

Professor Judith Lieu

Judith Lieu has served as Chair of the Faith and Order Committee since 2012.

In this role, Professor Lieu has brought to the Committee meticulous attention to detail and a thorough grasp of the theological issues involved in the broad range of work with which the Committee is engaged. She has brought a deep understanding of the needs of the wider church and the communities which it serves, and a desire to ensure that the Committee responds not only to the present moment, but also to the longer-term needs of the Methodist Church. Her chairing of the Committee has been marked by thorough preparation and an encouragement to all members of the Committee and its sub-groups to contribute fully to its deliberations.

During her time as Chair of the Faith and Order Committee, Professor Lieu has served as Lady Margaret's Professor of Divinity at the University of Cambridge and as Chair of the Trustees of Wesley House, Cambridge. In addition to this work, Professor Lieu has continued to serve her Circuit as a local preacher.

The Conference has cause to be thankful to God for the grace and pastoral integrity with which Professor Lieu has served the Connexion as Chair of the Faith and Order Committee.

*****RESOLUTION**

49/1. The Conference expresses its gratitude to Professor Judith Lieu for her service as Chair of the Faith and Order Committee and wishes her well for the future.

Mr Alan Davies

Alan Davies has served as the Chair of the Methodist Academies and Schools Trust (MAST) since 2017. Alan is someone who puts his 'whole self in', and his leadership of the Trust has been distinguished by the high levels of energy, passion and commitment which he has brought to the work. Marrying his background in business and school leadership with organisational skill and strategic foresight, Alan has overseen the transformation of MAST into a viable and active force both within and beyond the Methodist educational community. He has changed the landscape of the Methodist Church's work with and through its schools. Soon after his appointment, it became apparent that MAST was not constituted to meet the increasingly challenging demands of the government on education providers. Alan therefore undertook a further role, leading the establishment of the Wesley Trust – a Methodist academies group offering integrity, credibility and longevity within an often volatile educational landscape.

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Alan's deep faith is worked out in his commitment to human transformation. His profound belief in the life-changing power of education has supported the schools' work particularly where there is greatest need. He combines professional drive with joy, warmth and compassion, growing the group's capacity through the strength of its relationships with school leaders, and partners within the church and the wider world of education. He is moving on from the work of schools to a more senior role within the magistracy, where he will continue to do all the good he can in the Kingdom work of justice and transformation.

*****RESOLUTION**

49/2. The Conference expresses its thanks to Mr Alan Davies for his service as Chair of the Methodist Academies and Schools Trust and wishes him well for the future.