPERNUMERARY OR RETURNING TO THE ACTIVE WORK**
- 2/28/1    The Conference adopted Resolution 43/1,
- In **2. Permission to become supernumerary granted during the year**  
*adding*      \*Barnabas J Alexander
- in **3. Presbyters requesting permission to become supernumerary**  
*adding*      \*Olufemi R W Cole-Nije      (26)  
*adding*      Jonathan H Doble      (18)  
*for* Andrew P Maguire (10)      *reading*      Andrew P Maguire      (40)  
*for* Paul Martin (B)      (11)      *reading*      \*Paul Martin (B)      (11)  
*for* Andrew J Mashiter (27)      *reading*      +Andrew J Mashiter      (27)
- 2/28/2    The Conference adopted Resolution 43/2, noting the corrections under **2** and **3** above.
- 2/29      **THANKS TO THE PRESIDENT**
- The Revd Loraine N Mellor expressed the thanks of the Conference to the President of the Conference.
- 2/30      **ANNUAL INQUIRY**
- The Chairs of the Districts gave to the Conference the assurances as to the character and discipline of the presbyters and presbyteral probationers required by Standing Order 154.
- 2/31      The Conference resolved by a Standing Vote to adjourn to 14.15 on Saturday 29 June for the Representative Session.
- 2/32      The Conference shared in worship, and adjourned at 18.24.
- 2/33      **LETTERS**
- 2/33/1    In the name of the Conference a letter of concern was written to The Revd Beverly Hollings and a letter of concern and condolence was written to The Revd Dr Elizabeth A Smith.
- 2/33/2    Letters of thanks were written in the name of the Conference to those who had spoken to or facilitated the Presbyteral Session or led the Session in worship.

3/1 The Conference in its Representative Session assembled in Birmingham at 14.15, The Revd Michaela A Youngson, the President of the Conference, in the Chair.

3/2 **PRAYERS**

The Conference engaged in worship, during which the President of the Methodist Church in Ireland, The Revd T H Samuel McGuffin, led prayers.

3/3 **MEMBERSHIP OF THE CONFERENCE**

3/3/1 The Conference adopted as Resolution M/1:

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

3/3/2 The Conference adopted the membership of this session of the Conference as set out in the Agenda (pp 392-399), as amended by Daily Record 1/3 and the following substitutions and corrections:

**Conference-elected Representatives**

Deacon Ruth M Richey *vice* Deacon Tracey J Hume

**Cymru**

Sister Eluned Williams *vice* Mr R Arfon Williams

**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 *reading* Miss Abby Watterson

**Sheffield**

*for* Mrs Lauren Rossall *reading* Mrs Lauren Rossell

**Yorkshire West**

*for* 'to be confirmed' *reading* Mr Victor F Kuyeli

**South East**

Mr Steven Goldsack *vice* Mr Steve Curtis

3/4 **APPOINTMENT OF SCRUTINEERS**

The Conference appointed the Scrutineers as follows:

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

3/5 **PRESIDENT AND VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE CONFERENCE**

3/5/1 The Revd Dr Barbara Carolyn Glasson, having been nominated according to rule at the preceding Conference, was duly elected by a Standing Vote as President of the Conference (Resolution 1/1).

3/5/2 Professor Clive Marsh, having been nominated according to rule at the preceding Conference, was duly elected by a Standing Vote as Vice-President of the Conference (Resolution 1/2).

3/5/3 The Induction of the President and the Vice-President took place.

3/6 **THE LOYAL ADDRESS**

The Conference directed that a letter of greeting be sent to Her Majesty the Queen.

3/7 **WORLD CHURCH AND ECUMENICAL REPRESENTATIVES AND GUESTS**

3/7/1 The Conference welcomed full members, Associate members and guests of the Conference from The Methodist Church in Ireland, The United Methodist Church, The UMC Germany Central Conference and Northern Europe and Eurasia Central Conference, L'Opera per le Chiese Evangeliche Metodiste in Italia, Igreja Evangelica Metodista Portuguesa, The Methodist Church Ghana, The Presbyterian Church in Cameroon, The Methodist Church Kenya, The Methodist Church in Zimbabwe, Iglesia Metodista de Puerto Rico, Iglesia Metodista de Chile, Iglesia Evangélica Metodista de Nicaragua, Iglesia Evangélica Metodista Argentina, The Methodist Church in the Caribbean and the Americas, The Methodist Church, Upper Myanmar, The United Church of Christ in Japan, The Methodist Church of New Zealand, The Chinese Christian Council and The Diocese of Multan in Pakistan, and from among our Mission Partners. *[as corrected by 5/16/3]*

3/7/2 The Revd Kan Baoping of the Chinese Christian Council responded on behalf of the World Church guests.

3/7/3 The Conference welcomed the ecumenical Associate members of the Conference from The Church of England, The United Reformed Church, The Baptist Union of Great Britain, The Church in Wales, The New Testament Church of God and The Salvation Army; and ecumenical guests from Churches Together in Birmingham, The United Reformed Church, the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Birmingham, the Anglican Diocese of Worcester, and the Heart of England Baptist Association.

3/7/4 The Rt Revd David McGough, the Roman Catholic Auxiliary Bishop of Birmingham, responded on behalf of the ecumenical guests.

3/8 **READING FROM 1,000 LETTERS**

One of 1,000 letters written in the past year to the young people of Methodism was read.

3/9 **PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS**

The President of the Conference delivered her inaugural address.

3/10 The Conference adjourned at 16.10.

3/11 The Conference reassembled at 17.00.

3/12 **VICE-PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS**

The Vice-President of the Conference delivered his inaugural address.

3/13 **2. FIRST REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE BUSINESS COMMITTEE**

The Conference adopted Resolution 2/1.

3/14 **SECOND REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE BUSINESS COMMITTEE**

3/14/1 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. *[as corrected by 5/16/3]* 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 [*list not included in the Record*]. 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 [*list not included in the Record*]. 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)).

3/14/2 The Conference adopted as Resolution B/1:

The Conference receives the Report.

3/15 **44. REPORT TO THE REPRESENTATIVE SESSION OF BUSINESS CONDUCTED BY THE CONFERENCE DIACONAL COMMITTEE**

3/15/1 The Conference adopted Resolution 44/1,

p 384 paragraph 2.1, *for* 'Janet Ann Guy' *reading* 'Janet Ann Amey'

3/15/2 The Conference adopted Resolution 44/3. [*as corrected by 5/16/3*]

3/16 **12. 3GENERATE 2018 – METHODIST CHILDREN AND YOUTH ASSEMBLY**

The Conference adopted Resolutions 12/1 and 12/2.

3/17 The Conference engaged in worship and adjourned at 18.18.

- 4/1 The Conference assembled at 10.45.
- 4/2 The Conference shared in worship, during which one of 1,000 letters written in the past year to the young people of Methodism was read, and the President preached. The following business was transacted.
- 4/3 **RECEPTION INTO FULL CONNEXION AS PRESBYTERS**  
The following persons were presented for admission into Full Connexion, the Presbyteral Session having judged that they were fit for such admission and, if appropriate, for ordination:
- 4/3/1 The preachers on trial:
- |                                |                                 |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Kido Baek                      | David Michael Lees              |
| David Jonathan Bintliff        | Shalome Shawnda MacNeill Cooper |
| Raymond Frederick Paul Borrett | Jonathan Paul Parker            |
| Nicola Ann Briggs              | Christine Pamela Preece         |
| Donna-Marie Broadbent-Kelly    | Claire Elizabeth Rawlinson      |
| Grace Cauldwell                | Karl Aiden Rutledge             |
| William Edmund Davis           | Mary Sachikonye                 |
| Andrew Gavin Fishburne         | Cliff Shanganya                 |
| Sharon Mary Gardner            | Tony Simpson                    |
| Emma Caroline Holroyd          | Laurent Robert Vernet           |
| Alberta Konadu-Yiandom         | Morwenna Wills                  |
| Anne Lawrence                  | Mmasape Temana Zihle            |
- 4/3/2 The following people to be received by transfer:
- Robert James Birnie (not present)  
Felicity Eunice Myfanwy Ferriter  
Rachel Lynn Frank  
Japhet Kaberia Kabilu  
Robert Jilenda Kasema  
Lansford Herbert Penn-Timity
- 4/3/3 One person to be received by reinstatement:
- Helen Anne Reah
- 4/3/4 The Conference resolved by a Standing Vote that those persons whose names had been read to the Conference and are printed in the Agenda and Daily Record be now received into Full Connexion with the Conference as presbyters, and that those not already ordained be ordained by prayer and the laying on of hands on the afternoon of this day, the thirtieth day of June 2019, at:
- Darlington Street Methodist Church, Wolverhampton  
Coventry Central Hall  
St Martin in the Bull Ring, Birmingham
- (Resolution 37/6)

4/4      **RECEPTION INTO FULL CONNEXION AS DEACONS**

4/4/1      The following persons were presented for admission into Full Connexion and as full members of the Methodist Diaconal Order, the Conference Diaconal Committee having judged that they were fit for such admission and, if appropriate, for ordination:

Corinne Anne Brown  
Jennifer Parnell  
Bryanell Elizabeth Rop  
Judith Elizabeth Stoddart

4/4/2      The Conference resolved by a Standing Vote that those persons whose names had been read to the Conference and are printed in the Agenda be now received into Full Connexion with the Conference as deacons, and, if not already ordained, be ordained by prayer and the laying on of hands and be received into full membership of the Methodist Diaconal Order on the afternoon of this day, the thirtieth day of June 2019, at Shirley Methodist Church.

(Resolution 44/4)

4/5      The Conference adjourned at 12.10.



- 5/1 The Conference assembled at 9.22 and shared in worship.
- 5/2 **APPOINTMENT OF ATTESTORS**
- 5/2/1 Ms Rachel Collins and Mr Stephen Cooper were appointed to attest the Daily Record and related documents.
- 5/2/2 The Revd Philip J Jackson and Mrs Heather Lovelady were appointed to attest the Journal and related documents.
- 5/3 **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.
- 5/3/1 **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.
- 5/3/2 The Conference adopted as Resolution 46/1:
- The Conference appoints The Revd Dr Jonathan R Hustler as Secretary of the Conference for the connexional year 2019/2020.
- 5/3/3 **Assistant Secretary of the Conference: The Revd Ruth M Gee**
- Ruth Gee is the Connexional Ecumenical Officer having been appointed to that role from 1 September 2018 and has been stationed by the President as Assistant Secretary until 31 August 2019.
- 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 knowledgeably 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.

5/3/4 The Conference adopted as Resolution 46/2:

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

5/4 **13. UNIFIED STATEMENT OF CONNEXIONAL FINANCES**

The Conference adopted Resolution 13/1.

5/5 **3. METHODIST COUNCIL, PART 1, Sections A, B, C**

5/5/1 The Conference adopted Resolution 3/1.

5/5/2 **Memorial M21: Vocations**

The Conference received Memorial M21 and adopted as its reply that recommended by the Memorials Committee, the Memorial and the reply appearing on p 26 of the Supplement to the Agenda entitled 'Memorials to the Conference' (hereinafter 'the Agenda Supplement').

5/5/3 The Conference adopted Resolution 3/2.

5/5/4 The Conference adopted Resolution 3/3,

p 33, *inserting* after the last paragraph of Section C:

Legal advice obtained on the proposed legal documentation for the loan arrangement has advised that the Methodist Church in Great Britain as a charity may need to accept the loan or loans rather than the Methodist Council as a managing trustee body. Whilst Standing Order 211(1) provides a general delegation for the Council to act on behalf of the Conference between meetings, the legal advice is that a specific resolution authorising the Council is required. Such authorisation will delegate to the Council responsibility for and the power to negotiate and agree the value of any such loan or loans from the Central Finance Board and to agree the terms of any legal agreement or legal agreement in respect of such loans on behalf of the members of the Conference as the charity trustees of the Methodist Church in Great Britain. Any legal agreement would be signed by two members of the Methodist Conference as charity trustees on behalf of all members of the Conference.

5/5/5 The Conference adopted as Resolution 3/3A:

The Conference authorises the Methodist Council to negotiate and agree the amount or value and terms of a loan or loans to the Methodist Church in Great Britain by the Central Finance Board.

5/5/6 **Memorial M3: Connexional Priority Fund Levy**

The Conference received Memorial M3 and adopted as its reply that recommended by the Memorials Committee, the Memorial and the reply appearing on pp 4-5 of the Agenda Supplement.

5/6 **24. FAITH AND ORDER COMMITTEE REPORT**

5/6/1 The Conference adopted Resolution 24/1.

