

- 5/1 The Conference assembled at 9.15 and shared in worship, led by MHA.
- 5/2 **APPOINTMENT OF ATTESTORS**
- 5/2/1 Mr Daud Irfan and Mrs Anna Malnutt were appointed to attest the Daily Record and related documents for this Conference.
- 5/2/2 The Revd Simon C Edwards and Mrs Valerie A Mayers were appointed to attest the Journal and related documents for this Conference.
- 5/3 **FIRST REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE FINANCIAL COMMITTEE**
- 5/3/1 The Financial Committee brings this preliminary report having considered the breadth of the Conference Agenda in light of the revised Agenda Item 20 – Connexional Central Services Budget (Order Paper pages 25-29).
- Standing Order 136A(3)(iv) requires that the Financial Committee identifies the priority of any resolutions which, if adopted, would result in increased costs.
- The Committee considers that, given the constraints of the proposed revised budget, there are no available additional financial resources to accommodate any additional work for the Methodist Council or Connexional Team. This also recognises that existing members of the Council and Connexional Team (both employees and volunteers) are fully utilised.
- The Committee therefore highlights to the Conference that it will need to consider seriously that if it wishes to approve any additional work through Notices of Motion or otherwise, it is unlikely that the additional work can be carried out within the revised budget unless the Conference also identifies current work that should cease, or be indefinitely postponed.
- 5/3/2 The Conference adopted as Resolution F/1:
- The Conference receives the Report.
- 5/4 **ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEM: METHODIST LAW AND POLITY CONFERENCE SUB-COMMITTEE (continued)**
- 5/4/1 The Conference, with the required majority, adopted as Resolution LP/7:
- The Conference further suspends for that period the rules of debate contained in clauses (1A), (3) to (5), (8) and (22) to (24) of Standing Order 131.
- ["that period" refers to "the duration of the current meeting of the Conference" as stated in Resolution LP/6 at 3/3/6]*
- 5/4/2 The Conference adopted as Resolution LP/8:
- The Conference further directs:

- (1) in place of clause (1A) the President shall at his or her discretion call upon members to speak. In exercising his or her discretion the President shall seek to ensure that those members who are physically present and those who are attending remotely have an equal opportunity to address the Conference;
- (2) the President, having regard to the constraints upon debate imposed by the exigencies of enabling remote participation and the importance of securing full and informed participation, but having allowed a reasonable time for debate, may at any time in his or her discretion:
  - (a) put to the Conference a resolution that the business before the Conference be referred to the Conference of 2022, upon terms that the body responsible for the business may decide whether then to present it in the same form or in a different form or to withdraw it altogether, in the light of the debate which has occurred;
  - (b) adjourn the debate to a time to be determined by the Business Committee;
- (3) where the President moves a resolution under paragraph (2)(a), the person moving the substantive resolution relating to the relevant business shall have the opportunity to speak before the vote is taken and the resolution moved by the President requires a two-thirds majority;
- (4) a resolution under paragraph (2)(a) may be put more than once in relation to the same business;
- (5) a member wishing to propose an amendment to a resolution otherwise than by a notice of motion circulated in advance of the debate does not require a seconder but may do so only if the attempt comes in a timely fashion to the attention of the President and the proposal may then be considered only by permission of the President, to be withheld or given, conditionally or unconditionally, at his or her absolute discretion;
- (6) the person moving a resolution, including a resolution proposing an amendment, shall have a right of reply to the debate on the resolution;
- (7) a member wishing to raise a point of order on the ground that the rules of debate or regulations of the Conference or these directions have been violated may do so only if the attempt comes in a timely fashion to the attention of the President. The President may at his or her absolute discretion permit the point to be raised, in which case that shall be done as soon as is reasonably possible. The President shall decide all questions of order.

