

1/1 The Conference in its Presbyteral Session assembled in Birmingham and online at 14.15, The Revd Richard J Teal, the President of the Conference, in the Chair.

1/2 The Conference engaged in worship.

1/3 **ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEM: METHODIST LAW AND POLITY CONFERENCE SUB-COMMITTEE**

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

The Conference, noting that the Representative Session will be considering a resolution for the conduct of the business of the Conference in hybrid form and for the ratification of the process by which some members have been selected to attend the Conference physically and others are attending remotely, resolves that:

(1) the Conference in its Presbyteral Session shall conduct its business by means of combining participation from those physically present and those attending remotely and accordingly a person is present or attends for the purposes of the Presbyteral Session if he or she is present physically or attends remotely;

(2) information and documents required for the purposes of the Presbyteral Session are taken to be in writing, printed or signed (as the case may require) if a legible electronic version has been provided to the Conference Office in a form which can be made available to the members of the Conference;

(3) all resolutions passed and votes taken, including standing votes, shall be taken by the raising of hands, standing or the use of electronic hand held devices by those who are physically present or by the electronic raising of hands or poll card by those attending remotely.

(4) if the Conference in its Representative Session resolves to conduct its business in hybrid form and to ratify the process by which some members have been selected to attend Conference physically and others are attending remotely, then for all purposes of the Deed of Union and Standing Orders, so far as the law permits, the business of the Presbyteral Session conducted in accordance with this resolution shall be taken to have been validly conducted.

1/3/2 The Conference adopted as Resolution LP/9:

Conference, noting that the Representative Session will be considering a resolution for the suspension of Standing Order 132, resolves not to consider in its Presbyteral Session any notice of motion which does not, in the judgment of the President, relate to business which is before the Conference.

1/4 **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 951-958) 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 959) 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:

**Representatives of connexional and other bodies**

Bishop Sifredo Teixeira *vice* The Revd Mirella Manocchio

**Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly**

The Revd Mark Dunn-Wilson *vice* The Revd J Paul Parker

**East Anglia**

*for* The Revd Robert L Smith *reading* The Revd Robert L Roberts

**PRESBYTERS ATTENDING UNDER THEIR OWN ARRANGEMENTS**

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| <i>adding</i> | The Revd Dr Christopher Blake |
| <i>adding</i> | The Revd Christopher P Briggs |
| <i>adding</i> | The Revd Charles R Gibbs      |

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**LETTERS**

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

The Revd Kenneth D Beardsley (1950)  
The Revd David L Bumphrey (1951)  
The Revd David M Caink (1951)  
The Revd Herbert W Clark (1949)  
The Revd Joseph F Collinson (1951)  
The Revd John H S Crossley (1951)  
The Revd Douglas A Dennis (1951)  
The Revd Harry W Gillespie (1949)  
The Revd Antony M Hearle (1947)  
The Revd Peter Howard (1951)  
The Revd Peter G Jarvis (1951)  
The Revd Dr Richard G Jones (1950)  
The Revd George W S Knowles (1949)  
The Revd Keith F Lyon (1950)  
The Revd Glanville T Magor (1951)  
The Revd Dr Albert W Mosley (1948)  
The Revd Cledwyn Parry (1950)  
The Revd Colin G Rowe (1951)  
The Revd John E Stanfield (1948)  
The Revd W G Flaxman Vivian (1950)

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**HOURS OF SESSION**

The Conference agreed that these should be 14.15-16.00 and 16.30-18.30 on Thursday, 24 June; 09.15-10.35, 11.30-13.00, 14.15-14.45, 15.30-16.30 and 17.00-18.30 on Friday, 25 June.

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**APPOINTMENT OF SCRUTINEERS**

The Conference appointed the Scrutineers as follows:

The Revd Richard J Byass  
(Chief Scrutineer)  
The Revd Simon J Clarke  
The Revd Novette Headley

The Revd Andrew J L Hollins  
The Revd Ann L Lett  
The Revd Jennifer R Pathmarajah

1/8 **APPOINTMENT OF ATTESTORS**

The Revds Steven R M Cooper and Delyth A Liddell were appointed to attest the 'written portion' of the Daily Record of the Presbyteral Session.

1/9 **4. REPORT OF THE PRESBYTERAL SESSION BUSINESS COMMITTEE**

The Conference adopted Resolution 6/1,

p 71 paragraph 5, *amending* the first sentence to read:

The Presbyteral Session of the Conference will meet in closed session at 17.15 on Thursday 24 June, and this is expected to last for no longer than an hour.

1/10 **5. CONFERENCE ARRANGEMENTS**

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

1/11 **PASTORAL ADDRESS**

The President addressed the Conference.

1/12 The Conference was addressed on the theme of *Presbyteral Ministry during the Pandemic* by The Revds Ian S Rutherford, Etlewa Walker and Rosemarie E G Clarke.

1/13 The Conference adjourned at 16.04.

1/14 The Conference reassembled at 16.30.

1/15 The Conference shared in reflection on presbyteral ministry during and beyond the pandemic.

1/16 The Conference went into closed session at 17.19.

1/17 **48. MINISTERIAL CANDIDATES' AND PROBATIONERS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE**

**1. Candidates for Presbyteral Ministry**

1/17/1 The Conference received the report of the Candidates Appeals Committee.

1/17/2 The Conference, with the required majority, recommended acceptance by the Representative Session of the following candidates, to proceed unconditionally into pre-ordination training:

Abi Alex  
John Paul Banks  
Kyungmi Banks  
Judith Helen Elizabeth Bell  
Anna Marie Carrington  
Chi Lok Chan  
Hayley Lisa Edmondson  
Nicola Jayne Geeson  
Christopher John Holmes  
Stuart David Hurst

Susan Nerissa Jacobs  
Joseph Ndehi Kwallah  
Sincere Makunde  
Rebecca Jane Marshall  
Stephen Neil Mayo  
Kirsty Seonad McGhee  
Richard John Porter  
Rachael Helen Prince  
Rachel Read  
Fiona Marie Smith

Paulette Rosemarie Tedd

1/17/3 The Conference, with the required majority, recommended acceptance by the Representative Session of the following candidate, unconditionally, with permission to defer entry into pre-ordination training:

Ian David Bryon

1/17/4 The Conference, with the required majority, adopted Resolution 48/2.

1/18 **2. Special Reports**

1/18/1 The Conference received a report that the following accepted candidates previously given permission to defer entry into training were now given permission to enter training:

Tracy Ann Birks  
Laura Sarah Martin

1/18/2 The Conference agreed the following changes in expected date of Reception into Full Connexion:

*To an earlier date:*

Alexandra Dagmar Laing 2024 (from 2025)

*To a later date:*

Jonathan Bell 2024 (from 2023)

Sydney-Samuel Ekundayo Lake 2022 (from 2021)

James Alan Patterson 2024 (from 2023)

Latika Singh 2022 (from 2021)

Matthew Barrie Smith 2024 (from 2023)

Penelope Jane Thorne 2026 (from 2024)

Wendy Walker 2024 (from 2023)

1/18/3 The Conference received a report regarding the further deferment of the start of probation of Penelope Jane Thorne under Standing Order 726 to 2024 (from 2021), and adopted as Resolution 48/7:

Under the provisions of Standing Order 721(5A), the Conference extends the total period of training and probation for Penelope Jane Thorne beyond seven years, to an expected date of reception into Full Connexion of 2026.

