

6/1 The Conference assembled at 9.15 and was led in worship by Local Preachers and the Connexional Officer for Worship and Local Preachers.

6/2 The Conference, with the required majority, adopted as Resolution B/4:

The Conference suspends Standing Order 110A(6) insofar as it applies to the designation of the President of the Conference of 2022 and resolves that the vote shall be by majority vote.

6/3 **FOURTH REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE BUSINESS COMMITTEE**

6/3/1 Under the terms of SO 136(2)(ii), the Business Committee recommends to the Conference that, should any member of the Conference wish to oppose any of the notices of motion in the 200 series, they notify the President (by email to conferenceoffice@methodistchurch.org.uk) by 16.30 on Tuesday afternoon. If there are no requests received, the motion will be moved by the proposer, who will have a speech limit of two minutes, before the Conference proceeds to a vote.

The Business Committee has considered the significant amount of remaining business related to God in Love Unites Us and has agreed to move Wednesday morning's service to Thursday. The conversation about marriage and relationships will therefore begin at 9:30 on Wednesday morning.

Please note that all the notices of motion have now been circulated, with the exception of those relating to the Strategy for Justice, Dignity and Solidarity, as this business will be taken later in the Conference.

6/3/2 The Conference adopted as Resolution B/3:

The Conference receives the Report.

6/4 **13. UNIFIED STATEMENT OF CONNEXIONAL FINANCES**

The Conference adopted Resolution 13/1,

p 143, column headings:
second column, *for '2019 Total' reading '2020 Total'*
sixth column, *for '2018 Total' reading '2019 Total'*

6/5 **14. METHODIST MINISTERS' PENSION SCHEME (MMPS)**

6/5/1 The Conference adopted Resolutions 14/1, 14/2, 14/3, 14/4, 14/5 and 14/6.

6/5/2 The Conference adopted as Resolution 14/7:

The Conference appoints Anne Fairchild and Fred King as Employer-Nominated Directors of the Methodist Ministers' Pension Trust Ltd. from 1 September 2021.

Fred King has significant experience advising pension trustees and others in the pensions industry having qualified as an actuary in 1991. Having retired in

2016 he is now an examiner for the Institute of Actuaries, has been a member of the South East District Finance Team, been treasurer of the Dorking and Horsham Circuit and recently became a church treasurer.

Anne Fairchild is the Circuit Executive Officer for the Enfield Circuit. She has over 30 years' experience in the investment and pensions sector including a Managing Director post at Goldman Sachs and was a trustee of their pension scheme. She is also a church treasurer.

The nominations are brought following an open selection process undertaken by a panel of representatives of the Methodist Council, the two pension schemes and was chaired by the Connexional Secretary.

6/5/3 **Supplementary Report**

Appointment of a professional independent trustee director

1. The contract for the professional independent trustee to the Methodist Ministers Pension Scheme (MMPS) ends in August 2022. The same appointment to the Pension and Assurance Scheme for Lay Employees of the Methodist Church (PASLEMC) ends in August 2021. The MMPS appointment is a Conference appointment with the PASLEMC appointment made by the Council.
2. A procurement exercise has been undertaken to appoint a supplier of this service from 1 September 2022 (MMPS) and 1 September 2021 (PASLEMC) with an end date for both schemes at 31 August 2024. The provision exists to renew the contract for a subsequent three year period subject to the discretion of the Conference/Council.
3. The successful supplier is Capital Cranfield Pension Trustees Limited. They are the existing supplier and they put forward Richard Hubbard as the individual who will fulfil the contract, replacing Ingrid Kirby from September 2021 (PASLEMC) and September 2022 (MMPS).
4. Richard Hubbard held a variety of senior commercial, financial, treasury and risk roles in a 34 year career with BP. He is currently a Trustee Director of the Church of England Pension Board where he chairs their Pensions Committee; Chair of the Church Mission Society pension scheme; chair designate of the Bible Society pension scheme and a member of the Local Government Pension Scheme investment committee for the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea.

6/5/4 The Conference adopted as Resolution 14/8:

The Conference appoints Capital Cranfield Pension Trustees Limited, represented by Mr Richard Hubbard, as Director of the Methodist Ministers' Pension Trust Limited for a two year term from 1 September 2022.

6/5/5 The Conference adopted as Resolution 14/9:

The Conference delegates to the Methodist Council the review of the contract in 2024 and the ability to extend the contract for a period of up to three years ending August 2027.

- 6/6 **41. PENSIONS SCHEME ACTUARIAL VALUATIONS**
The Conference adopted Resolutions 41/1, 41/2 and 41/3.
- 6/7 **20. CONNEXIONAL CENTRAL SERVICES BUDGET FOR THREE YEARS COMMENCING WITH 2021/2022**
- 6/7/1 The budget was presented.
- 6/7/2 **Memorials M1, M2, M3**
The Conference received Memorials M1, M2 and M3 and adopted as its replies those recommended by the Memorials Committee, the Memorials and the replies appearing on Agenda pp 891-894.
- 6/8 **3. METHODIST COUNCIL, PART 1, Sections F, G**
The Conference adopted Resolutions 3/10, 3/11, 3/12, 3/13 and 3/14.
- 6/9 **40. REFLECTIVE SUPERVISION REPORT**
The Conference adopted Resolutions 40/1, 40/2, 40/3 and 40/4.
- 6/10 The Conference adjourned at 11.14.
- 6/11 The Conference reassembled at 11.43.
- 6/12 **8. MINISTRY IN THE METHODIST CHURCH**
- 6/12/1 The Conference adopted Resolution 8/1.
- 6/12/2 The Conference, with the required majority, adopted Resolution 8/2,

p 96, first line,
for 'n' reading 'In'

p 102, paragraph 3.2.3,
amending fifth sentence to read as follows:
As the geographical centres of Christianity are changing, so is the worldwide Church.