- 5/6/2 **Memorial M31: Authorisations to preside at the Lord's Supper**  
 The Conference received Memorial M31 and adopted as its reply that recommended by the Memorials Committee, the Memorial and the reply appearing on pp 39-41 of the Agenda Supplement.
- 5/7 **REPORT OF THE LAW AND POLITY CONFERENCE SUB-COMMITTEE**
- 5/7/1 **Additional Item: Methodist Independent Schools – Legal Structures**  
 The Law and Polity Conference Sub-Committee has noted that the Conference in 2017 adopted a report from the Methodist Independent Schools Trust to amend the legal structures in respect of the holding of the independent school property. The Methodist Independent Education Trust 1903 was amended to replace the individual holding trustees with a Property Company to be the trustee of the Trust. The amended Trust deed provided for the President of the Conference appointing three individuals as the protectors of the Trust who would oversee the rights of the Conference in respect of these trusts. However the President of the Conference can only appoint the three individuals in pursuance of a resolution of the Conference. In light of names for the individuals not having yet been proposed, it is suggested that the Conference delegate the power to appoint up to three individuals to the Methodist Council for the Connexional year 2019-2020.
- 5/7/2 The Conference adopted as Resolution LP/1:  
 The Conference pursuant to clause 7 of the Methodist Independent Education Trust 1903 (as amended) directs the President to appoint three individuals to serve as Protectors of the Trusts therein declared.
- 5/8 The Conference adjourned at 10.51.
- 5/9 The Conference reassembled at 11.30.
- 5/10 **10. GOD IN LOVE UNITES US: THE REPORT OF THE MARRIAGE AND RELATIONSHIPS TASK GROUP 2019**  
 The Conference engaged in conversation on this Agenda Item.
- 5/11 The Conference adjourned at 13.01.
- 5/12 The Conference reassembled at 14.15.
- 5/13 In a session resourced by the President and Vice-President, the Conference split into groups to discuss: ***Climate Change, Food Poverty in the UK, Evangelism/Church Growth, Post-Colonialism, Intergenerational Church and Worship, and Activism.***
- 5/14 The Conference adjourned at 16.03.
- 5/15 The Conference reassembled at 16.45.
- 5/16 **DAILY RECORD**
- 5/16/1 The Daily Record of the Presbyteral Session on Thursday, 27 June and Friday, 28 June was presented, taken as read, and adopted as printed,  
 at 2/15 for 'Discipline' reading 'Discipline' and for 'Mustpha' reading 'Mustapha'

- 5/16/2 The Written Portion of the Daily Record of the Presbyteral Session was presented in headings only and adopted.
- 5/16/3 The Daily Record for Saturday, 29 June and Sunday, 30 June was presented, taken as read, and adopted as printed,

at 3/7/1, beginning the paragraph with 'The Conference welcomed full members, Associate members and guests of the Conference' and making consequential amendments at the end of the paragraph

at 3/14/1 para 6, 4<sup>th</sup> line from the bottom, *replacing* the question mark with a full stop

at 3/15, *replacing* the text below the heading with:

3/15/1 The Conference adopted Resolution 44/1,

p 384 paragraph 2.1, *for* 'Janet Ann Guy' *reading* 'Janet Ann Amey'

3/15/2 The Conference adopted Resolution 44/3.

5/17 **31. COMMITTEE ON METHODIST LAW AND POLITY (2), SECTION E**

5/17/1 The Conference adopted Resolution 31/1,

p 335, line 9, *for* 'Section 11A' *reading* 'Section 10A',

and *receiving* the following additional report:

Members of the Conference will have observed that paragraph 5 of the Committee's report refers to the potential for conflicts of interest in relation to the proposed amendments to the Model Trusts and Deed of Union and explains that the Law and Polity Conference Sub-Committee will bring a report to the Conference on the point.

The sub-committee reports that it is an established principle of law that a person in a fiduciary position is not in breach of fiduciary duty if the trust instrument expressly authorises the conflict (as the proposed amendments do) or if it impliedly does so. The Conference has previously acted on the footing that by analogy with that principle, the Deed of Union and the Model Trusts impliedly authorise members of the Conference to vote on Conference business in situations in which a very large number of members of the Conference would face an actual or potential conflict, since otherwise the business of the Conference could not effectively be transacted. Business relating to the Methodist Ministers' Pension Scheme is an obvious example of such business, since ministerial members of the Conference are in general members of the Scheme and the lay members are in general members in circuits which pay contributions to the Scheme.

In relation to the present business, the sub-committee has considered whether the potential conflicts could be managed by restricting voting on the amendment to paragraph 2(2) of the Model Trusts to ministerial members of the Conference and voting on the amendment to paragraph 2(3) to the lay members. This solution would, however, be highly artificial and would not assist with the proposed amendment to the Deed of Union. Further, it would not take account of the potential for conflicts arising from the possibility that

the amendments would benefit a connected person of a member of the Conference. In those circumstances, the advice of the sub-committee is that members of the Conference in general are impliedly authorised to vote on the business despite the potential for conflicts of interest. Any member who is aware of a particular conflict should declare it privately to the Conference Officer for Legal and Constitutional Practice and should not vote on the business.

Members of the Conference will also note that paragraph 6 of the report recommends that the resolutions are submitted to the Methodist Council for approval. This requires a direction of the Conference and the appropriate resolution is set below. It should also be noted that SO 126(1)(a) already provides for submission to the Channel Islands, the Isle of Man and the Scotland and Shetland Synods.

5/17/2 The Conference adopted, with the required majority, Resolution 31/2,  
*[Special Resolution – see 31/2A below regarding consultation]*

in the wording of the Resolution, *for* ‘section 11A’ *reading* ‘section 10A’

5/17/3 The Conference adopted as Resolution 31/2A:

The Conference, after considering the advice of the Law and Polity Conference Sub-Committee, directs that consultation on Resolution 31/2 shall be with the Methodist Council in accordance with Standing Order 126(1)(c).

5/18 **19. SAFEGUARDING COMMITTEE**

5/18/1 The Conference adopted Resolution 19/1.

5/18/2 **Memorials M26 and M27: Safeguarding training and Safeguarding Advanced Module**

The Conference received Memorials M26 and M27 and adopted as its reply that recommended by the Memorials Committee, the Memorials and the reply appearing on pp 32-35 of the Agenda Supplement.

5/19 **20. METHODIST COUNCIL, PART 2, Section H**

5/19/1 The Conference adopted Resolution 20/2,

*deleting* the paragraph on p 204 beginning ‘The Council therefore’ and the draft Standing Order 1010.

5/19/2 The Conference declined Resolution 20/3.

5/19/3 The Conference adopted Resolution 20/4 in the following form:

The Conference amends Standing Order 335 to read:

**335 Global Relationships Committee**

***(1) The Methodist Council shall annually appoint a Global Relationships Committee consisting of not more than ten members which shall report to the council through its Strategy and Resources Committee.***

***(2) The council shall determine the terms of reference for the committee to ensure that the committee shall advise and support the Connexional Team in the implementation, development and monitoring of global relationships.***

***(3) The council shall provide reports to the Conference on global relationships.***

- 5/19/4 The Conference agreed to the withdrawal of Resolution 20/5.
- 5/20 The Conference engaged in worship, during which one of 1,000 letters written in the past year to the young people of Methodism was read.
- 5/21 The Conference adjourned at 18.33.
- 5/22 **LETTERS**
- 5/22/1 Letters of thanks were written in the name of the Conference to those responsible for the Conference and Ordination Services, those who took part in them and to the Ordination venues.
- 5/22/2 A letter of thanks was written in the name of the Conference to The Revd Canon Gareth J Powell for his service as the Secretary of the Conference.
- 5/22/3 In the name of the Conference, a letter of concern was written to Mr R Arfon Williams and a letter of sympathy and appreciation to Mrs Kathryn Taylor.
- 5/22/4 A letter of concern was written in the name of the Conference to Mission Partner The Revd Eden J Fletcher, Superintendent Minister of the Hong Kong International Church, about the political situation in Hong Kong.
- 5/22/5 Letters were written in the name of the Conference to the following presbyters on the occasion of the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of their ordinations:

The Revd P Martin Abrams  
The Revd David R Alderman  
The Revd Rita Armitage  
The Revd Jeremy W Arthern  
The Revd Andrew P Baguley  
The Revd Pauline Barnett  
The Revd Stephen Barnett  
The Revd Colin W Barrett  
The Revd Linda J Barriball  
The Revd Dr Betty Bell  
The Revd Geoffrey P Bell  
The Revd Peter E Catford  
The Revd Elizabeth A Childs  
The Revd Rosemary H Davies  
The Revd Alan Costello  
The Revd Joseph Daley  
The Revd Peter F Daone  
The Revd Diane Daymond  
The Revd Marian Dixon  
The Revd Paul J Donnison  
The Revd Margaret F Doughty  
The Revd Julia T Dowding  
The Revd Dr David East  
The Revd Jennifer Edmondson  
The Revd Jennifer M Ellis  
The Revd David D Faulkner  
The Revd A Alan Fisher

The Revd M Kenneth George  
The Revd Susan A Greenwood  
The Revd Malcolm Groom  
The Revd David I H Hardman  
The Revd Michael E Harrison  
The Revd Dr Paul Hill  
The Revd Robert O Hilton  
The Revd Brian C Hodges  
The Revd Peter Holwell  
The Revd Jean Hudson  
The Revd Lynda Hughes  
The Revd Jennifer A Impey  
The Revd David A Innes  
The Revd Colin J Jackson  
The Revd Mary E Jackman  
The Revd Anthony G Jeffries  
The Revd Neil W Johnson  
The Revd A John Kendall  
The Revd Christopher G T Jones  
The Revd Joy Margerison  
The Revd Timothy Morris  
The Revd Gwendoline A Newton  
The Revd Gwyneth M Owen  
The Revd Patricia A Percival  
The Revd Celia M Phillips  
The Revd Anthony Pick  
The Revd Robert G Pritchard

The Revd Elaine D Pyrke  
The Revd Elizabeth Rundle  
The Revd John A Santry  
The Revd Andrew A Scutt  
The Revd John L Simms  
The Revd Nicholas C Sissons  
The Revd Iain T Skinner  
The Revd Robert Soanes  
The Revd F Robert Stevens  
The Revd Philip M Summers  
The Revd Robert E Thomas  
The Revd Timothy J Thorpe

The Revd Judy M Turner-Smith  
The Revd Andrew T Vidamour  
The Revd J Graham Wassell  
The Revd Dr Martin Wellings  
The Revd Dr Caroline Wickens  
The Revd Timothy L Wilkinson  
The Revd Sheila H MacInally  
The Revd Anne Smith  
The Revd Deanne R M Evans  
The Revd Dr Valerie J Ogden  
The Revd Gill College  
The Revd Mark Dunn-Wilson

5/22/6 Letters were written in the name of the Conference to the following presbyters on the occasion of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of their ordinations:

The Revd Edward J Ager  
The Revd Bryan Ashberry  
The Revd John A Beardsley  
The Revd Malcolm J Benton  
The Revd Douglas A Brewer  
The Revd George A Courtenay  
The Revd Dr David G Deeks  
The Revd J Anthony Farrar  
The Revd Dr Peter C Graves  
The Revd R Michael Harland  
The Revd David G Hawkes  
The Revd David J Hudson  
The Revd James H Hunkin  
The Revd Geoffrey W Hunter  
The Revd Dr David A Jackson  
The Revd David Kinch  
The Revd John A Lloyd Williams

The Revd Keith W Martin  
The Revd David G Nash  
The Revd Peter M Ormerod  
The Revd John S Pyke  
The Revd Lawrence E Sharp  
The Revd J Brian Sherrington  
The Revd Ron Smith  
The Revd Dr Maurice W Staton  
The Revd Thomas J Stuckey  
The Revd Peter G Sulston  
The Revd Ronald Taylor  
The Revd J Donald Wass  
The Revd Roy M Watson  
The Revd John W Wiggall  
The Revd P Michael Willson  
The Revd David Woodward

5/22/7 Letters were written in the name of the Conference to the following presbyters on the occasion of the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of their ordinations:

The Revd Neville Ashton  
The Revd Allan R Bailey  
The Revd Thomas Blakey  
The Revd T Aneurin Evans  
The Revd Douglas J Ford  
The Revd Michael J Gilyead  
The Revd Colin F Hayes  
The Revd Derek R Illsley  
The Revd Brian M Kay  
The Revd H Gordon Lemmon  
The Revd Eric P Lucas  
The Revd John R Lusty  
The Revd Harold Mason

The Revd Brian Newbold  
The Revd J Wesley Parfitt  
The Revd David J Reep  
The Revd Kenneth B Renouf  
The Revd Bernard Reynolds  
The Revd Joseph Rimmer  
The Revd Norman T Routledge  
The Revd Peter M Stanley  
The Revd Bryan Stevens  
The Revd Graham T Thomas  
The Revd Brian P Tibbetts  
The Revd R John Withington

- 6/1 The Conference assembled at 9.15 and shared in worship.
- 6/2 The Conference, with the required majority, suspended Standing Order 110A(6) and resolved that the designation of the President of the Conference of 2020 shall be by majority vote.
- 6/3 **21. CONNEXIONAL CENTRAL SERVICES BUDGET FOR THREE YEARS COMMENCING WITH 2019/2020**
- 6/3/1 The budget was presented.
- 6/3/2 **Memorials M8 and M9**  
The Conference received Memorials M8 and M9 and adopted as its replies those recommended by the Memorials Committee, the Memorials and the replies appearing on pp 10-12 of the Agenda Supplement.
- 6/4 **25. THE THEOLOGY AND ECCLESIOLOGY UNDERPINNING THE DIACONATE AND THE METHODIST DIACONAL ORDER**
- 6/4/1 The Conference adopted Resolution 25/1,  
p 259, cover sheet, *adding*:  
**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-Underpinning-the-Diaconate.pdf](http://www.methodist.org.uk/downloads/conf-2016-33-Theology-Underpinning-the-Diaconate.pdf)  
p 259, footnote 1, *deleting* ‘either’  
p 259-260, 1.2, listing the second paragraph as ‘a.’ and amending the lettering of the following paragraphs a. to c. as b. to d.  
p 261, 1.5.1, final line, *for* ‘see the resolutions at 1.2c above’ *reading* ‘see the resolutions at 1.2c. and d. above’.
- 6/4/2 The Conference adopted Resolution 25/2.
- 6/4/3 The Conference adopted Resolution 25/4 in the form:  
The Conference directs that from the 2020 Conference the presentation of the badge of the Methodist Diaconal Order shall 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 to create an appropriate liturgical text for this symbolic action.