1/18/4 The Conference received a report regarding the discontinuance as a probationer under Standing Order 031(4) of Karen Sian Williams.

1/18/5 The Conference adopted Resolution 48/1,

p 711, paragraph 1.2, *adding* Ian David Bryon

p 712, paragraph 1.5 (b),

*adding* Sydney-Samuel Ekundayo Lake from 2021 to 2022

*adding* Penelope Jane Thorne from 2024 to 2026

p 712, paragraph 1.6 (b),

*for No case reading* Penelope Jane Thorne from September 2021 until August 2024

- 1/19      **3. Preachers Recommended for Continuance on Trial**  
 The Conference adopted Resolution 48/4,  
                  p 714, *for Sydney-Samuel Lake 2021 reading Sydney-Samuel Ekundayo Lake 2022\**  
                  p 715,  
                  *for Gill Songer 2023 reading Gillian Songer 2023*  
                  *for Penelope Jane Thorne 2024 reading Penelope Jane Thorne 2026\**  
                  *for Emily Rosalind Young 2022 reading Emily Rosalind Alice Young 2022*
- 1/20      **4. Preachers on Trial presented to the Conference for Reception into Full Connexion**
- 1/20/1    The Conference accepted the recommendation of the Candidates' and Probationers' Oversight Committee that the following are fit to be admitted into Full Connexion with the Conference as presbyters:
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| Georgina Felicia Tutuaa Bondzi-Simpson | Sarah Jane Knebel                      |
| David Charter                          | Doreen Eugenia Abioseh Koffie-Williams |
| Jason Cooke                            | Nicola Joy Langton-Miller              |
| Tracey Anne Darling                    | Rachel Helen Leather                   |
| Stuart John Dyer                       | Andrew Clive Glover Marchington        |
| James Stephen Garnett                  | Leigh Andrew Maydew                    |
| Ruth Elizabeth Gilson-Webb             | Naomi Margaret Oates                   |
| Ian Christopher Greenfield             | Philip John Osborne                    |
| Karen Elizabeth James                  | Stuart John Reed                       |
| Moses John                             | Matthew Thomas Sheard                  |
| Kenneth Peter Kingston                 | Susan Barbara Taylor                   |
- 1/20/2    The Conference, by a Standing Vote, adopted Resolution 48/5.
- 1/21      **50. PRESBYTERAL TRANSFERS AND REINSTATEMENTS**
1.      **Recommendations of the Ministerial Candidates' Selection Committee acting as a Transfer Committee (under S.O.730)**
- 1/21/1    The Conference, with the required majority, recommended acceptance by the Representative Session of the following applicants for transfer to be received into Full Connexion:
- Martin Pieter Beukes (Methodist Church of Southern Africa)  
                  Teddy Siwila (United Church of Zambia)  
                  Zdzislaw Grzegorz Hendzel (Methodist Church of Southern Africa)  
                  Debora Karen Marschner (Lutheran Church in Germany)
- 1/21/2    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):
- Tokunbo Ezekiel Olusegun Asogbon (Methodist Church Nigeria)  
                  Ilidio Christino de Oliveira Junior (Methodist Church in Brazil)  
                  Gary John Molver (Methodist Church of Southern Africa)  
                  Janet Elizabeth Verrier (Methodist Church of Southern Africa)

- 1/21/3 **3. Recommendations for reinstatements to Full Connexion**  
 The Conference concurred with the recommendations of Reinstatement Committees and agreed that Nicholas Cutts should be reinstated to Full Connexion.
- 1/21/4 The Conference adopted Resolution 50/1,  
 p 720, 1.10, *adding* Gary John Molver (Methodist Church of Southern Africa)
- 1/21/5 The Conference, by a Standing Vote, adopted Resolution 50/2.
- 1/22 **49. PERMISSIONS TO SERVE**  
 The Conference adopted Resolution 49/1,  
 p 718, paragraph 6, *for* No case *reading* Patrick Slattery (Presbyterian Church of Wales)
- 1/23 **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:
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|-------------------|----------------|
| Andrew P Baguley  | No status      |
| Martin K Batstone | No status      |
| Peter J Cole      | No status      |
| Stephen Dunn      | No status      |
| Ian M Heath       | No status      |
| Keith Hopper      | No status      |
| Kathryn Jones     | No status      |
| John T Leach      | Local Preacher |
| Linda Pearce      | No status      |
| Margaret E Smith  | No status      |
| Bertram J Thomas  | No status      |
- 1/24 **REPORT OF CONNEXIONAL DISCIPLINE AND APPEAL COMMITTEES**
- 1/24/1 The Conference received a report on behalf of the Convenors of Connexional Discipline, Pastoral and Appeal Committees.
- 1/24/2 The Conference noted that the following had ceased to be presbyters in Full Connexion with the Conference:
- Michael R Simpson  
 Peter Timms
- 1/25 The Conference adjourned at 17.55.
- 1/26 The Conference reassembled in open session at 18.15.
- 1/27 The Conference engaged in worship.
- 1/28 The Conference adjourned at 18.30.

2/1 The Conference assembled at 09.15, and shared in a service of Holy Communion and Spiritual Communion, at which The Revd Dr Stuart J Burgess preached.

2/2 The Conference adjourned at 10.30.

2/3 The Conference reassembled at 11.00.

2/4 **OBITUARIES**

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.

**Colin Major Anderton:** Born 28 September 1938, in Wigan. Colin began preaching at seventeen, still in Wigan, and at twenty, he went to Cliff College. He then ministered in Home Missions in Herefordshire, mostly in rural communities. Advised by Cliff College that he should have some life experience, Colin began to work in retail, something he did for a good number of years. However, the call never went away. Colin met his beloved wife, Joan, in 1960, through the Wigan Methodist Youth Club. They were married in 1964, and were blessed with their children, Alison born in 1965, and Paul in 1970. At thirty-nine, Colin entered into a three-year pre-ordination course with the Wesleyan Reform Union, and was ordained at the age of forty-five. He served in Norfolk and Sheffield. The Revd Bill Davis encouraged him to transfer to the British Methodist Church, which Colin did at the age of fifty. He was received into Full Connexion at Hinde Street Methodist Church, in London. Colin then served in the following Circuits: Huddersfield (East), Manchester (Prestwich and Whitefield), and Blackburn. He sat down in 2003 at the age of sixty-five, but continued to preach in Somerset, where he and Joan moved. Colin's ministry included hospital chaplaincy and meeting and ministering with and among people from many different cultures and backgrounds. This wide range of witnessing to God's grace was his joy. Colin died on 10 April 2021, in the eighty-third year of his age and thirty-eighth year of his presbyteral ministry.