5/4/3 The Conference, with the required majority, adopted Resolution LP/10A:

For the purpose of reflecting the intention of the Conference expressed in principle on Saturday 25 June, the Conference amends Resolution LP/10 [see 3/14/2] as follows:

(1) by adding after paragraph (1) the following:

(1A) any two members may upon notice of motion complying with these directions bring before the Conference any lawful resolution which does

not relate to business already before the Conference and for the avoidance of doubt paragraph 5.9 of the First Report of the Business Committee (Agenda p 27) will apply to such notices of motion;

(2) by amending paragraph (2) to read:

(2) [*unchanged*]

(a) [*unchanged*]

(b) in any other case falling within paragraph (1) above, by the proposer and seconder and four other persons;

(c) in any case falling within paragraph (1A) above, by the proposer and seconder and eight other persons.

5/5 **4. APPOINTMENT OF THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE CONFERENCE**

The Conference adopted Resolution 4/1.

5/6 **3. METHODIST COUNCIL, PART 1, Sections E, H**

The Conference adopted Resolutions 3/8, 3/9, 3/15 and 3/16.

5/7 **25. METHODIST COUNCIL, PART 2, Section N**

5/7/1 The Conference adopted Resolution 25/9,

p 269, section heading:

*for* **SECTION H REPLACEMENT PROJECT CRITERIA**  
*reading* **SECTION N REPLACEMENT PROJECT CRITERIA**

pp 276-277

*replacing* the wording of Standing Order 972 with that given on p 268

*replacing* the wording of Standing Order 916 with that given on p 267

5/7/2 The Conference adopted Resolution 25/10 in the form:

The Conference amends the Standing Orders as set out above and directs that the amendments shall take effect on 1 September 2021, save that the levy shall not apply to the sale, letting or other disposition of a property falling within Standing Order 970 (2)(ii) for which consent has been obtained on or before 31 August 2021, notwithstanding that completion of such disposition takes place on or after 1 September 2021.

5/7/3 **Notice of Motion 2021/101: Temporary exemption of Oxford Place, Leeds from application of amended form of SO 970(2) as proposed by Resolution 25/10**

The Conference, noting that for the three years during which the members of the Methodist Council were the managing trustees of Oxford Place the Yorkshire West District was unable to take steps to explore proposals relating to Oxford Place, Leeds, or to sell it, resolves that a temporary exemption from the levy is appropriate, and directs that the levy required by SO 970(1) shall not be charged on any capital money arising from any sale, letting or other disposition of Oxford Place, Leeds, for which consent is given during a period of 18 months commencing on 1st September 2021.

5/7/4 The Conference adopted the Motion.

- 5/8           **METHODIST WOMEN IN BRITAIN**  
The Conference received a presentation by Methodist Women in Britain.
- 5/9           The Conference adjourned at 10:56.
- 5/10          The Conference reassembled at 11.30.
- 5/11          **THIRD REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE BUSINESS COMMITTEE**
- 5/11/1       In paragraph 52 of agenda item 59 (Marriage and Relationships: Provisional Resolutions) it is stated that the reporting group has recommended to the Business Committee that where a separate District Resolution has been adopted which proposes an amendment to the wording of a provisional resolution, the District Resolution could be dealt with as if it were a duly submitted Notice of Motion for an amendment, to be moved and seconded by District representatives. The proposed resolution gives effect to that recommendation.
- 5/11/2       The Conference adopted as Resolution B/2:  
  
                  For the purposes of SO 131(10) (which provides that when a resolution is before the Conference no other resolution may be submitted until it has been disposed of) any District Resolution seeking to amend a resolution contained in the report upon item 59 of the Agenda shall be dealt with as if it were a notice of motion to that effect duly submitted under resolution LP/10 of this Conference.
- 5/12          **59. MARRIAGE AND RELATIONSHIPS: PROVISIONAL RESOLUTIONS**
- 5/12/1       The Conference adopted Resolution 59/1,  
  
                  p 811, *amending* paragraph 45 to read:  
                  Whatever the decisions of the Conference, there will be practical consequences for single congregation Local Ecumenical Partnerships (LEP) but these are already being worked with in Methodist LEPS with the United Reformed Church and Baptist churches where ministers may conduct marriages between any two people and these may take place on their premises.
- 5/12/2       The Conference adopted Resolution 59/2.
- 5/12/3       The Conference adopted Resolution 59/3 in the form:  
  