- 6/4/4 The Conference adopted Resolution 25/3.
- 6/5 The Conference adjourned at 11.11.
- 6/6 The Conference reassembled at 11.40. [as corrected by 7/15/1]
- 6/7 **25. THE THEOLOGY AND ECCLESIOLOGY UNDERPINNING THE DIACONATE AND THE METHODIST DIACONAL ORDER (continued)**
- 6/7/1 The Conference adopted Resolution 25/5 in the form:
- 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. the list of ministers on the Plan will follow the order listed in SO 785(4)(b);
  - c. all deacons will be members of the Local Preachers' Meeting.
- 6/7/2 The Conference adopted Resolutions 25/6, 25/7, 25/8, 25/9 and 25/10.
- 6/7/3 The Conference adopted as 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.
- 6/8 **17. CONNEXIONAL ALLOWANCES COMMITTEE**
- 6/8/1 The Conference adopted Resolutions 17/1, 17/2 and 17/3.
- 6/8/2 The Conference adopted Resolution 17/4,
- p 182, *adding* to the end of paragraph 4.21:
- 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.**
- 6/8/3 **Memorials M1-M2 and M10-M11**
- The Conference received Memorials M1, M2, M10 and M11 and adopted as its replies those recommended by the Memorials Committee, the Memorials and the replies appearing on pp 3-4 and pp 12-14 of the Agenda Supplement.
- 6/9 **41. APPRECIATIONS**
- 6/9/1 The Secretary of the Conference expressed the appreciation of the Conference for the work of the Chair of the Connexional Allowances Committee, Mr John A Bell.
- 6/9/2 The Conference adopted Resolution 41/1.

6/10 **20. METHODIST COUNCIL, PART 2, Sections I, J**

6/10/1 The Conference adopted Resolution 20/6 with the required majority,  
[Deferred Special Resolution – see section 2(1) of the Methodist Church Act 1976 and Standing Order 126 regarding consultation]

p 206, section 4, *adding* to the end of the first paragraph:

It should be noted that leases are not revocable and to reflect the new possibility of granting a lease it is appropriate to delete proviso (i) in paragraph 14(2A).

p 206, section 4, second paragraph, line 2, *deleting* ‘or licence’.

p 206-7, *replacing* section 5 with:

In light of this the Council now proposes that the Conference remove the limitation of 12 months and proviso (i) and therefore amends Model Trust 14(2A) as follows:

(2A) Notwithstanding that any of the members of any church or congregation hereinafter mentioned may not subscribe to the doctrinal standards, the managing trustees may with the consent of such person or persons as the Conference may by Standing Order prescribe permit the use of a place of worship or any other premises comprised in the property by members of one or more Christian churches or congregations, either for particular occasions or for a period ~~which shall not in any case exceed twelve months~~ **determined by the managing trustees by way of a licence or a lease**, provided that ~~(i) such permission shall be given only upon terms that it is revocable by the managing trustees and (ii) such consent as aforesaid shall be given only in cases where to grant such permission would not (having regard to all the circumstances) offend the doctrinal standards.~~

p 208, second line, *for* ‘license’ *reading* ‘licence’.

6/10/2 The Conference adopted Resolution 20/7.

6/10/3 The Conference adopted Resolutions 20/8 and 20/9,

p 209, paragraph 5, *replacing* (iii) of Standing Order 1001(1) *with*

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

6/10/4 The Conference adopted Resolution 20/10.

6/11 **11. ACTION FOR CHILDREN**

The Conference adopted Resolutions 11/1 and 11/2.

6/12 The Conference adjourned at 13.10.

6/13 The Conference reassembled at 14.15.

6/14 **16. DEVELOPMENTS IN REAFFIRMING OUR CALLING**

6/14/1 The Conference adopted Resolution 16/1.

- 6/14/2 The Conference engaged in workshops on the themes of *Towards a Church of Authentic Evangelism* and *Towards a Church shaped to reaffirm Our Calling* and adjourned at 16.15.
- 6/15 The Conference reassembled at 16.45.
- 6/16 **DAILY RECORD**  
The Daily Record for Monday, 1 July was presented, taken as read, and adopted as printed, noting the correction of minor spelling mistakes.
- 6/17 **Notice of Motion 2019/212: Voting regarding Marriage and Relationships**  
The Conference directs that the voting on resolutions 10/7, 10/8 and 10/9 be taken by ballot.  
  
The Conference adopted the Motion.
- 6/18 **20. METHODIST COUNCIL, PART 2, Sections K, L, T**
- 6/18/1 The Conference adopted Resolution 20/11,  
  
p 216, *replacing* paragraph 5.5 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).
- 6/18/2 The Conference adopted Resolution 20/12.
- 6/18/3 The Conference adopted Resolution 20/13 in the form:  
  
The Conference adopts the Report in paragraph 2.5 as its further reply to M2 (2018).
- 6/18/4 The Conference adopted Resolution 20/14.
- 6/18/5 The Conference agreed to the withdrawal of Resolution 20/15.
- 6/18/6 **Memorials M18-M20 and M22-M24**  
The Conference received Memorials M18, M19, M20, M22, M23 and M24 and adopted as its replies those recommended by the Memorials Committee, the Memorials and the replies appearing on pp 22-31 of the Agenda Supplement.
- 6/18/7 **Memorial M25**  
The Conference received Memorial M25 and adopted as its reply that recommended by the Memorials Committee, the Memorial and the reply appearing on pp 31-32 of the Agenda Supplement,  
  
paragraph 2 of the reply, second sentence, *for* 'should be included' *reading* 'will be included'.

paragraph 3 of the reply, for 'will be is made available' reading 'will be made available'.

6/18/8 The Conference adopted Resolution 20/16.

6/18/9 **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.

6/18/10 The Conference adopted as 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.

6/19 The Conference went into closed session at 18.03.

6/20 The Conference received a report on behalf of the Convenors of Connexional Discipline and Appeal Committees.

6/21 The Conference adjourned and reconvened in its Presbyteral Session at 18.05.

6/22 **43. PRESBYTERS BECOMING SUPERNUMERARY OR RETURNING TO THE ACTIVE WORK (continued)**

6/22/1 The Conference adopted as Resolution P/1:

The Conference recommends to the Representative Session that The Revd Ian L Coverdale be given permission to become supernumerary.

6/22/2 The Conference adopted as Resolution P/2:

The Conference receives an additional report that The Revd William H Anderson is recommended to return to the active work.

6/23 The Conference adjourned and reconvened in its Representative Session at 18.08.

6/24 The Conference shared in worship during which one of 1,000 letters written in the past year to the young people of Methodism was read.

6/25 The Conference adjourned at 18.28.

6/26

**LETTERS**

A letter of concern was written in the name of the Conference to Ms Katherine Ng, General Secretary of the Methodist Church, Hong Kong, about the political situation in Hong Kong.

7/1 The Conference assembled at 9.15.

7/2 The Conference shared in a celebration of Holy Communion, in which the following, who have died in the last year, were remembered:

(a) the presbyters remembered in the Presbyteral Session and listed at 2/20, with the addition of The Revds Keith Roy Jefferies and Bernard William Price.

(b) the deacons who have died since the last Conference:

Irene Nora Fowler

Joyce Rawkins

Roger Keith Hensman

Patricia Sanders

(c) the following lay people especially remembered as servants of the Church:

Cliff Broad

MAYC President, served on connexional bodies for MAYC and the Division of Education and Youth and on the organising committee for London Weekend.

Maggie Costen MBE

Formerly a member of the connexional Candidates' Selection Committee.

Rosemary Harrison

Former chair of the Diaconal Candidates' and Probationers' Oversight Committee, and deputy chair of the Ministerial Candidates' and Probationers' Oversight Committee. Former member of the Reinstatements Panel. *[corrected after Conference]*

Yvonne Neblett

A former member of the Methodist Council, and much involved with the work of the former Committee for Racial Justice. Also a member of the Ministerial Candidates' Selection Committee.

Derek Robson

Formerly Secretary of the Board of Management for Methodist Residential Schools.

(d) those who have served as Mission Partners:

Mrs Vera Atkinson

Jamaica

The Revd Keith Beecroft

Zimbabwe

The Revd William Ralph Blow

India

The Revd Ruth Mary Carter

Sri Lanka

The Revd Reginald Charles Edmonds

Eastern Nigeria

The Revd Dr Paul Ellingworth

Cameroon

The Revd Trevor Lewis Hancock

Malaysia

The Revd Alan Edward Davidson Harvey

Ghana

The Revd Alan Frederick Herrick

India

The Revd Ronald James Hockley

India

The Revd Christopher John Solven Lewis

The Gambia

The Revd Eileen Mason

Bahamas

The Revd Harry Mills

Kenya

The Revd John Charles Neal

St Kitts, St Eustatius, Virgin Islands,  
Guyana and Jamaica

The Revd Daniel Bramwell Booth Parry	Côte d'Ivoire
The Revd William Millar Ross	Bahamas
Professor Lamin Sanneh	Sierra Leone and Ghana
The Revd John Graham Snaith	Nigeria
The Revd Robert Michael Speed	Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands
The Revd Prof William Peter Stephens	The Gambia
The Revd David Stringer	Bolivia
The Revd Raymond Francis Trudgian	Zimbabwe
Miss Edna Whewell	China and Nepal

(e) 235 accredited Local Preachers whose names are recorded in a Book of Thanksgiving held at Methodist Church House;

(f) many others whose service is known to others and to God.

7/3 The Conference adjourned at 10.38.

7/4 The Conference reassembled at 11.10.

7/5 **DESIGNATION OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE CONFERENCE**

The Revd Richard J Teal was designated for appointment as President of the Conference of 2020.

7/6 **DESIGNATION OF THE VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE CONFERENCE**

Mrs Carolyn J Lawrence was designated for appointment as Vice-President of the Conference of 2020.

7/7 The Conference adopted as Resolution BC/1, with the required majority:

The Conference suspends Standing Order 136(1A) and resolves that the election of the lay member of the Business Committee be by a majority vote.

7/8 **10. GOD IN LOVE UNITES US: THE REPORT OF THE MARRIAGE AND RELATIONSHIPS TASK GROUP 2019 (continued)**

7/8/1 The Conference adopted Resolution 10/1.

7/8/2 **SECOND REPORT OF THE FAITH AND ORDER COMMITTEE**

**The Faith and Order Committee's response to the Resolutions of the report of the Marriage and Relationships Task Group 2019**

1. Under Standing Order 330(10) the Faith and Order Committee has an obligation to scrutinise all matters directly concerning the faith or order of the Church presented to the Conference. It has not yet had an opportunity to discuss the content of the report of the Marriage and Relationships Task Group, but notes that the report is not intended to be a draft Statement of the Conference, nor is the Conference being asked to adopt its contents. The Committee will therefore undertake the scrutiny work before the 2020 Conference.
2. The Committee has given attention to the Resolutions relating to that report to identify whether there are any matters concerning the faith and order of the Church which need to be brought to the attention of the 2019 Conference. The Committee has identified three such matters and proposes amendments

to the relevant Resolutions so that the Conference has a means of addressing the questions raised if it so wishes.

### 3. The Provision of Liturgical Resources

- 3.1. The Committee notes that Resolution 10/4 directs the Methodist Council to take primary responsibility for producing resources for the celebration of civil partnerships, but that the resources referred to in paragraph 5.4.1 of the report are liturgical resources. The production of liturgical resources would usually be the responsibility of the Faith and Order Committee and it appoints a Liturgy and Worship Sub-Committee under SO330(2) to assist it in this task.
- 3.2. If the Resolutions of the report of the Marriage and Relationships Task Group are adopted by the 2020 Conference then it will be possible for two people of the same sex to marry in a Methodist place of worship which is registered for that purpose. Some consideration will need to be given as to whether an additional marriage service will be needed for the marriage of two people of the same sex, and whether any amendments will need to be made to the *Methodist Worship Book*.
- 3.3. The amendments to Resolution 10/4 broaden the Resolution to ensure that the Faith and Order Committee considers what liturgical resources might be needed in the light of the report and prepares any draft liturgies and amendments to the Methodist Worship Book so that they are ready for consideration at the 2020 Conference if required.
- 3.4. The Faith and Order Committee therefore recommends that Resolution 10/4 of the report of the Marriage and Relationships Task Group is amended as follows:  
**10/4. The Conference directs the Faith and Order Committee to review the provision of liturgical resources in the light of this report, including the question of whether there should be one marriage service or two in the *Methodist Worship Book*, the preparation of a draft service of celebration for civil partnerships, and the preparation of any other draft liturgical resources that may be required. The Conference further directs the Faith and Order Committee to report to the 2020 Conference, on the understanding that the bringing of any draft liturgies and proposed amendments to the *Methodist Worship Book* for approval by the Conference would depend upon the results of consultation on the resolutions of the 2019 Conference and any resolutions of the 2020 Conference that result from it.**

### 4. Liturgical Resources for the Ending of a Marriage

- 4.1. Resolution 10/5 asks the Conference to adopt the recommendation that liturgical texts be produced and commended for use at the ending of a marriage, describing such texts as a “service” (paragraph 3.2.6). The Faith and Order Committee would wish to affirm that support for those experiencing the breakdown of a relationship includes both pastoral and prayerful support and that it may sometimes be appropriate for there to be a more formal liturgical act. It does, however, have significant theological and pastoral concerns as the production of official resources assumes a number of things.