**Norman Berryman:** Born in Scarborough on 25 December 1923. Norman was only fifteen at the outbreak of war, but the events of the next six years gave direction to his adult life and his subsequent ministry. An interest in aviation and engineering led him to volunteer for aircrew duties in the RAF in 1942, from which he progressed to being a Flight Engineer on Lancaster bombers, completing a full tour of thirty-two operations. After the war, Norman returned to Scarborough and worked in the Civil Service, and ran the church youth club before answering a call to ministry. After training at Hartley Victoria College, Manchester, Norman served in the following Circuits: Coatbridge and Airdrie, Hetton, Ryton and Prudhoe, Seamen's Mission, Gibraltar, and Seahouses. In his first Circuit, Norman met and married Isabel and their shared interest in amateur dramatics formed a recurring theme throughout his ministry. Having served for seven years at the Queen Victoria Seamen's Rest in Victoria Dock, Norman was appointed as Free Church Chaplain to all three services

stationed in Gibraltar. While there he also helped establish the Wesley House Restaurant, based in the former Soldiers' and Sailors' Institute. Following his final appointment, Norman moved to York in 1989 for a long and active retirement. He was involved as a volunteer at the Peasholm Centre for Homeless People, served as Chaplain to the Air Training Corps at RAF Church Fenton, and became involved with the RAF Association and the Yorkshire Air Museum at Elvington. Here he was able to return to his old passion for engineering, helping to recondition some of the old aircraft, and he was presented with the Legion d'Honneur in recognition of his contribution to the liberation of France. Norman died on 8 May 2021 in the ninety-eighth year of his age and the sixty-seventh year of his presbyteral ministry.

**Peter Robin Dainty:** Born in Yeadon, West Yorkshire on 27 November 1936. Peter was educated at Leeds University, achieving a BA, before training for ministry at Hartley Victoria College, where he gained a BD. He then served in the Brigg and Pontefract Circuits. Margaret and Peter met at the Young Endeavourers church group when Peter was sixteen and Margaret fourteen. In 1961 Peter and Margaret were married and they had three children, Beverley, Tim and Karen. Peter moved to Culford Methodist School in Bury St Edmunds, teaching in the prep school and later sixth-form religious education. Whilst on sabbatical from the school, he further developed his academic gifts by becoming a Farmington Scholar at Harris Manchester College, Oxford for a term. Alongside teaching, Peter also resumed some ministerial duties within the Bury St Edmunds Circuit, serving at Northumberland Avenue Methodist Church. He was noted for his excellence in preaching, children's addresses and pastoral visiting. He led house groups, tutored local preachers, and organised circuit mission weekends. Peter was a great ecumenist who preached in almost every church in Bury St Edmunds, and was closely involved in the setting up of Christchurch on a new estate and Southgate Community Church, both of which are ecumenical projects. Peter was multi-talented: he played the violin, had a wonderful singing voice, wrote poetry and hymns, painted, did pottery, was good at chess, and loved all sport. After leaving Culford School, he began working for Kevin Mayhew Publishers and here his gift for writing and editing came to the fore. Many poetry books were published, as were educational resources. Peter took on the monumental task of editor for a new translation of the Bible from Greek. Fr Nicholas King was the translator and Peter the editor of the whole Bible. It took them twelve years, finally completed in 2013. Peter was lovingly cared for by his wife Margaret and died peacefully at home, his family with him. Peter died on 16 April 2021, in the eightyfifth year of his age and the fifty-ninth year of his presbyteral ministry.

**John Garfoot:** Born in Sutton Bridge, Lincolnshire on 15 June 1916 into a Methodist home, only child of Edgar and Maggie. He was educated at Spalding Grammar School and University College Nottingham, gaining a BA in English, Latin and French, playing rugby and helping in his parents' bakery. He served in the Royal Army Service Corps in London during the blitz and then in Egypt, Libya, Cyprus and Italy, becoming a sergeant as Chief Clerk to Number 25 Field Bakery. He met and happily married Iside Ferraro in Italy, overcoming barriers of language, nationality and religion. Their elder son Raymond became a Methodist minister, and younger brother Adrian a medical doctor. John candidated for the Methodist ministry in 1940 and was one of the first three students when Richmond College reopened for training in 1945. A founder member of the Church in Rural Life Committee, he served in the rural circuits of Weardale, Wisbech, King's Lynn, Wymondham Attleborough and Watton, Ely, and Dereham and Swaffham, with hospital chaplaincies and an emphasis on outreach to families and young people. In the East Anglia District, he was Chapel Secretary and Synod Secretary. He retired to King's Lynn in 1984, where Iside sadly died in 1994. After seventy-four years of preaching, he wrote articles for church magazines and The Methodist Recorder. He was a keen ecumenist, worshipping in his local Anglican-Methodist congregation at St Faith's, Gaywood. He loved classical music and had an

exceptional gift for playing big band music and ragtime by ear on the piano. In later years he shared his home with Adrian, supporting him in his campaign against the War on Drugs. Always an optimist who would 'make do', he remained positive and alert when bedridden for two-and-a-half years with domiciliary and residential care, and when isolated from family in the COVID-19 pandemic for ten months, always ministering with an engaging smile when he could no longer talk. He died at Lower Farm Nursing Home, King's Lynn, on 8 May 2021 in the one-hundred-and-fifth year of his age and the seventy-ninth year of his presbyteral ministry.

**John Bryn Jones:** Born in Corris, Meirionydd, on 9 November 1924. Known as Bryn, he was the eldest of five brothers. Their father died when Bryn was eleven. Consequently, he left school at the age of fourteen to work in farming and then forestry in order to support the family. The hardships of his earlier years had a lifelong influence on his character and principles. During World War II, Bryn served in the Royal Air Force, predominantly in India, where he received his call to ordination. Following a period at Cliff College, Bryn was accepted as a candidate in 1949 and trained at Handsworth College, Birmingham. He was very proud to be ordained by the Revd Lord Donald Soper in Bethesda in 1954, and served in the following circuits: Pwllheli, Ystumtuen, Holywell, Holyhead and Amlwch, Mold, and Yr Wyddgrug. It was at a Youth Committee meeting in Bangor that Bryn met Vera: he was the Chair and she was the Secretary. They married in 1955, and became the loving parents of Tudur, Deiniol, Nia and Angharad, as well as proud grandparents and great-grandparents. The family meant everything to them. In addition to his ordained ministry, Bryn served as a Social Worker for a time, during which he completed a degree in the social sciences with the Open University. Bryn had a great interest in cultural matters and current affairs, and, with Vera, was a member of several choirs, as well as being active in the local community on committees ranging from Christian Aid to Plaid Cymru, the British Heart Foundation to the Bible Society. In 1978 Bryn suffered a heart attack and in 1988 he underwent six bypass operations. He made the most of what he felt was a second chance in life, and continued to enjoy gardening, art, music, nature and sport – and his food! In their later years, the family cared devotedly for Bryn and Vera. However, Vera's death in March 2021 struck Bryn hard. He died on 20 May 2021 in the ninety-seventh year of his age and the sixty-third year of his presbyteral ministry.

**Jennifer Susan Mullis, OBE:** Born 12 December 1963. She served in the Sheffield and Trinity Circuits. Jennifer died on 9 May 2021 in the fifty-eighth year of her age and the twenty-fourth year of her presbyteral ministry. At her own request, there is no further obituary.