                  As its further Reply to Memorial M12 of 2018, the Conference refers the Chester and Stoke-on-Trent Synod to the relevant guidance which will be found on the Methodist Church website when the decisions of the Conference have been taken into account.
- 5/12/4       **Memorials M23, M24, M25, M26, M27, M28, M41, M42**  
The Conference received Memorials M23, M24, M25, M26, M27, M28, M41 and M42 and adopted as its replies those recommended by the Memorials Committee, the Memorials and the replies appearing on Agenda pp 918-924, and pp 936-938.
- 5/13          **60. THE RESPONSE OF THE FAITH AND ORDER COMMITTEE TO THE GOD IN LOVE UNITES US REPORT**  
The Conference adopted Resolution 60/1.

- 5/14 The Conference adjourned at 13.08.
- 5/15 The Conference reassembled at 14.15.
- 5/16 In a session resourced by the President and Vice-President, the Conference shared in a love feast.
- 5/17 The Conference adjourned at 15.38.
- 5/18 The Conference reassembled at 15.58.
- 5/19 **34. ALL WE CAN – METHODIST RELIEF AND DEVELOPMENT**
- 5/19/1 The Conference received a presentation by All We Can.
- 5/19/2 The Conference adopted Resolution 34/1.
- 5/20 The Conference adjourned at 16.25.
- 5/21 The Conference reassembled at 16.45.
- 5/22 **36. TRANSFORMING LIVES: A SCHOOLS’ EDUCATIONAL STRATEGY FOR THE METHODIST CHURCH**
- 5/22/1 The Conference adopted Resolutions 36/1, 36/2, 36/3, 36/4 and 36/5.
- 5/22/2 The Conference adopted Resolution 36/6,  
*amending* part a. to read:  
 urges all Methodist schools to engage with local Circuits and Districts by hosting events, sharing facilities, and drawing on Methodist Heritage sites and the Methodist Modern Art Collection.
- 5/22/3 The Conference adopted Resolution 36/7.
- 5/23 **38. DELIVERANCE MINISTRY GUIDELINES**  
 The Conference adopted Resolutions 38/1, 38/2 and 38/3.
- 5/24 **35. DEFERRED SPECIAL RESOLUTION**
- 5/24/1 The Conference adopted Resolution 35/1,  
 pp 495-497, **Voting figures received**  
**Birmingham**  
*for* 9 circuit meetings *reading* 10 circuit meetings  
**Bolton and Rochdale**  
*for* 5 circuit meetings *reading* 6 circuit meetings  
**Isle of Man**  
*for* Synod For: 57 Against: 57  
*reading* Synod For: 57 Against: 0  
*adding:*  
 The Law and Polity Committee voted in favour.
- 5/24/2 The Conference, with the required majority, adopted Resolution 35/2 in the form:

The Conference confirms the amendments to the Model Trusts as set out above with effect from 1 September 2021.

5/24/3 The Conference adopted Resolution 35/3.

5/25 **3. METHODIST COUNCIL, PART 1, Section B**

The Conference adopted Resolutions 3/2 and 3/3.

5/26 **DAILY RECORD**

5/26/1 The Daily Record of the Presbyteral Session on Thursday 24 June and Friday 25 June was presented, taken as read, and adopted.

5/26/2 The Written Portion of the Daily Record of the Presbyteral Session was presented in headings only and adopted.

5/26/3 The Daily Record for Saturday 26 June and Sunday 27 June was presented, taken as read, and adopted,

at 3/5, for The Revd Mirella Mannocho *reading* The Revd Mirella Manocchio

5/27 The Conference engaged in worship and adjourned at 18.47.

5/28 **LETTERS**

Letters of greeting and concern were written in the name of the Conference to The Revd Will and Mrs V Morrey, Sister Eluned Williams, and Mr and Mrs J Aldridge.