4.2. Some of the concerns are as follows:

- a. Very different circumstances lead to divorce. Official liturgical resources cannot begin to give space for the complexity and variety of pastoral situations that arise at the breakdown of a relationship, and people may need different kinds of liturgies at different times.
- b. The Church has a pastoral responsibility to all parties involved, including any children. All parties may have very different timescales in adjusting to a new situation and are likely to be in different places emotionally, psychologically and spiritually. It cannot be assumed that the two people most directly involved are at the same point in their journey of 'moving on'.
- c. Official resources embody and express the Church's theological understanding. Whilst the Methodist Church has rich theological resources to draw on in supporting people at the ending of a relationship, the theological implications of such a liturgy are varied including, for example, questions about forgiveness especially in situations of domestic violence and abuse.
- d. There are questions about how the Church responds if one person does not wish to take part in such a liturgical action, including what the liturgical action may then symbolise to both parties, others involved and the wider community; whether the Church may potentially collude in being seen to 'side' with either party; and the potential for abuse and manipulation if one party is keen to 'move on' and there are complex power dynamics involved.
- e. Methodist worship is varied and flexible, and all ministers are trained and equipped for leading worship and for offering pastoral care. Ministers can work with those involved to determine what kind of service might be appropriate, and they can draw on a variety of traditions and resources in order to offer a liturgy that is pastorally focused.

4.3. The Faith and Order Committee therefore recommends that the focus is on making more widely available a range of liturgical resources that might be used at the ending of a relationships to support those who are pastorally and liturgically seeking to care for all affected. It therefore proposes amending resolution 10/5 of the report of the Marriage and Relationships Task Group as follows:

**10/5. The Conference directs the Faith and Order Committee to produce a list of a range of liturgical resources for use at the ending of a marriage and to make this available via the Methodist Church website.**

5. **Standing Order 011A Marriage**

- 5.1. The Faith and Order Committee has given attention to the question of whether the proposed amendment to Standing Order 011A makes sufficient theological provision for the contradictory convictions which it intends to hold together. For some the change of wording to "two people" represents a change in understanding. The Committee therefore recommends expanding the suggested revision to SO 011A in order to make it clear that the Methodist Church holds the contradictory convictions within its theology.

5.2. It therefore proposes amending the first paragraph of resolution 10/9 of the report of the Marriage and Relationships Task Group as follows:

**011A Marriage**

(1) “The Methodist Church believes that marriage ~~is a gift of God and that it is God’s intention that a marriage should be~~ **is given by God to be a particular channel of God’s grace, and that it is in accord with God’s purposes when a marriage is** a life-long union in body, mind and spirit of ~~one man and one woman~~ **two people who freely enter it. Within the Methodist Church this is understood in two ways: that marriage can only be between a man and a woman; that marriage can be between any two people. The Methodist Church affirms both understandings and makes provision in its Standing Orders for them.**

7/8/3 The Conference adopted as Resolution FO/1:

The Conference receives the Report.

7/8/4 The Conference adopted Resolutions 10/2 and 10/3.

7/8/5 The Conference adopted Resolution 10/4 in the form:

The Conference directs the Faith and Order Committee to review the provision of liturgical resources in the light of this report, including the question of whether there should be one marriage service or two in the *Methodist Worship Book*, the preparation of a draft service of celebration for civil partnerships, and the preparation of any other draft liturgical resources that may be required. The Conference further directs the Faith and Order Committee to report to the 2020 Conference, on the understanding that the bringing of any draft liturgies and proposed amendments to the *Methodist Worship Book* for approval by the Conference would depend upon the results of consultation on the resolutions of the 2019 Conference and any resolutions of the 2020 Conference that result from it.

7/8/6 The Conference adopted Resolutions 10/5 and 10/6.

7/9 The Conference adjourned at 12.51.

7/10 The Conference reassembled at 14.10.

7/11 **10. GOD IN LOVE UNITES US: THE REPORT OF THE MARRIAGE AND RELATIONSHIPS TASK GROUP 2019 (continued)**

7/11/1 The Conference adopted Resolution 10/8 in the form:

The Conference consents in principle to the marriage of same-sex couples on Methodist premises throughout the Connexion and by Methodist ministers, probationers or members in so far as the law of the relevant jurisdiction permits or requires and subject to compliance with such further requirements, if any, as that law imposes.

7/11/2 The Conference adopted as Resolution 10/8A:

For the purposes of section 26A of the Marriage Act 1949 (as inserted by section 4(1) of the Marriage (Same Sex Couples) Act 2013) the Conference consents to the marriage of same sex couples and accordingly authorises the

managing trustees or, if none, the trustees, of any Methodist building in England and Wales capable of registration under section 43A of the Marriage Act 1949 (as amended by paragraph 1 of Schedule 1 to the Marriage (Same Sex Couples) Act 2013) to register that building under that section.

7/11/3 The Conference adopted as Resolution 10/8B:

For the purposes of the Marriage (Scotland) Act 1977 as amended by the Marriage and Civil Partnership (Scotland) Act 2014, the Conference resolves that Methodist ministers, probationers or members may be nominated by the Methodist Church in Scotland to the Registrar General in Scotland to be registered to solemnise same sex marriage and that same-sex marriages may be solemnised on Methodist premises in Scotland if the managing trustees so permit and all other relevant legal requirements have been satisfied.

7/11/4 **Memorials M35-M36**

The Conference received Memorials M35 and M36 and adopted as its reply that recommended by the Memorials Committee, the Memorials and the reply appearing on pp 45-47 of the Agenda Supplement.

7/12 The Conference adjourned at 16.40.

7/13 The Conference reassembled at 17.00.

7/14 **10. GOD IN LOVE UNITES US: THE REPORT OF THE MARRIAGE AND RELATIONSHIPS TASK GROUP 2019 (continued)**

7/14/1 **Notice of Motion 2019/213: Other Churches and Marriage and Relationships**

The Conference, recognising the challenges presented by 'God in Love Unites Us' to some of those who serve as Ministers of other Conferences and Churches in our Connexion,

- a. directs that the Global Relationships Committee engage in conversation with those partner churches who have permitted ministers to serve as recognised and regarded as being in Full Connexion with the Conference about the expectations on ministers and the provisions made for ministers to act only within their conscience contained in the report;
- b. makes clear that reasons of conscience permit a minister of another Conference or Church to decline to act in a way that means that she or he can no longer be in good standing with her or his own church.

The Conference adopted the Motion.

7/14/2 Ms Ruth Hall and Mrs Ann P Leck reflected on the experience of serving on the Marriage and Relationships Task Group. The President thanked the Task Group on behalf of the Conference.

7/14/3 The Conference adopted Resolution 10/9 in the form:

The Conference amends Standing Orders as follows:

**011A Marriage** (1) The Methodist Church believes that marriage is a gift of God and that it is God's intention that a marriage should be *is given by God to be a particular channel of God's grace, and that it is in accord with God's*

***purposes when a marriage is a life-long union in body, mind and spirit of one man and one woman two people who freely enter it. Within the Methodist Church this is understood in two ways: that marriage can only be between a man and a woman; that marriage can be between any two people. The Methodist Church affirms both understandings and makes provision in its Standing Orders for them.***

(2) The Methodist Church welcomes everyone, whether or not a member, who enquires about an intended marriage in any of its places of worship.

#### ***011B Divorce, Remarriage, Marriage of Same Sex Couples and Respect for Conscience***

~~(2)~~(1) Divorce ***in a court of the land*** does not of itself prevent a person being married in any Methodist place of worship.

~~(3)~~(2) Under no circumstances does the Conference require any person authorised to conduct marriages who is subject to the discipline of the Church as a minister, probationer, ***officer*** or member to officiate at ***or participate in*** the marriage of a particular couple, should it be contrary to the dictates of his or her conscience to do so.

~~(4)~~(3) ***When:***

(i) ~~A~~ ***a minister, or probationer is stationed in a new appointment;***  
or [as corrected by 8/58/1]

(ii) ***it is proposed that a member who is should become*** authorised to conduct marriages

~~but who~~ ***and he or she*** for reasons of conscience will never officiate at the marriages of couples in particular circumstances, ~~shall refer such couples to an authorised colleague who is not so prevented~~ ***the person concerned shall participate in a pastoral conversation on the matter with the District Chair and the Superintendent of the relevant Circuit (if he or she is not the Superintendent). Every effort shall be made to ensure that no individual is placed under any pressure to act against the dictates of conscience.***

(4) ***Whether or not the law of the relevant jurisdiction requires that Methodist premises must be registered for same-sex marriages before such marriages can take place, no same-sex marriage may take place on Methodist premises unless the managing trustees or, if none, the trustees, have approved the use of the premises for that purpose and taken any steps which may be necessary under the applicable law.***

(5) ***A minister, probationer or member who is asked to officiate at the marriage of a mixed-sex couple in Methodist premises which are appropriately registered for the purpose (where registration is required) but who is prevented from officiating for reasons of conscience shall refer the couple to an authorised colleague who is not so prevented.***

(6) ***A minister, probationer or member who is asked to officiate at the marriage of a same-sex couple in Methodist premises which are appropriately registered for the purpose (where registration is required) but who is prevented from officiating for reasons of conscience shall notify the District***

*Chair, who shall refer the couple to an authorised colleague who is not so prevented.*

*(7) A couple who seek to be married in Methodist premises which are not appropriately registered for the purpose shall be referred, if registration is required, to the persons responsible for the conduct of marriages at premises which are so registered, preferably in the same circuit. If the person receiving the request is not willing for reasons of conscience to make such a reference, he or she shall so inform the District Chair, who shall make the reference in that person's place.*

*(8) No minister, probationer or member may agree to conduct a same-sex wedding without first notifying the District Chair.*

*(9) The managing trustees or, if none, the trustees of any Methodist premises which are registered for the solemnisation of the marriage of same-sex couples shall ensure that the District Chair is notified of such registration.*

~~(5)~~(10) The Methodist Church opposes discrimination on the basis of **sexuality**, gender or race. Accordingly, if a couple is seeking to be married in a Methodist place of worship no objection to the performance by a particular minister, probationer, **officer** or member of any duty in respect of their proposed marriage shall be entertained on such a ground. No minister, probationer, **officer** or member shall perform the relevant duty or duties in place of the other person concerned or otherwise assist the couple to make the objection effective.

7/14/4 The Conference adopted Resolutions 10/7 and 10/10.

7/14/5 **Memorials M33-M34**

The Conference received Memorials M33 and M34 and adopted as its replies those recommended by the Memorials Committee, the Memorials and the replies appearing on pp 42-45 of the Agenda Supplement.

7/14/6 The Conference adopted as Resolution 10/10A:

Resolutions 10/8A and 10/8B shall have effect conditionally upon the confirmation of resolution 10/8 by the Conference of 2020 in the same or substantially similar form and from the date upon which the confirmed resolution takes effect.

7/14/7 The Conference adopted as Resolution 10/11:

The Conference directs the Secretary of the Conference to convene a group of persons representing the Law and Polity Committee, the Faith and Order Committee and the Marriage and Relationships Task Group, to receive the reports of the Synods and the Law and Polity Committee and to report to the Conference of 2020 with appropriate resolutions, including a statement of the ecumenical implications as required under Standing Order 121(2).

7/15 **DAILY RECORD**

7/15/1 The Daily Record for Tuesday, 2 July was presented, taken as read, and adopted as printed,

at 6/6 for '11.30' reading '11.40'

7/15/2 The Written Portion of the Daily Record of the Representative Session was presented and adopted.

7/15/3 The Conference corrected, with the required majority, the Daily Record for Friday, 28 June at 2/20 as follows:

*for 'John Gwynne Snaith' reading 'John Graham Snaith\*\*'*

*adding* one asterisk to the names of John Beverley Glover, William Hewison, Ronald James Hockley, Allan James Hughes, Chris Kirkman, Kenneth Mondon Marsh, Alan Skipsey, John Spratt Stephens, Derek Thorpe and Charles Ambrose Watson

*adding* two asterisks to the names of Trevor Lewis Hancock, Ronald Roper, Roger John Steward and Tom Summersby

7/16 **6. JOINT ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON THE ETHICS OF INVESTMENT (JACEI) – SUMMARY REPORT**

The Conference adopted Resolution 6/1.

7/17 **20. METHODIST COUNCIL, PART 2, Section M**

7/17/1 The Conference adopted Resolutions 20/17 and 20/18.

7/17/2 **Notice of Motion 2019/206: Review of procedures following incidents of hate or unlawful discrimination**

The Conference notes the significant work that has been undertaken by the Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Committee. However, continuing reports of incidents of hate or unlawful discrimination within the Methodist Church show there is more work to be done and raise major concerns about the adequacy of our current arrangements for the protection and safeguarding of victims.

The Conference therefore directs the EDI Committee to undertake a review of connexional procedures and protocols, and Standing Orders, in liaison with the Law and Polity Committee and the Conference Officer for Legal and Constitutional Practice, in order to:

- ensure their effectiveness in protecting and supporting victims who experience discrimination and hate;
- ensure that churches and circuits are adequately protected and supported in taking measures to prevent the spread of incidents of hate or unlawful discrimination by particular individuals within their contexts.

In addition, the Conference directs the EDI Committee to provide:

1. for the collation and reporting of statistics at local Church, Circuit and District levels, on the number of incidents involving unlawful discrimination or hate;
2. recommendations for training and/or resources to meet needs within Circuits and Districts in regard to the management and resolution of incidents of unlawful discrimination or hate.