**John Turner:** Born in Burnley on 14 February 1931. The Turner family were Methodists brought up to attend Sunday school, church and youth fellowship. At school John excelled at languages and went on to read modern languages and psychology at Manchester University. National Service took him to Suez where he served in the Intelligence Corp. There he felt a call to missionary work in the Ivory Coast. The army chaplain arranged his Local Preacher training and he remembered well his final examinations taken with his automatic on the table. After National Service he returned to Burnley to complete his local preacher training and his degree, and then to candidate for the Ministry. He started at Handsworth College, Birmingham, in 1955. Soon after, he met Barbara, a trainee nurse, whom he married in 1958. They had four daughters, Sue, Jane, Cathryn and Diane, thirteen grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. In 1959, John and Barbara were sent to the Ivory Coast for six years where John served eighty villages. He served in the following Circuits: Dabou, Adzopé, Durham, St. Helens and Prescott, Purley, Canterbury and Faversham, and Tewkesbury and Cheltenham. John's ministry often involved chaplaincy, in universities, prisons and hospitals. He trained as a counsellor

and was involved in the creation of Canterbury Umbrella, an outreach service for those leaving long-term psychiatric hospitals. He was passionate about social justice and pastoral care. John and Barbara frequently opened their home to offer hospitality and support to students. When John became a supernumerary, they made their home in Cheltenham and worshipped at Bethesda Methodist Church. John loved travel, reading, jazz, football (he was a player in his younger days), and learned more languages including Portuguese, Italian and some Arabic. He died on 6 April 2021 in the ninety-first year of his age and the sixty-fifth year of his presbyteral ministry.

**Keith Kessell Winn:** Born 4 June 1933 at Troon, Cornwall, Keith grew up in a loving Christian home. His sister Pamela, of whom he was so very proud, would become VicePresident of the Methodist Conference. A bright boy, Keith attended Redruth Grammar School. He enjoyed cycling and would cycle across to the nearby village of Pool to visit his first love, Nancy. Leaving school, Keith worked at Holman Brothers in Camborne, Cornwall's largest manufacturer of industrial and mining equipment. Here he felt called into the Methodist Ministry. He trained at Didsbury College, Bristol. Keith and Nancy married in August 1959. Their first station was the Pontefract Circuit. This was followed by appointments in St Austell, Holsworthy, Devonport, Staines and Feltham, Nottingham (North), and West Wight. On the Isle of Wight, Keith served as chaplain to three different prisons with some notorious inmates. He took delight in meeting such a variety of people and gained a reputation as an outstanding chaplain. A devoted husband to Nancy, Keith loved being Dad to Liz, Graham and Kathryn, who valued the caring and stable home environment so vital as the family moved around the country with Keith's appointments. Keith was enthusiastic about the outdoors. He climbed Snowdon twice; also Ben Nevis and Helvellyn, amongst other notable peaks. Keith had a great sense of humour. He was an avid reader. His love of words was evident in his articulate preaching. In 1998, Keith retired back to his beloved Cornwall. As a supernumerary minister, Keith was a quiet, assuring presence in the Circuit. He was thrilled to help as the minister of Troon, the village where he had grown up. Sadly, Nancy died very suddenly in 2005. In time, a friendship grew with Margaret, a member at Camborne Wesley. Both Keith and Margaret were blessed to have found love again. They married in 2007. Their home was a place of welcome, shared with the dogs they loved. Keith was a gracious, kind, compassionate servant of his Lord Jesus Christ. He died on 27 April 2021, in the eighty-eighth year of his age and the sixty-second year of his presbyteral ministry.

2/5 The Conference was led in reflection on the theme of *Preaching our Doctrines* by Professor Clive Marsh.

2/6 The Conference adjourned at 12.26.

2/7 The Conference reassembled at 14.15.

2/8 **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:

Barnabas Jebachandran  
Alexander\*\*  
Barrie Armell Allcott\*  
Colin Major Anderton  
Thomas Peter Arnold\*  
Michael Aldridge Baker  
Andrew Barker\*\*  
Neil Roger Bartlett

Derek Bedford  
Norman Berryman  
John Hiram Bingham\*\*  
Jeffrey Frank Bloomfield  
Robert Alan Bowen  
Gilbert Denis Braithwaite  
Derek Brice\*\*  
Edna Betty Buggey\*

John Keith Burrow  
 Peter Byass  
 Alec James Callaby  
 Peter James Clark  
 Frank Alan Cliff  
 Jessie Elizabeth Cobb  
 Keith Murray Cribbin  
 Peter Robin Dainty  
 Joseph Daley  
 Brian Dann\*  
 Richard Ward Davies  
 Frank Bernard Dodd  
 Ronald John Dyer  
 Eric William Dykes  
 Irene Margaret Ellis  
 Deanne Rona May Evans\*  
 Susan Valerie Helen  
     Featherstone  
 John Forster  
 John Garfoot  
 Michael John Gilyead  
 Douglas Graham\*  
 David Roland Hall  
 George David Hall  
 Stanley Hall  
 Reginald Hancock\*\*  
 Nigel John Hannah  
 Jack Hanson  
 Peggy Annie Priscilla Hiscock  
 David Heighton Howarth\*  
 Brian Willis Jackson  
 Keith Fenton Jarvis  
 Peter Jennings  
 Clifford Dixon Johnson  
 David Michael Johnson  
 Elizabeth Pearl Jolly  
 John Bryn Jones  
 Wyndham Kent\*\*

David Kinch  
 James Stanley Kyle\*  
 Edward Barrie Leah  
 Irene Mary Lincoln  
 David Hills MacDonald  
 Janet Aileen Mackinder\*\*  
 Michael John Mason\*  
 Gerald Edward Morris\*\*  
 Jennifer Susan Mullis  
 George Newell  
 Edward Michael Newman  
 David Arthur Pailin  
 John Wesley Parfitt  
 Alison Margaret Parker  
 Christine Perry  
 John Richard Perry  
 Janet Pillinger\*\*  
 Norman Pine  
 Richard James Plant  
 Ernest Peter George  
     Pomery\*\*  
 Ronald Henry Rich\*  
 Peter Warwick Rodgers  
 Derek Leslie Francis Shaw  
 Gordon Frederick Simmons  
 Howard Lansdown Skinner  
 Gordon Frederick Smith\*\*  
 Robert Roy Dakin Smith  
 Gwyn Cadwaladr Thomas  
 Kenneth Gordon Thornton  
 John Turner  
 George Harry Walkley\*  
 Kenneth Sydney Walters\*  
 Anthony (Andy) David Warren  
 David Albert Watkins  
 Thomas George Wilkinson\*  
 Keith Kessell Winn  
 Brian Winstanley

\* 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.

- 2/9 The Conference adjourned at 14.42.
- 2/10 The Conference reassembled at 15.00.
- 2/11 The Revds Stephen J Lindridge, Mark Rowland and Joanna R Rand facilitated the Conference in conversation about Holy Communion and Online Worship.
- 2/12 The Conference adjourned at 15.59.
- 2/13 The Conference reassembled at 16.30.