The Conference referred the Motion to the Methodist Council.

7/18 The Conference shared in worship and adjourned at 19.15.

7/19 **LETTERS**

7/19/1 In the name of the Conference a letter of thanks was written to Ms Carol Iddon of Action for Children, thanking her for her presentation to the Conference on 2 July.

7/19/2 In the name of the Conference letters of congratulation were written to The Revd T H Samuel McGuffin, President of the Irish Conference, and Mrs Linda McGuffin, on the occasion of their ruby wedding anniversary, and to Professor Sue Hartley on the award of an OBE.

7/19/3 In the name of the Conference letters of concern were written to The Revds Gilbert D Braithwaite and Paul Martin (A). *[as corrected by 8/58/1]*

8/1 The Conference assembled at 9.15, and shared in worship.

8/2 **CONFERENCE-ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES**

The Conference elected the following to serve as Conference-elected Representatives at the Conferences of 2020-2022:

Dr Richard M Vautrey  
Revd Ashley R Cooper  
Revd Mark Rowland

8/3 **CONFERENCE-BUSINESS COMMITTEE ELECTION**

8/3/1 The Conference elected the following to serve on the Representative Session Business Committee at the Conferences of 2020-2022:

Mrs Caroline Stead

8/3/2 The Conference noted that there remains a vacancy for one presbyter to serve on the committee for 2020-2022, which the committee will fill in accordance with Standing Orders.

8/4 **REPORT FROM THE CONFERENCE BUSINESS COMMITTEE**

8/4/1 **Notice of Motion 2019/207: EDI Concerns in Stationing**

The Conference is grateful for the work that has been done on its behalf by the many people involved in the stationing process. It acknowledges the increasing challenges faced by the Committee in deploying the ministerial resources of the Church in the most effective way and the attempts that have been made to improve the system.

The Conference notes with extreme concern the implication given in paragraph 2.6 that appropriate monitoring and auditing of processes with regard to equality, diversity and inclusion commitments are currently not being done. Many members of the Conference are very aware of situations in current and previous connexional years where issues of race, gender identity, sexual orientation, disability, age or marital or family status have played a part in the failure to make a match. It recognises the immense pain and damage to vocation often done to individuals faced with such situations.

Whilst it is welcome news that monitoring is now on the Committee's agenda, the Conference directs that this issue be given top priority and that the Stationing Committee:

- a) establishes an EDI sub-committee to take forward this work, with membership including the Connexional EDI Adviser and at least one former President or Vice-President;
- b) seeks and records all feedback from individual ministers and Circuits where issues of exclusion or discrimination may have been factors in decisions reached;



- c) develops and implements audit tools, in consultation with the EDI Officer, whereby all processes and protocols involved in stationing are properly assessed for their compliance with the connexional EDI guidance and all relevant legislation;
- d) drafts and publishes guidelines for Stationing Matching Group, Stationing Advisory Group and Circuit Invitation Committees outlining the grounds by which matches and invitations can and cannot be refused in accordance with EDI policies, and provides appropriate training;
- e) liaises with the Law and Polity Committee to review guidance on complaints and reporting for those involved in the stationing process and where necessary designs appropriate interventions to ensure that discrimination can be tackled immediately once reported;
- f) establishes feedback and monitoring procedures that require Circuits, individual ministers and District Chairs or Lay Stationing reps to provide reasoned statements for decisions taken throughout the process;
- g) includes, from now on, a section on EDI in each report to the Conference detailing monitoring and progress to date.

8/4/2 The Conference declined the Motion but adopted as Resolution B/2:

The Conference resolves to refer the issues raised by Notice of Motion 207 to the Methodist Council for further consideration.

8/5 **FIRST REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE FINANCIAL COMMITTEE**

8/5/1 **Financial Consequences of Notices of Motion**

The committee notes that decisions relating to two Notices of Motion which have potential financial consequences have not yet been determined, in particular:

2019/201 – Review of the role of the Youth President. Budget implications include time, expense and support costs to the proposed task group. Such implications are unlikely to be significant but cannot be incorporated within the existing budget.

2019/202 – Reviewing Part 11 of Standing Orders. The work is likely to be significant and cannot be incorporated with the existing budget (whilst acknowledging potential medium-term savings).

The committee further notes the significant financial costs resulting from 2019/206 which has been referred to the Methodist Council.

It is not possible to evaluate fully the total costs of these pieces of work within the timescales of the Conference. The Conference is therefore asked to note that this additional work is likely to mean that the expenditure from the Methodist Church Fund will exceed the budget.

8/5/2 The Conference adopted as Resolution F/1:

The Conference receives the Report.

8/6 **18. METHODIST JOINT CONFIRMATION GUIDELINES**

The Conference adopted Resolutions 18/1, 18/2 and 18/3.

8/7 **20. METHODIST COUNCIL, PART 2, Section S**

8/7/1 The Conference adopted Resolutions 20/26 and 20/27.

8/7/2 **Memorial M54: Eco Church**

The Conference received Memorial M54 and adopted as its reply that recommended by the Memorials Committee, the Memorial and the reply appearing on p 70 of the Agenda Supplement.

8/7/3 **Memorial M55: Declaration of Climate Emergency**

The Conference received Memorial M55 and adopted as its reply that recommended by the Memorials Committee, the Memorial and the reply appearing on pp 71-72 of the Agenda Supplement,

*replacing* the first two sentences of the final paragraph of the reply with:

Faced with a climate emergency, the Conference joins with Pope Francis and the Anglican Communion in endorsing the call for urgent action.

8/7/4 **Notice of Motion 2019/204: Reducing the Use of Plastic**

The Conference encourages its members and churches to look always to reduce plastic pollution and to encourage them to use alternative sustainable products and resources that are already available. The Conference requests that the President and Vice-President are each supplied with a reusable water bottle to use during their year. The Conference encourages churches who have a café to consider signing up to the “refill” scheme, offering free refills for water bottles.

The Conference adopted the Motion.

8/8 **33. UPDATE ON HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS WORK**

8/8/1 The Conference adopted Resolution 33/1,

p 339, paragraph 7, last sentence, after ‘housing associations’ *inserting*:

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

8/8/2 The Conference adopted Resolutions 33/2, 33/3 and 33/4.

8/9 **COMPLAINTS AND DISCIPLINARY PROCESSES**

8/9/1 **Memorials M28-M29**

The Conference received Memorials M28 and M29 and adopted as its reply that recommended by the Memorials Committee, the Memorials and the reply appearing on pp 36-37 of the Agenda Supplement,

*deleting* the second and final paragraphs of the reply and *adding* to the end of the reply:

In other cases, a complaint can be brought against an individual of the Church if they refuse to comply with recommendations following a risk assessment. It would then be for the local complaint officers to decide how best to proceed. The Standing Orders allow for the appropriate use of the power of suspension in Standing Order 013 if the necessary delay means that the risk is still to be addressed.

Nevertheless the Conference accepts that it may be possible to streamline the process and directs the Law and Polity Committee to consider the inclusion of

a provision for immediate referral to the Connexional Complaints Panel in such circumstances. The Conference also directs the Law and Polity Committee to review Standing Order 1120(4) and (5) and to consider making additional provision for a direct referral to the Connexional Complaints Panel where the complaint is about non-compliance with a direction under SO 232(2)(i).

The Conference accepts the memorial.

**8/9/2 Notice of Motion 2019/202: Reviewing Part 11 of Standing Orders**

In the light of the significant changes, both in UK society and for the Methodist Church of Great Britain since our Standing Orders regarding complaints and discipline were drawn up, the Conference directs the Methodist Council to set the terms of reference for, and facilitate the work of a thorough review of Part 11 of our Standing Orders. This review should include and address how processes of Safeguarding, Complaints and Discipline, and Connexional Team Grievances, can best relate to each other.

The Conference seeks a set of processes that are able to be enacted in timescales that are fair for all concerned and that are appropriate to the capacity, resources and size of the Methodist Church of Great Britain as it is today.

The Conference adopted the Motion.

**8/10 Memorial M12: Substitute District Chair**

The Conference received Memorial M12 and adopted as its reply that recommended by the Memorials Committee, the Memorial and the reply appearing on pp 14-15 of the Agenda Supplement,

*replacing* the last sentence of the draft reply with the following:

The Conference refers the memorial to the Methodist Council to consider, in consultation with the Law and Polity Committee, the policy issues raised and to report the Conference in 2020.

**8/11 Memorial M4: Revision of guidelines in relation to Standing Order 955**

The Conference received Memorial M4 and adopted as its reply that recommended by the Memorials Committee, the Memorial and the reply appearing on pp 5-6 of the Agenda Supplement,

*deleting* the second and third paragraphs of the reply,

*replacing* the last paragraph of the reply with the following:

The Conference therefore refers the memorial to the Methodist Council to consider the policy issues raised and, if appropriate, to consult the Law and Polity Committee on any amendments to Standing Orders.

**8/12 Memorial M5: Amendment of Standing Order 931(5)(i)**

The Conference received Memorial M5 and adopted as its reply that recommended by the Memorials Committee, the Memorial and the reply appearing on pp 6-7 of the Agenda Supplement,

*replacing* the second and third paragraphs of the reply with the following:

Given the current uncertainty as to aspects of the legal position, it would be premature to formulate the guidance which has been requested, but the Conference notes the significant practical difficulties facing churches in such circumstances and refers the memorial to the Methodist Council for further consideration of the issues raised.

#### 8/13 **Notice of Motion 2019/201: Review of the role of Youth President**

The Conference notes the positive impact of the 2008 Youth Participation Strategy, especially the position of the Youth President. The Methodist Church, 3Generate and the Connexional Team have gone through an enormous amount of change in the past 11 years.

Recognising these changes, the Conference directs the Methodist Council to appoint a task group (to include at least 1 past Youth President, 1 past President or Vice-President of the Conference, 1 local youth worker, 1 former youth representative, 1 current youth representative and 2 other persons):

1. in consultation with 3Generate and former Youth Presidents to review the job description, person specification and other relevant aspects of the role of Methodist Youth President, and to present recommendations on how to develop the role for the next decade.
2. to report and bring recommendations to the Methodist Conference no later than 2021.

The Conference adopted the Motion.

#### 8/14 **Notice of Motion 2019/203: Methodist Ministers' Pension Scheme (MMPS)**

It was reported at the Annual General Meeting of the Central Finance Board (CFB), held in London on 25th April 2019, that the Directors of the MMPS are proposing to begin removing a proportion of the funds under investment from the CFB and transfer them to external managers to invest into 'Liability Driven Investments' (LDIs), with an expectation that this will reduce their investment risk, but consequentially also reduce the long term total investment return (also see p324 of the Conference Agenda). Such a withdrawal will cause the costs incurred by the CFB to be spread across a smaller investment base and will likely lead to additional fees being charged to the Connexion as a whole.

The Conference established a Pension Reserve Fund in order to mitigate many of the risks involved in funding and administering the MMPS and this has been used, over the years, to help to reduce a historic funding deficit. This fund is anticipated to continue growing in the coming years to further mitigate fluctuations in the investment market.

The Conference opposes the decision of the Directors of the Methodist Ministers' Pension Scheme, and as employer seeks to retain the funds under the management of the CFB so that:

- a) it can be sure that all funds are ethically invested in accordance with advice from JACEI (Joint Advisory Committee on the Ethics of Investment);
- b) long term investment returns are maximised, within an appropriate investment strategy;
- c) costs to other parts of the Connexion do not increase unnecessarily and

- d) the Pension Reserve Fund can continue to be used for the purpose for which it has been designated.

The Conference adopted the Motion.

8/15 **Notice of Motion 2019/205: 'Lift the Ban - Give people seeking asylum the right to work'**

In light of the ex-President's pastoral address, the Conference affirms the Methodist Church's commitment to the 'Lift the Ban Campaign'.

Currently, people seeking sanctuary in the UK are effectively banned from working. As a result, many are left to live in poverty, struggling to support themselves and their families, whilst our country wastes the talents of thousands of people. The campaign urges the Government to grant asylum seekers the right to work.

The Conference requests that:

1. A letter be sent to the Home Secretary asking him to grant the right to work for people seeking asylum, and their adult dependents, after six months of having lodged an asylum claim or further submission. Their search for work should be unconstrained by the shortage occupation list.
2. Members of the Conference be invited to sign the 'Lift the Ban' postcard produced by JPIT, and that these be collected together before the end of the Conference and sent with the letter to the Home Secretary.

The Conference adopted the Motion.

8/16 **Notice of Motion 2019/208: Support for refugees**

There was a passionate and energetic presentation given by Onjali Rauf at the Methodist Schools fringe event of the Conference on Saturday evening, in her discussion with The Revd Michaela Youngson, where she graphically informed those attending of the realities of the plight of refugees in our world; the magnitude of the problem and the need for a caring response.

Her award-winning book 'The Boy at the Back of the Class' has been so well received, especially amongst young people, who have made moving and very practical responses to the needs of refugees.

The audience response was powerful, as our realisation of the need and wish to address this urgent matter was encouraged by hearing of the action of young children. The atmosphere and enthusiasm in the room developed palpably and in a quite inspiring way, stressing how such matters are best addressed by us working together, across ages, culture, faiths etc.

The suggestion was made that we should lobby our Members of Parliament and that the active collaboration with children should be a powerful aspect of our response.

So what is our story?