- 2/14 The Conference engaged in conversation about *Changing Patterns of Ministry* facilitated by The Revds Stephen J Burgess, J A Jade Bath and Dr Keith R Albans.
- 2/15 **54. PRESBYTERS BECOMING SUPERNUMERARY OR RETURNING TO THE ACTIVE WORK**
- 2/15/1 The Conference adopted Resolution 54/1,  
in **3. Presbyters requesting permission to become supernumerary**  
*adding* John Y T Amankwatia (32)  
*adding* E Gordon Charlesworth (26)  
*adding* Shamela Chowdhury (23)  
*adding* Asif Das (21)  
*adding* Keith V Garner (43)  
*adding* Janice A Morgan (17)  
*adding* \* John Scrivens (10)  
*adding* Pamela F Stranks (16)
- 2/15/2 The Conference adopted Resolution 54/2, *noting* the corrections under **3.** above.
- 2/16 **PRESBYTERAL SESSION BUSINESS COMMITTEE**  
The Conference elected The Revd Jacqueline Bellfield to serve on the Presbyteral Session Business Committee for the Conferences of 2022-2024.
- 2/17 **THANKS TO THE PRESIDENT**  
The Revd Dr Barbara C Glasson expressed the thanks of the Conference to the President of the Conference.
- 2/18 **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.
- 2/19 The Conference resolved by a Standing Vote to adjourn to 14.15 on Saturday 26 June for the Representative Session.
- 2/20 The Conference shared in worship, and adjourned at 17.55.
- 2/21 **LETTERS**
- 2/21/1 In the name of the Conference a letter of greeting was written to The Revd Brian P Tibbetts, a letter of congratulation to Mrs Catharine Hughes on winning the 'Sermon of the Year 2021' competition, and a letter of apology to Mrs Christine Stevenson.
- 2/21/2 In the name of the Conference letters of thanks were written to Professor Clive Marsh and The Revd Stephen J Burgess for facilitating discussions during the Session.

3/1 The Conference in its Representative Session assembled in Birmingham and online at 14.24, The Revd Richard J Teal, 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 Dr Sahr J Yambasu, led prayers.

3/3 **ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEM: METHODIST LAW AND POLITY CONFERENCE SUB-COMMITTEE (continued)**

3/3/1 **Report**

1. Members of the Conference will be aware that it was the intention that the Conference of 2021 should be held in the form of a physical meeting in Birmingham, with members being given an option to attend electronically as a result of concerns relating to the COVID-19 pandemic. Members of the Conference will also be aware that since the final restrictions on physical gatherings were not lifted on 21 June 2021, as had been expected, it is not now possible for all members of the Conference to attend a physical meeting.
2. A careful review of the effect of the continuing restrictions combined with a risk assessment of the proposed Conference hall undertaken by the Conference Arrangements Committee has led to the conclusion that the hall can accommodate a platform party of 6 people and a maximum of 64 Conference members in the body of the hall. In the light of that information, the Methodist Council was asked in a letter sent by email on 17 June 2021 to agree, on behalf of the Council, to the following:
  - (1) that the Conference should meet with a small physical presence of approximately 64 members, with other members attending online;
  - (2) that the reduction in numbers should be achieved as far as possible by a self selection process (this having been approved by the Chair of the Council on behalf of the Council, but with ratification being sought);
  - (3) that if, after the self-selection process, more members of the Conference wished to attend than could safely be accommodated in the Conference hall, the President, the Revd Richard Teal, should make the final decision as to which members of the Conference should attend in person, in consultation with the Conference Officer for Legal and Constitutional Practice, members of the Law and Polity Committee and the Secretary of the Conference.
3. The Council was invited to take that action under the provisions of Standing Order 211, which enables the Council to act on behalf of the Conference even when such action is contrary to Standing Orders where as a result of legislation the relevant Standing Orders are illegal, no longer achieve their intended purpose or fail to give effect to legal requirements. The various sets of regulations made in relation to coronavirus under the Public Health

(Control of Disease) Act 1984 and comparable legislation in other jurisdictions relevant to the Methodist Church in Britain which will continue in force after 21 June 2021 have the effect that the usual Standing Orders requiring physical attendance at the Conference fail to give effect to legal requirements.

4. The Council gave its agreement to the matters set out in paragraph 2 above by an email vote and the self-selection process was duly undertaken.
5. The outcome of the self-selection process was that a sufficient number of members volunteered to attend online for it to be unnecessary for the President to exercise his discretion in making the final decision on physical attendance.
6. The Council's power under Standing Order 211 is a power to take action before the next meeting of the Conference. It is for the Conference itself to decide how its business is to be conducted when it is meeting. Further, action taken by the Council under Standing Order 211 ceases to have effect at the close of the ensuing Conference unless ratified by it.
7. The Law and Polity Committee advised the Conference of 2020 that:
  - (1) the governing documentation of the Methodist Church requires a physical meeting of the Conference;
  - (2) the governing documentation also requires that certain business should be conducted annually. The Conference of 2020 also faced other pressing business, although it was not legally required to be conducted in 2020;
  - (3) the Charity Commission had given guidance to bodies in such a position to the effect that it would be understanding of the situation and of any decision to proceed electronically;
  - (4) in order to meet the needs of the Methodist Church, the best course was for the Conference to meet electronically, but since the constitutional status of such a meeting was obscure, the business done should be limited as far as possible to business which was essential;
  - (5) the business of the Conference should be conducted in a way which would demonstrably enable, as far as possible, effective participation and discussion.
8. It has not been possible to arrange a meeting of the full Law and Polity Committee to consider the changed situation that has now arisen in respect of the 2021 Conference, but the Law and Polity Conference Sub-committee's advice is that the same principles as in 2020 still apply: in particular, those set out in (1), (3) and (5) in paragraph 7 above. As to principle (2), it remains the case that some business needs to be conducted annually; further, the Conference of 2021, like the Conference of 2020 faces certain other pressing business. As to principle (4), although the Conference is meeting in "hybrid" form, with some physical presence, the substantial majority of members are meeting electronically in circumstances where many of them have responded to an appeal to do so, although they might well have preferred to attend physically if numbers had permitted. We recognise that views as to what business is "essential" differ. This is also the second year in

which the Conference has not been able to meet in its normal form, which means that there is much business which has become more pressing, and therefore necessary, to dispose of this year. However, this year the Conference is able to adopt normal hours of business, and thus this year more business can be undertaken. Nevertheless, it may still be helpful to facilitate the deferral of some business to the Conference of 2022 where that can reasonably be done, and this possibility has been included in the resolutions below.

9. In all the circumstances, the sub-committee takes the view that, although it is not necessary to rescind the resolution of the Conference of 2020 as to the geographical location of the 2021 Conference (as was the case in 2020), it would nevertheless be helpful to invite the Conference to pass a series of enabling resolutions similar to those passed in 2020.
10. The Conference of 2020 also passed a number of resolutions of a procedural nature intended to assist the effective conduct of business in electronic form. Again it is thought helpful to invite the Conference to pass similar resolutions this year, given the large number of members who will be participating electronically. They are very similar to those adopted by the Conference of 2020.
11. Finally, the Conference of 2020 passed a resolution intended to facilitate the conduct of the general business of the Methodist Church by electronic means while the ordinary conduct of business remained affected by coronavirus restrictions. The Conference is invited to confirm the effectiveness of business so conducted over the past year and to pass a similar resolution for the future.

3/3/2 The Conference adopted as Resolution LP/2:

The Conference resolves:

- (1) to conduct its business in hybrid form, meaning that some members of the Conference will be physically present in the Conference hall and will participate in the business of the Conference accordingly, while others will be attending remotely and will participate in the business of the Conference through electronic means;
- (2) to ratify the process approved by the Methodist Council for the selection of those members who will be physically present in the Conference hall and those who will attend remotely.