In the light of this, the Conference:

- a) affirms all who work to give support and relief to refugees

- b) celebrates the inspiration and tenacity of young people in our schools, churches and communities
- c) encourages Districts, Circuits and Churches to use 'The Boy at the Back of the Class' as a vehicle to liaise with schools in their locality and to create a group from church and school to request a face to face appointment with their local Member of Parliament to discuss the realities of these issues and to ask what their personal response is as to how our country can make a humane and compassionate response to this desperate, life threatening situation.

The Conference adopted the Motion.

8/17

### **Notice of Motion 2019/210: Mediterranean Hope**

The coalition government in Italy has heralded a more difficult situation for refugees and migrants and those working on their behalf. The Minister of the Interior, Matteo Salvini, was elected on an anti-migration ticket. His "Close the Ports" policy (announced via Twitter and never formally enacted in law) has helped to choke the NGOs working on search and rescue in the Mediterranean Sea all but out of existence. The "Salvini Law", enacted in November 2018, has targeted the reception system, reducing the number of centres open to asylum seekers, and has seen the cancellation of "humanitarian protection" as a justification for staying in Italy. A further "Salvini Law", aimed at wiping out search and rescue, is currently under discussion. However, this backdrop has not weakened the resolve of Mediterranean Hope ([www.mediterraneanhope.com](http://www.mediterraneanhope.com)), the Programme of Federazione delle Chiese Evangeliche in Italia working on behalf of refugees and migrants. (The Methodist churches in Italy (represented by OPCEMI) and the Waldensian churches play a significant role within the Federation generally and specifically in the Programme through our Mission Partner, Fiona Kendall.)

The humanitarian corridors project is very much alive. The original protocol with the Italian government was renewed for a further two years in November 2017 (and a second protocol is anticipated towards the end of this year). Mediterranean Hope are continuing to bring vulnerable migrants directly from Lebanon to Italy. The numbers involved are, relatively speaking, small, as are the security risks, given that intended participants are all screened well in advance of arrival. The cost to the government is nil, since participants are fully supported by faith-based communities on arrival.

A call to action has been issued by Mediterranean Hope to churches across Europe to support migrants in most urgent need, namely, those rescued at sea but shunned by member states, and those who might come to Europe via humanitarian corridors from Libya.

Several Methodist churches are already housing and supporting people under the Vulnerable Persons Resettlement Scheme as community sponsors and many more churches support asylum seekers, migrants and refugees in other ways. It is hoped that all churches will commit to work to have a culture in our churches that is welcoming, and to continue pressing the government to recognise its international and humanitarian obligations.

In the light of this, the Conference:

- (i) Stands in solidarity with and sends a message of support to the Methodist and Waldensian churches in Italy, Federazione delle Chiese Evangeliche in

Italia and Mediterranean Hope as they continue to live out our calling to welcome the stranger, in the midst of strong political opposition;

- (ii) Directs that a letter be sent by the President and Vice-President of the Conference to the Home Secretary welcoming the recent announcement of a successor for the Vulnerable Persons Resettlement Scheme post 2020 but requesting him to (1) agree a stable disembarkation mechanism for migrants who are rescued in the Mediterranean Sea and require to be relocated to other European countries from Italy and agree an additional quota for relocation to the UK and (2) join a coalition of willing European governments permitting humanitarian corridors to be opened to bring migrants safely to Europe directly from Libya;
- (iii) Encourages churches and circuits to consider how they might offer practical support and accommodation to migrants coming to the UK via VPRS and/or additional arrangements.

The Conference adopted the Motion.

**8/18 Notice of Motion 2019/209: Sanctuary in Communities**

The Conference commits itself to work alongside the Church of England on sanctuary in communities for young people affected by knife crime and gang culture and encourages Methodists to open up their churches and community facilities to offer 'safe sanctuary' spaces after school in their community.

The Conference adopted the Motion.

**8/19 Notice of Motion 2019/214: Response to Action for Children Presentation**

In response to the Action for Children presentation, the Conference encourages all Methodists to write to their local MPs to express their concerns about the ongoing plight of children in the UK.

The Conference adopted the Motion.

**8/20 Memorials M6-M7, M13-M17, M30, M32, M37-M53, M56**

The Conference received Memorials M6, M7, M13, M14, M15, M16, M17, M30, M32, M37, M38, M39, M40, M41, M42, M43, M44, M45, M46, M47, M48, M49, M50, M51, M52, M53 and M56 and adopted as its replies those recommended by the Memorials Committee, the Memorials and the replies appearing on pp 8-10, 15-22, 37-39, 42, 47-70 and 72-73 of the Agenda Supplement.

**8/21 3. METHODIST COUNCIL, PART 1 (continued)**

The Conference adopted Resolutions 3/4, 3/5 and 3/6.

**8/22 7. THE TRUSTEES FOR THE BAILIWICK OF GUERNSEY METHODIST CHURCH PURPOSES**

The Conference adopted Resolution 7/1.

**8/23 8. METHODIST FORCES BOARD**

The Conference adopted Resolution 8/1.

- 8/24      **9.    METHODIST HOMES (MHA)**  
The Conference adopted Resolutions 9/1 and 9/2.
- 8/25      **14.    METHODIST SCHOOLS**  
8/25/1    The Conference adopted Resolutions 14/1, 14/2, 14/3 and 14/4.  
8/25/2    The Conference adopted Resolution 14/5,  
            p 149, *for 'Mrs Beth Garner' reading 'Miss Beth Garner'*
- 8/25/3    The Conference adopted Resolutions 14/6 and 14/7.
- 8/26      **15.    COMMITTEE ON METHODIST LAW AND POLITY (1)**  
8/26/1    The Conference adopted Resolution 15/1.  
8/26/2    The Conference adopted Resolution 15/2,  
            p 152, *inserting* at the end of Section B:  
            **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 11210(5)(ii) or (6), ...
- 8/26/3    The Conference adopted Resolutions 15/3, 15/4, 15/5 and 15/6.
- 8/27      **20.    METHODIST COUNCIL, PART 2, Sections G, N, O, P, Q, R, U**  
8/27/1    The Conference adopted Resolutions 20/1 and 20/19.  
8/27/2    The Conference adopted Resolution 20/20,  
            p 224, lines 5-6 of Standing Order 210(8)(a), for '*next Conference*' reading  
            '*end of the same connexional year*'
- 8/27/3    The Conference adopted Resolutions 20/21, 20/22, 20/23, 20/24 and 20/25.
- 8/27/4    **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.*

8/27/5 The Conference adopted as Resolution 20/29:

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

8/28 **22. ECUMENICAL REPORT**

8/28/1 The Conference adopted Resolution 22/1,

p 252, paragraph 13.2, *replacing* third bullet point with:

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

8/28/2 **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.

8/28/3 The Conference adopted as 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.

8/29 **23. JOINT COVENANT ADVOCACY AND MONITORING GROUP**

The Conference adopted Resolution 23/1.

8/30 **26. METHODIST MINISTERS' PENSION SCHEME (MMPS)**

The Conference adopted Resolutions 26/1, 26/2, 26/3 and 26/4.

8/31 **27. STATIONING COMMITTEE**

The Conference adopted Resolution 27/1.

8/32 **28. TRUSTEES FOR METHODIST CHURCH PURPOSES (TMCP)**

The Conference adopted Resolutions 28/1 and 28/2.

8/33 **29. MANAGING TRUSTEES OF THE METHODIST CENTRAL HALL, WESTMINSTER**

The Conference adopted Resolutions 29/1 and 29/2.

8/34 **30. CENTRAL FINANCE BOARD OF THE METHODIST CHURCH**

The Conference adopted Resolutions 30/1 and 30/2.

8/35 **31. COMMITTEE ON METHODIST LAW AND POLITY (2), Section F**

8/35/1 The Conference adopted Resolution 31/3,

p 335, final paragraph, line 4, *for* "before 'every effort'" *reading* "between 'every' and 'effort'"

8/35/2 The Conference adopted Resolutions 31/4 and 31/5.

8/36 **32. KINGSWOOD SCHOOL – REVISION TO ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION**

The Conference adopted Resolution 32/1.

8/37 **35. REFERRED MEMORIALS AND NOTICES OF MOTION**

The Conference adopted Resolution 35/1.

8/38 **42. METHODIST DIACONAL ORDER GENERAL REPORT**

8/38/1 The Conference adopted Resolution 42/1.

8/38/2 The Conference adopted Resolution 42/2 in the form:

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.

8/39 **ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEM: 47. MANAGING TRUSTEES OF JOHN WESLEY'S CHAPEL, THE NEW ROOM, BRISTOL, AND 4-5 CHARLES STREET, BRISTOL**

8/39/1 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>

8/39/2 The Conference adopted as Resolution 47/1,

The Conference adopts the Report.

8/39/3 The Conference adopted as Resolution 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

8/40 **ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEM 48. THE TRUSTEES FOR JERSEY METHODIST CHURCH PURPOSES**

8/40/1 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.

8/40/2 The Conference adopted as Resolution 48/1,

The Conference receives the Report.

8/41 **ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEM 49. RELIEF AND EXTENSION FUND FOR METHODISM IN SCOTLAND**

8/41/1

<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.

8/41/2 The Conference adopted as Resolution 49/1,  
The Conference receives the Report.

8/41/3 The Conference adopted as Resolution 49/2,  
The Conference approves the actions proposed in paragraph 6.4 of the Report.



8/42 **21. CONNEXIONAL CENTRAL SERVICES BUDGET for three years commencing with 2019/20 (continued)**

The Conference adopted Resolutions 21/1, 21/2, 21/3, 21/4, 21/5 and 21/6.

8/43 The Conference adjourned at 11.01.

8/44 The Conference reassembled at 11.30.

8/45 **5. CONFERENCE ARRANGEMENTS (continued)**

8/45/1 The Conference adopted Resolution 5/1.

8/45/2 The Conference adopted Resolution 5/2,

p 40, *replacing* the list of overseas partner churches with the following:

*Europe:*

Northern: United Methodist Church in Northern Europe and Eurasia  
Central/Southern: United Methodist Church in Central and Southern Europe  
Germany: Evangelisch-methodistische Kirche  
Italy: L'Opera per le Chiese Evangeliche Metodiste in Italia (OPCEMI)  
Portugal: Igreja Evangelica Metodista Portuguesa

*Africa:*

Zambia: United Church of Zambia  
Benin: Eglise Protestante Méthodiste du Bénin  
Sierra Leone: Methodist Church Sierra Leone  
Gambia: Methodist Church The Gambia  
Rwanda: Free Methodist Church in Rwanda

*Asia/Pacific:*

Bangladesh: Church of Bangladesh  
Papua New Guinea: United Church in Papua New Guinea  
Church of North India: Church of North India  
Fiji: Methodist Church in Fiji  
Australia: Uniting Church in Australia

*Latin American and Caribbean:*

MCCA : Methodist Church in the Caribbean and Americas  
El Salvador: Iglesia Evangelica Metodista en El Salvador  
Bolivia: Iglesia Evangelica Metodista en Bolivia  
Venezuela: Comunidad Cristiana Metodista de Venezuela  
Guatemala: Iglesia Evangélica Nacional Metodista de Guatemala

8/45/3 The Conference adopted Resolution 5/7,

*deleting* 'Channel Islands,' and 'Newcastle-upon-Tyne,' from the list of Districts

8/46 **34. AUTHORISATIONS COMMITTEE**

8/46/1 The Conference adopted Resolution 34/1.

8/46/2 The Conference adopted Resolution 43/2,

p 342-344, **List A**

*adding* 5/24

Herefordshire (South and West) Joyce Wayman

L

<i>adding</i>	6/3	Farnworth and Worsley	Sarah Knebel	P
<i>adding</i>	6/5	Wigan	Jim Whelan	L
<i>adding</i>	22/6	Derby	Calvin Cheung	P (M)
<i>adding</i>	27/21	Settle	Timothy Broughton	P
<i>adding</i>	28/2	Brownhills and Willenhall	Stuart Reed	P
<i>adding</i>	28/3	Shropshire and Marches	Vivienne Thomas	L
<i>adding</i>	34/4	South Bedfordshire	J Stephen Jones	L
<i>adding</i>	34/4	South Bedfordshire	Roger J Owers	L

p 345-346, **List B**

<i>deleting</i>	1/1	Cymru	Jonathan Miller	D
<i>deleting</i>	9/13	Kendal	Marc D Jackson	L
<i>deleting</i>	12/1	Camborne Redruth and Hayle	Morwenna Wills	P
<i>deleting</i>	31/2	Strathclyde	Laurent R Vernet	P

8/47 **RESIGNATIONS (continued)**

The Conference received a report that the President had accepted the resignation of the following ministers in Full Connexion during the year:

**Presbyters**

Malcolm Chester  
D Darlene McCarley

**Deacon**

Ian Cartwright

8/48 **43. PRESBYTERS AND DEACONS BECOMING SUPERNUMERARY OR RETURNING TO THE ACTIVE WORK (continued)**

8/48/1 The Conference adopted Resolution 43/3,

*noting* the corrections listed at 2/28/1 and additional name at 6/22/1.

8/48/2 The Conference adopted Resolution 43/4 in the form:

The Conference permits the following presbyters to return to the active work:  
Robert G Morton  
Harold Stuteley  
William H Anderson

8/48/3 The Conference adopted Resolution 43/5.

8/49 **37. MINISTERIAL CANDIDATES' AND PROBATIONERS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE (continued)**

The Conference by a Standing Vote adopted Resolution 37/3.