3/3/3 The Conference adopted as Resolution LP/3:

For the purpose of enabling its business to be conducted effectively in hybrid form, the Conference further resolves that for the duration of the Conference of 2021, so long as it is meeting in hybrid form:

- (1) the Standing Orders relating to the business of the Conference shall be read and construed as if:
  - (a) a person is present or attends if he or she is present physically or attends remotely;

(b) information and documents required for the purposes of the Representative Session are taken to be in writing, printed or signed (as the case may require) if a legible electronic version has been provided to the Conference Office in a form which can be made available to the members of the Conference;

(2) all resolutions passed and votes taken, including standing votes, shall be taken by the raising of hands, standing or the use of electronic hand held devices by those who are physically present or by the electronic raising of hands or poll card by those attending remotely.

3/3/4 The Conference adopted as Resolution LP/4:

The Conference further resolves that for all purposes of the Deed of Union and Standing Orders, so far as the law permits, the business of the Representative Session conducted in accordance with Resolution LP/2 and LP/3 shall be taken to have been validly conducted.

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

The Conference, noting that the Conference of 2020 passed resolutions LP/5 and LP/12 for the purpose of ratifying where necessary and enabling for the future such reasonable steps taken to achieve the object of any Standing Order which were considered practicable in all the circumstances where strict compliance was legally or practically impossible:

(1) confirms the effectiveness of steps taken in accordance with those resolutions since the Conference of 2020 notwithstanding that the resolutions referred to the restrictions and regulations under the Coronavirus Act 2020 rather than the Public Health (Control of Disease) Act 1984 and did not refer to the comparable legislation in other jurisdictions;

(2) resolves that, for the future, where the continuing effect of the legal restrictions imposed by relevant legislation and regulations (including any replacement or amendment of the current legislation), together with guidance given to minimise the risks to public health arising from the coronavirus pandemic, is to make unlawful or a contravention of the guidance physical meetings which are provided for by the Standing Orders for the general conduct of the business of the Methodist Church, with the consequence that strict compliance with Standing Orders governing such business is not practicable, each such Standing Order shall be read and construed, while such legislation and guidance, or any further such legislation or guidance, comes into or remains in force, as if extended to permit as an alternative the taking of such reasonable steps to achieve the object of the relevant Standing Order as may be considered practicable in all the circumstances; provided that:

(a) this resolution does not of itself authorise the holding of a hybrid or electronic meeting of an initial or appeal committee under Section 03, a consultative or pastoral committee under Section 04, an appeal panel under Standing Order 234 or a discipline or appeal committee under Part 11;

(b) where a meeting under one of those provisions is required to be held, it may be held in hybrid form or electronically with the agreement of

the person who is the subject of the discontinuance, competence or safeguarding proceedings or the respondent under Part 11;

(c) if the person mentioned in paragraph (b) above does not agree to a hybrid or electronic meeting, the chair of the committee or panel may in his or her discretion decide that a hybrid or electronic meeting should nevertheless be held if he or she is satisfied that in all the circumstances the meeting would be able to deal fairly with the proceedings;

(d) for the purposes of this resolution a meeting is in hybrid form if some participants are physically present and the other participants attend remotely.

3/3/6 The Conference, with the required majority, adopted as Resolution LP/6:

The Conference suspends Standing Order 130 for the duration of the current meeting of the Conference.

3/3/7 The Conference, with the required majority, adopted as Resolution LP/11:

The Conference suspends Standing Order 110A, clause (5) for the duration of the present meeting of the Conference and directs instead that nomination papers shall be provided to the Conference Office so that they are received no later than 5.30 p.m. on Monday 28 June 2021 and shall then be made available as soon as possible for consideration by members of the Conference by such means as are specified on the Order Paper until 6 p.m. on Tuesday 29 June 2021, by which time the members of the Conference must have voted in accordance with the instructions given on the Order Paper. Before the vote is taken, the Secretary of the Conference shall seek from each nominee an assurance of willingness to serve, if elected, and shall report the outcome to the Conference.

3/4 **ATTESTATION OF THE JOURNALS FOR THE 2019 AND 2020 CONFERENCES**

3/4/1 The Conference adopted as Resolution J/1:

In place of those previously appointed, the Conference appoints the Revd Delyth A Liddell and Mrs Anna Malnutt to attest the Journal of the Conference of 2019 and to attest the Daily Record and Journal and related documents of the Conference of 2020.

3/4/2 The Journal of the Conference of 2019 and the Daily Record and Journal and related documents of the Conference of 2020 were signed by the Presidents and Vice-Presidents of the respective Conferences and the Secretary of the Conference, and were duly attested.

3/5 **MEMBERSHIP OF THE CONFERENCE**

The Conference adopted the membership of this session of the Conference as set out in the Agenda (pp 951-958), as amended by Daily Record 1/4 and the following substitutions and corrections:

**Bristol**

*for Mrs Hannah Bevan reading Mrs Hanna Bevan*

**Bedfordshire, Essex and Hertfordshire**  
for Ms Katherine Crew *reading* Ms Katharine Crew

**Associate Members (b) Overseas**

*replacing* the lists on pp 957-958 with:

|                                |  |
|--------------------------------|--|
| The Revd Godson Lawson Kpavuvu | Eglise Méthodiste du Togo  |
| Bishop Samuel Ransford Nortey  | Methodist Church Nigeria   |
| Bishop Purity Malinga          | The Methodist Church of Southern Africa                            |
| Pastor Jerez Pacheco           | Iglesia Metodista en Cuba  |
| Ms Andrea Gutierrez            | Iglesia Metodista del Uruguay                                      |
| Senator Bishop Moses Benguche  | The Methodist Church in the Caribbean and the Americas             |
| The Rt Revd Dr Reuben Mark     | Church of South India  |
| Bishop Humphrey Peters         | The Church of Pakistan   |
| The Revd Knut Refsdal          | UMC Northern Europe and Eurasia Central Conference                 |
| The Revd Mirella Mannochio     | L'Opera per le Chiese Evangeliche Metodiste in Italia              |
| Pastor Alfredo Abas            | Iglesia Evangelica Española  |
| The Revd Markus Jung           | Evangelisch-methodistische Kirche (UMC Germany Central Conference) |

3/6 **APPOINTMENT OF SCRUTINEERS**

The Conference appointed the Scrutineers as follows:

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| Mrs Anna Malnutt<br>(Chief Scrutineer) | The Revd Ann L Lett |
| Mrs Wendy Barwise                      | Mr Craig Price      |
| Mr Stephen H Cooper                    | Mr Steve Rogers     |
| The Revd Andrew J L Hollins            | Mr Richard Walsh    |
|  | Mr Alan J Window    |

3/7 **PRESIDENT AND VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE CONFERENCE**

3/7/1 The Revd Sonia Marcia Hicks, 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).

3/7/2 Mrs Barbara Mary Easton, 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).

3/7/3 The Induction of the President and the Vice-President took place.

3/8 **THE LOYAL ADDRESS**

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

3/9 **WORLD CHURCH AND ECUMENICAL REPRESENTATIVES AND GUESTS**

3/9/1 The Conference welcomed full members, associate members and guests of the Conference from The Methodist Church in Ireland, The United Methodist Church, UMC Northern Europe and Eurasia Central Conference, UMC Germany Central Conference (Evangelisch-methodistische Kirche), The Methodist Church in the Caribbean and the Americas, Iglesia Metodista en Cuba, Iglesia Evangelica Española, L'Opera per le Chiese Evangeliche Metodiste in Italia, Methodist Church Nigeria, The Church of Pakistan, Igreja Evangelica Metodista Portuguesa, The Methodist Church of Southern

Africa, Church of South India, Eglise Méthodiste du Togo, Iglesia Metodista del Uruguay, The Methodist Church in Zimbabwe, and from among our Mission Partners.