8/50 **44. REPORT TO THE REPRESENTATIVE SESSION OF BUSINESS CONDUCTED BY THE CONFERENCE DIACONAL COMMITTEE (continued)**

The Conference by a Standing Vote adopted Resolution 44/2,

p 384 paragraph 2.1, *for* 'Janet Ann Guy' *reading* 'Janet Ann Amey'

8/51 **45. PRESBYTERS AND DEACONS FROM OTHER CHURCHES**

8/51/1 The Conference by a Standing Vote adopted Resolution 45/1,

p 389, (2) **Presbyters of other autonomous Methodist Conferences**  
*deleting* 'Tokunbo E O Asogbon 27/36 Methodist Church Nigeria'  
*adding* 'Richard M Kyaira 14/1 Methodist Church Kenya'  
*adding* 'Manoa Ratubalavu 22/28 Methodist Church in Fiji'

8/51/2 The Conference by a Standing Vote adopted Resolution 45/2,

p 390, (3) **Presbyters of other communions applying to be recognised and regarded**  
*deleting* 'Noreen S Daley-Lee 36/21'

8/51/3 The Conference adopted Resolutions 45/3, 45/4 and 45/5.

8/52 **10. GOD IN LOVE UNITES US: THE REPORT OF THE MARRIAGE AND RELATIONSHIPS TASK GROUP 2019 (continued)**

The Secretary of the Conference informed the Conference that the membership of group set up by Resolution 10/11 would be:

The Secretary of the Conference, Mrs Susan R Howdle, Miss Elizabeth H Ovey, Mrs Louise C Wilkins, The Revds Dr Nicola V Price-Tebbutt, Kenneth G Howcroft and Dr Roberta R Topham.

8/53 **39. DESIGNATIONS FOR APPOINTMENT OF DISTRICT CHAIRS**

8/53/1 The Conference adopted Resolutions 39/1 and 39/2.

8/53/2 The Conference, with the required majority, adopted Resolutions 39/3, 39/4 and 39/5.

8/54 **40. COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS**

8/54/1 The Conference adopted Resolution 40/1,

p 366, (v), *for* 'The Revd Dr Andrew D Wood' *reading* 'The Revd Gillian M Newton'

Gillian Newton: Chair of the Sheffield District. She has been chair of the Chairs' Meeting and chair of the Ministerial Candidates' and Probationers' Oversight Committee.

*replacing* (vii) *with:*

(vii) The Secretary, the Assistant Secretary, the Conference Officer for Legal and Constitutional Practice, the Connexional Secretary (non-voting): the Revds Dr Jonathan R Hustler, Ruth M Gee, Mrs Louise Wilkins, Mr Doug Swanney. *Other members of the senior management group of the Connexional Team may attend as the business of the Committee shall require. Staff so invited to attend shall have the right to speak but not vote.*

Ruth Gee: Appointed by the Conference as Assistant Secretary of the Conference for the year 2019/2020.

8/54/2 The Conference adopted Resolution 40/2.

8/54/3 The Conference adopted Resolution 40/3,

p 367, Advocates: *adding* The Revd Jennifer M Dyer

Jennifer Dyer: Circuit Superintendent, former solicitor, member of Law and Polity Committee, Conference Journal Secretary.

p 367, 3<sup>rd</sup> paragraph (presbyters), *adding*:  
The Revds Mark H Wakelin, Kenneth G Howcroft, Steven J Wild, Dr Roger L Walton, Lorraine N Mellor, Michaela A Youngson

Past Presidents of the Conference.

p 367, 5<sup>th</sup> paragraph (lay people), *adding*:

Mr Michael P King, Dr Daleep S Mukarji, Ms Gillian M Dascombe, Dr B Jill Barber, Ms Rachel J Lampard, Mrs E Jill Baker, Mr Balachandren M Gnanapragasam

Past Vice-Presidents of the Conference.

8/54/4 The Conference adopted Resolutions 40/4 and 40/5.

8/54/5 The Conference adopted Resolution 40/6,

p 369, *for* 'the Revd Gary Hall' *reading* 'the Revd Dr Gary P Hall'

8/54/6 The Conference adopted Resolution 40/7,

p 369,  
The Secretary of the Conference: *for* 'The Revd Canon Gareth J Powell' *reading* 'The Revd Dr Jonathan R Hustler'

*for* 'the Revd Gary P Hall' *reading* 'the Revd Dr Gary P Hall'

*adding* 'The Revd Dr Andrew Stobart'

Andrew Stobart: Director of Research at Wesley House, Cambridge. Previously circuit minister in Darlington, commissioning editor of the Holiness Journal. Current research interest in the development of a genuinely global Wesleyan theology.

8/54/7 The Conference adopted Resolution 40/8,

p 369, *replacing* (ii) *with*:  
(ii) The Secretary and Assistant Secretary of the Conference: The Revds Dr Jonathan R Hustler and Ruth M Gee

8/54/8 The Conference adopted Resolutions 40/9 and 40/10.

8/54/9 The Conference adopted Resolution 40/11,

p 370,  
*for* (iA) The Assistant Secretary of the Conference: The Revd Dr Jonathan R Hustler  
*reading* (iA) The Assistant Secretary of the Conference: The Revd Ruth M Gee

p 371, last line of (iv)  
*for* 'a vacancy (Newcastle)' *reading* 'Mr Andrew Lowe'

Andrew Lowe: Nominated to the Council by the Newcastle-upon-Tyne District.

(viA) The Chair or Deputy Chair of the Ministries Committee: *for* 'the Revd Dr Andrew D Wood' *reading* 'The Revd Gillian M Newton'

8/54/10 The Conference adopted Resolutions 40/12 and 40/13.

8/54/11 The Conference adopted Resolution 40/14,

p 372, *for* 'Recording Officer: name to follow'  
*reading* 'Recording Officers: Deacons Ruth M Richey and Tracey J Hume'

*for* 'Reporting Officer: name to follow'  
*reading* 'Reporting Officer: Deacon Tracey J Hume'

8/54/12 The Conference adopted Resolution 40/15,

p 372, *for* 'the Revd Dr Andrew D Wood (Chair)'  
*reading* 'the Revd Gillian M Newton (Chair)'

8/54/13 The Conference adopted as Resolution 40/15A:

The Conference delegates the appointment of the Deputy Chair of the Ministries Committee to the Methodist Council.

8/54/14 The Conference adopted Resolutions 40/16 and 40/17.

8/54/15 The Conference adopted as Resolution 40/18:

The Conference delegates the appointment of the Methodist Diaconal Order Leadership Group, as required by Standing Order 755, to the Methodist Council.

8/54/16 The Conference adopted as Resolution 40/19:

The Conference appoints the lay persons nominated by the Synod to the General Committee of the Relief and Extension Fund for Methodism in Scotland and notes the membership of the Committee as otherwise provided for in Standing Order 476(1)(i), (ii) and (iii) as follows:

- (i) The Revds S Mark Slaney, Dr Helen Jenkins, Allan Y Loudon and Nicholas B Baker – Official Trustees.
- (ii) Miss Maureen G Anderson, Mr David A Easson, Dr Alan J Hayes and Mr Edward A L Wallace – Non Official Trustees.
- (iii) The Superintendent Ministers of every Circuit in the District (not otherwise appointed): the Revds Andrew M Baker, John T Beadle, Colin H J Plenderleith and Edward J Sykes.
- (iv) Mr Phillip Haggis – District Lay Property Secretary, Mrs Margaret Brown, Mrs Jennifer H Easson, Mr Peter A Mills – Lay persons nominated by Scotland Synod.

8/55 **41. APPRECIATIONS (continued)**

8/55/1 The Secretary of the Conference expressed the appreciation of the Conference for the work of the Chair of the Strategy and Resources Committee, Professor Peter D Howdle.

8/55/2 The Conference, by a Standing Vote, adopted Resolution 41/2.

8/56 **FOURTH REPORT OF THE LAW AND POLITY CONFERENCE SUB-COMMITTEE**

8/56/1 For the sake of clarity the Law and Polity Conference Sub-Committee confirms that the suspension of Standing Orders 110A(6) and 136(1A) is only effective for the duration of the Conference of 2019 for the election of the President-designate and the lay member to the Business Committee.

8/56/2 The Conference adopted as Resolution LP/5:

The Conference receives the Report.

8/57 **THE STATIONS**

8/57/1 The Stations were presented to the Conference in the form of the Draft previously circulated with the following amendments:

SYNOD CYMRU

**1/1 Cymru**  
*adding:* Jonathan Miller (D)

THE WALES SYNOD

**2/7 Buckley and Deeside**  
*Supernumeraries:*  
*adding:* J Kenneth Morgan

**2/12 Conwy and Prestatyn**  
*deleting:* Malcolm Chester (Chaplain MHA Coed Craig)

**2/19 Newport and Lower Wye**  
*for:* Andrew Webster  
*reading:* Andrew Webster (Hospice Chaplaincy)

**2/20 South West Wales**  
*adding:* Jonathan Miller (D)  
*Supernumeraries:*  
*deleting:* David C Stringer

**2/26 Wrexham**  
*for:* Sian Williams (WA)  
*reading:* † K Sian Williams (WA)

THE BIRMINGHAM DISTRICT

**5/4 Birmingham (Sutton Park)**  
*for:* Alan Smithson (S)  
*reading:* Alan Smithson  
*for:* Malcolm J Oliver  
*reading:* Malcolm J Oliver (S)  
*for:* A Stephen Willey  
*reading:* A Stephen Willey (S)

**5/6 Birmingham (West) and Oldbury**  
*Supernumeraries:*  
*adding:* Philip A Rees

**5/9 Tamworth and Lichfield**

*adding:* Robert G Bates (Permission to Study)  
*adding:* Crispian T Acher (MHA Chaplain)

**5/10** **Coventry and Nuneaton**  
*deleting:* Sally Binymin

*for:* **5/13 South Warwickshire**  
*reading:* **5/12 South Warwickshire**

**5/12** **South Warwickshire**  
*Supernumeraries:*  
*deleting:* David A Haslam  
*deleting:* C Brian Holliday  
*deleting:* Stanley M Weary  
*deleting:* Donald I Pritchard (D)

**5/16** **South Worcestershire**  
*Supernumeraries:*  
*adding:* David A Haslam  
*adding:* Stanley M Weary  
*adding:* Donald I Pritchard (D)

#### THE BOLTON AND ROCHDALE DISTRICT

**6/1** **Bolton**  
*Supernumeraries:*  
*deleting:* Gerald S Broadbent

**6/5** **Wigan**  
*adding:* Richard C Towle

**6/8** **Bury**  
*Supernumeraries:*  
*deleting:* John A Illsley

#### THE BRISTOL DISTRICT

**7/2** **Bristol and South Gloucestershire**  
*deleting:* Christopher S Spencer (AD)  
*Supernumeraries:*  
*deleting:* N Cyril Haire (RR)

**7/7** **Gloucestershire**  
*for:* Timothy J Harrison  
*reading:* Timothy J Harrison (Permission to Study)

**7/15** **Gordano Valley**  
*Supernumeraries:*  
*deleting:* Brian J Hunt

**7/20** **Wiltshire United Area**  
*deleting:* Heather A Wilson

#### THE CHANNEL ISLANDS DISTRICT

**10/1** **Bailiwick of Guernsey**  
*deleting:* David Hinchliffe (S)  
*for:* Howard J Stringer  
*reading:* Howard J Stringer (S)

*Supernumeraries:*  
*adding:* Brian J Hunt

THE CHESTER AND STOKE-ON-TRENT DISTRICT

**11/4** **Mid-Cheshire**  
*adding:* † Shirley D Hassall (D)

*for:* 12 THE CORNWALL DISTRICT  
*reading:* 12 THE CORNWALL AND ISLES OF SCILLY DISTRICT

**12/14** **The Lizard and Mounts Bay**

*Supernumeraries:*  
*adding:* Graham J Kitts (AP)  
*adding:* David E Pountain (AP)

THE DARLINGTON DISTRICT

**13/2** **Middlesbrough and Eston**  
*adding:* Lawrence Law

**13/10** **Bishop Auckland and Shildon**  
*deleting:* Sarah Siddique Gill (AP)

**13/11** **Durham and Deerness Valley**  
*adding:* Lawrence Law  
*deleting:* Fiona Collin (AP)

THE EAST ANGLIA DISTRICT

**14/1** **Norwich**  
*Supernumeraries:*  
*deleting:* Charles Banks

**14/5** **Ely and Newmarket**  
*deleting:* Joanne Sherwood (WA)

THE LINCOLNSHIRE DISTRICT

**17/7** **The Wolds and Trent**  
*adding:* Heather A Wilson

THE LIVERPOOL DISTRICT

**18/17** **Southport**  
*adding:* Sally Binymin (WA)

THE MANCHESTER AND STOCKPORT DISTRICT

**19/1** **Manchester**  
*for:* Susan Rowe  
*reading:* Susan Rowe (WA)  
*for:* Ian S Rutherford  
*reading:* Ian S Rutherford (City Centre Minister)

*Supernumeraries:*  
*adding:* Peter J Went

**19/2** **United Stockport**  
*deleting:* Ian L Coverdale (S)  
*for:* Raj Patta (RR)  
*reading:* Rajbharat Patta (RR)