3/9/2 Bishop Samuel Ransford Nortey of the Methodist Church Nigeria responded on behalf of the World Church guests.

3/9/3 The Conference welcomed the ecumenical associate members of the Conference from The Church of England, The United Reformed Church, The Roman Catholic Church in England and Wales, The Scottish Episcopal Church, The Russian Orthodox Church and The Cherubim and Seraphim Council of Churches.

3/9/4 Mr Peter Pay of The United Reformed Church responded on behalf of the ecumenical guests.

3/10 **PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS**

The President of the Conference delivered her inaugural address.

3/11 The Conference adjourned at 16.59.

3/12 The Conference reassembled at 17.30.

3/13 **VICE-PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS**

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

3/14 **ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEM: METHODIST LAW AND POLITY CONFERENCE SUB-COMMITTEE (continued)**

3/14/1 The Conference agreed in principle with a proposal that notices of motion relating to subjects not already included within the business of the Conference should be admissible at this Conference, having received an undertaking from the Law and Polity Conference Sub-committee to bring amendments to Resolution LP/10 to this effect to the Conference on Monday 28 June, whilst noting that for the good conduct of business it was desirable that Resolution LP/10 be adopted in its current form in the meantime.

3/14/2 The Conference, with the required majority, adopted as Resolution LP/10:

The Conference suspends Standing Order 132 for the duration of the present meeting of the Conference and directs instead that:

(1) any two members may upon notice of motion complying with these directions bring before the Conference any lawful resolution to amend a resolution which is before the Conference or which in the judgment of the President after consultation with the Vice-President otherwise relates to business which is before the Conference;

(2) every notice of motion shall be sent to the Secretary or the Conference Office in electronic form and signed by the following persons:

(a) where the proposal is to amend a resolution and those presenting that business to the Conference are prepared to accept it, the proposer and seconder;

(b) in any other case, by the proposer and second and four other persons;

(3) subject to paragraph (4) below, a notice of motion in the Representative Session must be received by the Secretary or the Conference Office no later than 1 p.m. on Sunday 27 June 2021;

(4) a notice of motion may be received later than the time specified in paragraph (3) above if:

(a) it is judged to be on a matter of urgency by the President after consultation with the Vice-President; or

(b) it proposes to amend a resolution circulated or materially altered on or after Saturday 26 June 2021 and it is received before 5 p.m. on the day before the resolution is to be dealt with.

3/15 **2. FIRST REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE BUSINESS COMMITTEE**

The Conference adopted Resolution 2/1.

3/16 **SECOND REPORT FROM THE CONFERENCE BUSINESS COMMITTEE**

3/16/1 The Business Committee brings this update to its Report printed in volume 1 of the Agenda (item 2, page 23).

1. The schedule of business has been available on the Conference website and regularly updated. It now shows the current situation. Any Conference member present at the Conference venue can obtain a hard copy on request.

**Voting in the Conference**

2. The Conference Business Committee recommends to the Conference that those attending via Zoom will vote using either the means of electronic 'raised hands' or by the use of the poll function in Zoom, and that this will be made clear whenever a vote is taken. These votes will be added to those in the hall, and this will be overseen by the Chief Scrutineer and the Chair of the Conference Business Committee (as returning officer) to ensure that all votes are included.
3. Where a vote requires a count, the Committee recommends that those present in the Conference hall use an electronic voting system. This will ensure that these votes can be added to those recorded online and a count quickly taken. When the electronic voting system is used in the hall, poll cards will be used on Zoom.
4. The Committee further recommends that the electronic voting system is used for those votes which it determines as requiring a secret ballot. Following the decision of the Conference to vote on the resolutions attached to God in love unites us by secret ballot in 2019, it has determined that those resolutions which now come before the Conference following a period of consultation in the Synods should be voted on anonymously, either through the use of the electronic voting system in the Conference hall or by use of poll cards on Zoom. This will ensure anonymity as well as accuracy and speed in the counting process. The votes cast via Zoom will be added to the votes cast in the hall before the announcement of the result of each vote.

## Elections

5. Nomination forms have been emailed to representatives and are available on the Conference Resources section of the website. Role descriptions for the offices of President and Vice-President have been placed on the website to assist in the prayerful discernment of individuals eligible for such designation.
6. Nominees for President and Vice-President of the Conference for 2022 and as Conference-elected representatives 2022-2024 are kindly asked to submit a photograph by email to [asc@methodistchurch.org.uk](mailto:asc@methodistchurch.org.uk) by the deadline for nominations (as set out on the nomination forms).
7. There are ballot boxes on either 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 28 of the Agenda.
8. Ballot papers will be circulated electronically to those attending online and in hard copy to those at the Conference venue. Voting members attending online will need to return their completed ballot paper to the designated email addresses, which will be indicated on the ballot paper.
9. All Memorials will either be taken with existing business to which they relate or placed in *en bloc* as shown in the table below.

| Number | Title   | Connection to other business                     |
|--------|---|--|
| M1     | Connexional Priority Fund (CPF) Levy                                      | Memorials relating to the budget                 |
| M2     | Stipends of Presbyters and Deacons  | Memorials relating to the budget                 |
| M3     | Finances and the pandemic   | Memorials relating to the budget                 |
| M4     | Local Preachers   | <i>En bloc</i>                                   |
| M5     | Local Preachers Training  | <i>En bloc</i>                                   |
| M6     | The impact of COVID-19 on Training of Local Preachers and Worship Leaders | <i>En bloc</i>                                   |
| M7     | Supernumerary Ministers   | <i>En bloc</i>                                   |
| M8     | Cry for Hope  | <i>En bloc</i>                                   |
| M9     | A Cry for Hope - Palestine  | <i>En bloc</i>                                   |
| M10    | Israel/Palestine – Cry for Hope   | <i>En bloc</i>                                   |
| M11    | Cry for Hope  | <i>En bloc</i>                                   |
| M12    | Fossil Fuels  | <i>En bloc</i>                                   |
| M13    | Fossil Fuels  | <i>En bloc</i>                                   |
| M14    | Farming Industry  | <i>En bloc</i>                                   |
| M15    | Single Use Plastic  | <i>En bloc</i>                                   |
| M16    | COVID-19 Vaccination Resources  | <i>En bloc</i>                                   |
| M17    | Online Holy Communion   | 39. Holy Communion and Online Worship            |
| M18    | Oversight and Trusteeship   | 30. Oversight and Trusteeship                    |
| M19    | All year round conferring of Conference                                   | 30. Oversight and Trusteeship                    |
| M20    | Conversion Therapy  | 56. Strategy for Justice, Dignity and Solidarity |