*Supernumeraries:*

*deleting:* Marjorie Grantham

*deleting:* Peter J Went

**19/16 Romiley**

*Supernumeraries:*

*adding:* Ian L Coverdale

*deleting:* Derek H A Davidson

THE NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE DISTRICT

**20/1 Newcastle upon Tyne (Central and East)**

*adding:* Harold Stuteley

THE LANCASHIRE DISTRICT

**21/1 Burnley and Pendle**

*Supernumeraries:*

*adding:* Geoffrey F Nadin

**21/9 Clitheroe**

*Supernumeraries:*

*deleting:* Geoffrey F Nadin

THE NOTTINGHAM AND DERBY DISTRICT

**22/6 Derby**

*Supernumeraries:*

*deleting:* John D Bland

*deleting:* Kok Kong Yap

*adding:* **22/10 Alfreton (Watchorn)**

*adding:* Loraine N Mellor (S)

**22/14 Mid Derbyshire**

*Supernumeraries:*

*adding:* Derek H A Davidson

THE NORTHAMPTON DISTRICT

**Westminster Chaplaincy**

*deleting:* Robert G Bates (Chaplain, Oxford Brookes University) who shall act in respect of ministerial duties under the direction of the Chair of District

**23/2 Wantage and Abingdon**

*Supernumeraries:*

*adding:* Eileen J Appleyard

*adding:* Michael R Appleyard

**23/26 Milton Keynes**

*adding:* Charles D J Connor (WA)

*deleting:* Heather J Pollard (AP)

THE PLYMOUTH AND EXETER DISTRICT

**24/11 Bude and Holsworthy**

*adding:* Shirley C Henderson (AP)

**24/16 Tiverton and Wellington**

*Supernumeraries:*

*deleting:* Herbert W White

**24/20 Ilfracombe and Barnstaple**

*Supernumeraries:*

*adding:* John D Bland

**24/23 Torrige**

*Supernumeraries:*

*adding:* Andrew P Baguley

THE SHEFFIELD DISTRICT

**25/1 Sheffield**

*adding:* Paul D Mellars (AP)

*for:* Helen A Reah

*reading:* Helen A Reah (Mental Health Chaplain)

**25/17 Rotherham and Dearne Valley**

*deleting:* Simon K Copley (AP)

**25/19 Trinity**

*deleting:* Felicity E M Ferriter

*Supernumeraries:*

*adding:* Felicity E M Ferriter

THE SOUTHAMPTON DISTRICT

**26/4 Basingstoke and Reading**

*for:* Ruth Midcalf

*reading:* Ruth K Midcalf

*deleting:* Martyn P Neads (AP)

**26/6 Meon Valley**

*Supernumeraries:*

*deleting:* Andrew P Baguley

**26/7 East Solent and Downs**

*for:* Penelope J Thorne (WA)

*reading:* † Penelope J Thorne (WA)

*Supernumeraries:*

*adding:* John A Illsley

**26/9 Poole Bay**

*deleting:* Mark J Kimber (WA)

**26/10 Christchurch and Wimborne**

*adding:* Mark J Kimber (WA)

THE YORKSHIRE WEST DISTRICT

**27/34 Calderdale**

*Supernumeraries:*

*deleting:* Eileen J Appleyard

*deleting:* Michael R Appleyard

**27/36 North Kirklees and Morley**

*adding:* Allyson L Henry (D)

THE WOLVERHAMPTON AND SHREWSBURY DISTRICT

**28/2**                    **Brownhills and Willenhall**  
*for:*                    Stuart J Reed  
*reading:*                †Stuart J Reed

**28/5**                    **Vale of Stour**  
*adding:*                Christine Watson (AP)  
*Supernumeraries:*  
*deleting:*                Bernard W Price

**28/8**                    **Cannock Chase**  
*Supernumeraries:*  
*adding:*                Christopher P Parkes

**28/12**                  **The Black Country**  
*Supernumeraries:*  
*deleting:*                Magdalena H Hoebes  
*deleting:*                Philip A Rees

**28/13**                  **Dudley and Netherton**  
*adding:*                William H Anderson  
*Supernumeraries:*  
*deleting:*                William H Anderson

**28/14**                  **Gornal and Sedgley**  
*adding:*                Timothy R Coles (AP)

**28/21**                  **Telford**  
*deleting:*                James R Whately (AP)

#### THE YORKSHIRE NORTH AND EAST DISTRICT

**29/8**                    **Beverley**  
*for:*                    Martin K Batstone (Student Well-Being Adviser)  
*reading:*                Martin K Batstone (Prison Chaplain)

**29/33**                  **York**  
*Supernumeraries:*  
*deleting:*                Ian Cartwright (D)

**29/34**                  **Ryedale**  
*deleting:*                J Benjamin Nicholson (AP)

**29/35**                  **Driffield-Hornsea**  
*for:*                    Robert Amos (S)  
*reading:*                Robert Amos

**29/37**                  **Hull (Centre and West)**  
*deleting:*                Mark D Button (AP)  
*for:*                    Anthony Brookes  
*reading:*                Anthony Brookes (Hospital Chaplain)

#### THE SCOTLAND DISTRICT

**31/5**                    **Ayrshire and Renfrewshire**  
*for:*                    Robert G Morton (S)  
*reading:*                Robert G Morton

#### THE BEDFORDSHIRE, ESSEX AND HERTFORDSHIRE DISTRICT

**34/1**                    **North Bedfordshire**  
*deleting:*            Charles D J Connor

**34/4**                    **South Bedfordshire**  
*adding:*                Joanne Sherwood (WA)

**34/9**                    **Chelmsford**  
*deleting:*              Calvin T Samuel (WA)  
*Supernumerary:*  
*adding:*                Olufemi R W Cole-Njie

**34/10**                  **Southend and Leigh**  
*adding:*                Michael Moon (RR)  
*adding:*                Calvin T Samuel

THE LONDON DISTRICT

**Methodist Church House**

*adding:*                H Barrie Morris (WA)

**35/22**                  **New River**  
*for:*                     John Y T Amankwatia (WA)  
*reading:*                John Y T Amankwatia who shall act in respect of ministerial  
duties under the direction of the Chair of the District

**35/30**                  **Lesnes Abbey**  
*adding:*                Nana Banyin Thomford

**35/32**                  **Romford**  
*Supernumeraries:*  
*deleting:*              Keith R Jefferies

**35/36**                  **Harrow and Hillingdon**  
*for:*                     Ian J Worsfold (City, University of London Chaplain)  
*reading:*                Ian J Worsfold (City, University of London Chaplain) who shall  
act in respect of ministerial duties under the direction of the  
Chair of the District

**35/40**                  **Purley**  
*Supernumeraries:*  
*adding:*                Ermal B Kirby  
*adding:*                Jennifer-Ann Kirby

**35/41**                  **Bromley**  
*Supernumeraries:*  
*deleting:*              Ermal B Kirby  
*deleting:*              Jennifer-Ann Kirby

THE SOUTH EAST DISTRICT

**36/6**                    **Wey Valley**  
*deleting:*                Gillian H Le Boutillier Scott

**36/10**                  **Dorking and Horsham**  
*Supernumeraries:*  
*deleting:*                D Darlene McCarley

**36/11**                  **Redhill and East Grinstead**

*Supernumeraries:*

*adding:* Kok Kong Yap

**36/18 Weald of Kent**  
*adding:* Gillian H Le Boutillier Scott

**36/17 Hastings, Bexhill and Rye**  
*deleting:* Nana Banyin Thomford

APPOINTED TO SERVE ABROAD

*for:* Angleena J Keizer (Israel)  
*reading:* Angleena J Keizer (D) (Israel)

PERMISSION TO SERVE ABROAD

*for:* Marlene A Skuce (Ireland)  
*reading:* Marlene A Skuce (D) (Ireland)

PERMISSION TO RESIDE ABROAD

*for:* Harriet P Bacon (Barbados)  
*reading:* Harriet P Bacon (D) (Barbados)  
*adding:* Magdalena H Hoebes (Namibia)  
*adding:* Ernest Grimshaw RN (France)  
*for:* Gordon H Wallace (Ireland)  
*reading:* Gordon H Wallace (D) (Ireland)

PERMISSION TO SERVE ANOTHER CHURCH

*adding:* David Stolton (Church of England)

THE CONNEXIONAL TEAM

*adding:* Andrew D Wood (26/-)

FORCES CHAPLAINS

*deleting:* Ernest Grimshaw Rn  
*deleting:* Crispian T Acher

THE CIRCUITS TO WHICH THE FOLLOWING ARE TO BE APPOINTED OR IN WHICH THEY ARE TO BE STATIONED ARE YET TO BE IDENTIFIED

*deleting:* † Shirley D Hassall (D)  
*deleting:* Allyson Henry (D)  
*deleting:* H Barrie Morris (WA)  
*deleting:* Harold Stuteley  
*deleting:* Richard C Towle

*Supernumeraries:*

*deleting:* Olufemi R W Cole-Njie  
*deleting:* J Kenneth Morgan

ASSOCIATE PRESBYTERS

*adding:* Mercy A Bedu-Addo (19/1)  
*deleting:* Jane E Dicker (28/12)  
*deleting:* Shirley C Henderson (24/11)  
*adding:* Sara C Hillman (26/8)  
*deleting:* Rosemary J M Kidd (19/4)  
*adding:* Kenny Rathband (31/3)

ASSOCIATE DEACONS

*adding:* David A Bean (25/19)

8/57/2 The Conference, by a Standing Vote, adopted the Stations.

#### 8/58 **DAILY RECORD**

8/58/1 The Daily Record for Wednesday, 3 July was presented, taken as read, and adopted as printed,

at 7/14/3,

*for:* ~~(4)~~(3)*When: (i) A-a* minister

*reading:* ~~(4)~~(3)*When: (i) A-a* minister

at 7/19/3, *for* 'D Gilbert Braithwaite' *reading* 'Gilbert D Braithwaite'

8/58/2 The Conference adopted the Daily Record for Thursday, 4 July in headings only.

#### 8/59 **EXPRESSIONS OF THANKS**

8/59/1 The ex-President, The Revd Michaela A Youngson, and the ex-Vice-President, Mr Bala Gnanapragasam, expressed the thanks of the Conference to the President and Vice-President of the Conference.

8/59/2 The Conference expressed its thanks to the Conference Office, the Record Office staff, the Conference Secretariat, the Conference Business Committee, the Conference Arrangements Team, Conference volunteers, the Conference letter writer, the connexional media team and the staff of the conference centre.

#### 8/60 **ATTESTATION**

The Daily Record of the Presbyteral and Representative Sessions and associated documents were signed by the President, the Vice-President and the Secretary of the Conference, and were duly attested.

#### 8/61 **THE JOURNAL**

The Conference, by a Standing Vote, directed that the Resolutions, Orders, Elections, Consents, Delegations and Appointments, and each of them, and every Act and all Acts whatsoever made and done by the Conference begun on Thursday, 27 June 2019, be duly entered in the Journal of the Conference, subscribed by the President, the Vice-President and the Secretary, and shall be taken as, and shall be, the Acts of the Conference to all intents and purposes whatsoever.

#### 8/62 **ADJOURNMENT**

The Conference, by a Standing Vote, resolved to adjourn to the Conference of 2020, which would meet in Birmingham on Thursday, 25 June in its Presbyteral Session, and on Saturday, 27 June in its Representative Session.

8/63 The Conference adjourned at 12.24.

#### 8/64 **LETTERS**

8/64/1 Letters of thanks were written in the name of the Conference to the members of the Conference Arrangements Team, The Revd Philip J Jackson (Chief Scrutineer), to musicians who played in the worship bands for the Conference worship on Sunday, 30 June and the Conference communion service on Wednesday, 3 July, and to The Revd Anne Ellis and the congregation at Little Chalfont Methodist Church which provided rehearsal facilities.

8/64/2 Letters of concern were written in the name of the Conference to members of the Conference Arrangements Team who were unable to attend the Conference through illness, to Deacon Maria A Howard, and to The Revd Dr Elizabeth A and Dr Peter Smith.





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## APPENDIX A NOTICES OF MOTION

*This Appendix lists Motions adopted, or agreed to be not put, other than those which were amendments to substantive Resolutions. It also lists those that the Conference referred to other bodies. It does not list Motions lost or withdrawn, which do not appear in the Record. The figures in brackets are the numbers given to the Notices of Motion.*

### I. Motions

#### (a) adopted

'Lift the Ban': asylum seekers and the right to work (205) .....	8/15
Mediterranean hope (210) .....	8/17
Methodist Ministers' Pension Scheme (203) .....	8/14
Other churches and Marriage and Relationships (213) .....	7/14/1
Reducing the use of plastics (204) .....	8/7/4
Response to Action for Children presentation (214) .....	8/19
Reviewing Part 11 of CPD (202) .....	8/9/2
Review of the role of Youth President (201) .....	8/13
Sanctuary in communities (209) .....	8/18
Support for refugees (208) .....	8/16
Voting regarding Marriage and Relationships (212) .....	6/17

#### (b) not put

*none*

#### (c) referred to the Methodist Council

Review of procedures following hate and unlawful discrimination (206) .....	7/17/2
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#### (d) declined but issues referred to the Methodist Council

EDI (equality, diversity and inclusion) concerns in stationing (207) .....	8/4
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### II. Responses to Notices of Motion referred by previous Conferences

*For a report about work done and work in progress on Notices of Motion brought to previous Conferences, see item 35 of the Agenda (adopted Daily Record 8/37).*

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M8	District assessment .....	6/3/2
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M13	3Generate voting .....	8/20
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M32	Publishing inclusivity.....	8/20
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M34	Votes on resolutions regarding Marriage and Human Relationships.....	7/14/5
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**APPENDIX C  
REPLIES TO MEMORIALS OF PREVIOUS CONFERENCES**

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