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| M21  | Equality, Diversity and Inclusion  | 56. Strategy for Justice, Dignity and Solidarity        |
| M21A | Equality, Diversity and Inclusion  | 56. Strategy for Justice, Dignity and Solidarity        |
| M22  | Slave Trade  | 56. Strategy for Justice, Dignity and Solidarity        |
| M23  | Human Sexuality (2020)   | 59. Marriage and Relationships: Provisional Resolutions |
| M24  | God in Love Unites Us  | 59. Marriage and Relationships: Provisional Resolutions |
| M25  | God in Love Unites Us  | 59. Marriage and Relationships: Provisional Resolutions |
| M26  | God in Love Unites Us  | 59. Marriage and Relationships: Provisional Resolutions |
| M27  | Conference Voting – God in Love Unites Us  | 59. Marriage and Relationships: Provisional Resolutions |
| M28  | God in Love Unites Us (2020)   | 59. Marriage and Relationships: Provisional Resolutions |
| M29  | God in Love Unites Us (2020)   | 59. Marriage and Relationships: Provisional Resolutions |
| M30  | God in Love Unites Us (2020)   | 59. Marriage and Relationships: Provisional Resolutions |
| M31  | God in Love Unites Us and Church Buildings (2020)  | 59. Marriage and Relationships: Provisional Resolutions |
| M32  | The ‘Annual Enquiry’ – Transitional Arrangements – Marriage and Relationships within the Methodist Church (2020) | 59. Marriage and Relationships: Provisional Resolutions |
| M33  | God in love unites us  | 59. Marriage and Relationships: Provisional Resolutions |
| M34  | Marriage and relationships and the annual affirmation  | 59. Marriage and Relationships: Provisional Resolutions |
| M35  | Provisional Resolutions: God in love unites us – Marriage and Relationships (2020)                               | 59. Marriage and Relationships: Provisional Resolutions |
| M36  | Marriage and Relationships (2020)  | 59. Marriage and Relationships: Provisional Resolutions |
| M37  | Remain Faithful  | 59. Marriage and Relationships: Provisional Resolutions |
| M38  | God in Love Unites Us  | 59. Marriage and Relationships: Provisional Resolutions |
| M39  | God in Love Unites Us  | 59. Marriage and Relationships: Provisional Resolutions |
| M40  | God in Love Unites Us  | 59. Marriage and Relationships: Provisional Resolutions |
| M41  | God in Love Unites Us  | 59. Marriage and Relationships: Provisional Resolutions |
| M42  | God in love unites us  | 59. Marriage and Relationships: Provisional Resolutions |
| M43  | Marriage and Relationships Report (2020)   | 59. Marriage and Relationships: Provisional Resolutions |

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.

10. The list of *en bloc* items of business (page 29) has since been updated and is as printed below:

3. Methodist Council, part 1 Sections A, B, C, D, I, J
7. Connexional Allowances Committee
9. Trustees for the Bailiwick of Guernsey Methodist Church Purposes
10. Trustees for Jersey Methodist Church Purposes
11. Methodist Forces Board
12. Methodist Homes
16. Managing Trustees of John Wesley's Chapel, the New Room
17. Action for Children
18. Joint Advisory Committee on the Ethics of Investment
19. Ecumenical Report
21. Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes
22. Methodist Schools appointments
23. Committee on Methodist Law and Polity (1)
25. Methodist Council, part 2 Section M, Section O (shown as I on pages 268-269), Section Q
33. Relief and Extension Fund for Methodism in Scotland
37. Faith and Order Committee Report
42. Stationing Committee
43. Managing Trustees of Central Hall, Westminster
44. Referred Memorials and Notices of Motion
45. Central Finance Board
46. Committee on Methodist Law and Polity (2)
58. Methodist Diaconal Order General Report
61. Memorials to the Conference not attached to other business (see list at paragraph 9 above)

Under the terms of SO 134A, if Notices of Motion are received about items in the *en bloc* list (including Memorials), those items will automatically be removed from the above list. In addition, by giving notice to the Assistant Secretary of the Conference, any six members of the Conference may, without proposing an amendment, require that an item be removed from the list and debated. Such notice must be given before the close of business on Monday 28 June (SO 134A(1)(c)).

#### **Notices of Motion**

Members of the Conference are referred to the enabling resolutions contained in the report of the Law and Polity Subcommittee for the timetable for submission of Notices of Motion (which supersedes the detail in the First Report of the Business Committee).

3/16/2 The Conference adopted as Resolution B/1:

The Conference receives the Report.

3/17 **28. REPORT TO THE REPRESENTATIVE SESSION OF BUSINESS CONDUCTED BY THE CONFERENCE DIACONAL COMMITTEE**

3/17/1 **Supplementary Report**

The Conference Diaconal Committee reports to the Conference that, owing to an omission at the 2019 Conference, two candidates for diaconal ministry were not presented to the Conference for acceptance. The names had been presented to the Committee in 2019, and the Committee had resolved to recommend them to the Conference. The Committee therefore now recommends that Clare Purfit and Neil Wingrove are accepted as candidates, and asks that the Conference retrospectively grants them the status of accepted candidates and student deacons from 1 September 2019.

3/17/2 The Conference adopted as Resolution 28/5:

The Conference resolves that it accepts for training unconditionally the candidates for ministry recommended by the Diaconal Committee whose names are recorded in the second report of that Committee, namely Clare Purfit and Neil Wingrove, and further resolves that they shall have the status of accepted candidates and student deacons retrospectively from 1 September 2019.

3/17/3 The Conference adopted Resolution 28/1,

p 380, list of those continuing in training and probation,  
*for* Margaret Chipandambria *reading* Margaret Chipandambira  
*for* Helen Gardener *reading* Helen Gardner

p 381, Ordinands  
*for* Shirley Dianne Hassell *reading* Shirley Dianne Hassall

3/17/4 The Conference adopted Resolution 28/3, *noting* the corrections to p 380 above.

3/18 The Conference engaged in worship and adjourned at 18.47.

- 4/1 The Conference assembled at 10.45.
- 4/2 The Conference shared in worship, during which 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 not already ordained, for ordination:
- 4/3/1 The preachers on trial:
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| Georgina Felicia Tutuaa Bondzi-Simpson | Sarah Jane Knebel                      |
| David Charter                          | Doreen Eugenia Abioseh Koffie-Williams |
| Jason Cooke                            | Nicola Joy Langton-Miller              |
| Tracey Anne Darling                    | Rachel Helen Leather                   |
| Stuart John Dyer                       | Andrew Clive Glover Marchington        |
| James Stephen Garnett                  | Leigh Andrew Maydew                    |
| Ruth Elizabeth Gilson-Webb             | Naomi Margaret Oates                   |
| Ian Christopher Greenfield             | Philip John Osborne                    |
| Karen Elizabeth James                  | Stuart John Reed                       |
| Moses John                             | Matthew Thomas Sheard                  |
| Kenneth Peter Kingston                 | Susan Barbara Taylor                   |
- 4/3/2 The following people to be received by transfer:
- Martin Pieter Beukes  
Teddy Siwila  
Zdzislaw Grzegorz Hendzel  
Debora Karen Marschner
- 4/3/3 One person to be received by reinstatement:
- Nicholas Cutts
- 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 twenty-seventh day of June 2021, at:
- Shirley Methodist Church  
The Methodist Church at Coventry Central Hall  
Solihull Methodist Church  
Central Hall Methodist Church Walsall

(Resolution 48/6)

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:

Shirley Dianne Hassall  
Caroline Michelle Hamilton  
Helen Snowball

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 into full membership of the Methodist Diaconal Order, and if not already ordained, be ordained by prayer and the laying on of hands on the afternoon of this day, the twenty-seventh day of June 2021, at Kenilworth Methodist Church.

(Resolution 28/4)

4/5      The Conference adjourned at 12.15.