p 118, paragraph 7.4.1,
footnote numbers 88 and 89, in lines 2 and 6 respectively, should appear as superscript numbers ⁸⁸ and ⁸⁹

p 119, paragraph 7.4.2.2,
for 'see 1.7 above' reading 'see 1.8 above'
- 6/13 **26. CHANGING PATTERNS OF MINISTRY**
- 6/13/1 The Conference adopted Resolution 26/1,

p 290, paragraph 3.4.3,
for 'District Policy Committee' reading 'Lay Employment Sub-committee'
- 6/13/2 The Conference adopted Resolutions 26/2, 26/3 and 26/4.
- 6/13/3 The Conference adopted Resolution 26/5,

for 'October 2021' reading 'October 2022' in the wording of the Resolution as it appears on p 299

6/13/4 The Conference adopted Resolutions 26/6, 26/7, 26/8, 26/9, 26/10, 26/11 and 26/12.

6/14 The Conference adjourned at 13.08.

6/15 The Conference reassembled at 14.15.

6/16 **30. OVERSIGHT AND TRUSTEESHIP**

6/16/1 The Conference received the following additional information:

Draft terms of reference for Task Group for Regional and District Structure Planning

Aim: To reconfigure the District structure more appropriately to reflect the reduced size in membership and to work within budgetary constraints whilst enabling the mission of the Methodist Church in Britain to be more fruitful.

Draft Terms of Reference for Task Group for Regional and District Structure Planning

- To ensure that all Districts continue to engage in conversations alongside others about regional ways of working to reduce the number of Districts and Chairs of Districts and to gather the outcomes of collaborative models of leadership and oversight;
- To consider the outcomes and offer regional groups the emerging connexional framework for the future structure following approval of the structure by the Council;
- To engage with the regional groups on their proposals for the future, and to offer feedback from a connexional viewpoint on what has been proposed (including budgetary considerations);
- To work with District Chairs and other leaders to map the emerging connexional framework for the future structure and the process for change through to 2023/24;
- To ensure that what emerges from the regional reviews will inform the emerging Connexional framework and vice-versa, as part of an iterative process;
- To ensure that proposed changes in district leadership are informed by other work on leadership (from the Faith and Order Committee, the Ministries Committee, and elsewhere);
- To ensure that connexional resources (staffing time, particularly the Learning Network) are available and used by Districts and regions;
- To bring together thinking about other senior posts in Districts (Deputy Chairs, Assistant Chairs, "District Steward", "Senior Deacon", and others) and to work with Faith and Order and Law and Polity on future development of these roles and incorporation as necessary in the Standing Orders;
- To report to the Council in March 2022 and to the 2022 Conference.

- 6/16/2 The Conference adopted Resolutions 30/1, 30/2, 30/3, 30/4, 30/5, 30/6, 30/7 and 30/8.
- 6/16/3 The Conference adopted Resolution 30/9 in the form:
- The Conference directs that the the Council appoints a group to undertake further work to review the constitution of the Conference and its ways of working, and to report with recommendations to the 2022 Conference.
- 6/16/4 The Conference adopted 30/10 and 30/11.
- 6/16/5 The Conference adopted Resolution 30/12,
- for 'readvertise' reading 'advertise' in the wording of the Resolution*
- 6/16/6 The Conference renumbered Resolution 30/13 on p 440 as Resolution 30/12A and adopted Resolution 30/12A,
- p 437, SO 605(3), *amending* to read:
(3) For the purpose of clause (1) **and of Standing Order 605A(1)** a person is locally resident if resident in such a place that the Local Church in question is a natural centre for worship or fellowship.
- p 437, SO 605A (1),
for 'When, in any Local Church,' reading 'When, in any Local Church,'
- and *adding* Resolution 30/12A to the list of resolutions on p 443.
- 6/16/7 The Conference adopted Resolutions 30/13 (pp 441 and 443) and 30/14.
- 6/16/8 **Memorials M18, M19**
- The Conference received Memorials M18 and M19 and adopted as its replies those recommended by the Memorials Committee, the Memorials and the replies appearing on Agenda pp 911-913.
- 6/17 **31. FAITH AND ORDER COMMITTEE: OVERSIGHT AND TRUSTEESHIP**
- The Conference adopted Resolution 31/1.
- 6/18 The Conference adjourned at 16.15.
- 6/19 The Conference reassembled at 16.45.
- 6/20 **DAILY RECORD**
- The Daily Record for Monday 28 June was presented, taken as read, and adopted.
- 6/21 **32. CLIMATE CHANGE AND FOSSIL FUELS: RESPONSE TO MEMORIAL 32 (2017) AND CONFERENCE REPLY**
- The Conference adopted Resolution 32/1.
- 6/22 **39. HOLY COMMUNION AND ONLINE WORSHIP**
- 6/22/1 The Conference adopted Resolutions 39/1, 39/2, 39/3 and 39/4.

- 6/22/2 **Memorials M17**
The Conference received Memorial M17 and adopted as its reply that recommended by the Memorials Committee, the Memorial and the reply appearing on Agenda p 910.
- 6/23 **25. METHODIST COUNCIL, PART 2, Section K**
- 6/23/1 The Conference adopted Resolution 25/1.
- 6/23/2 **Update to Report**
The Charity Commission has indicated that, in its view, the terms of the Centenary Hall Trust Deed only require the Conference to approve an 'in principle' decision to sell Methodist Church House, before the terms of the sale are agreed and a buyer confirmed. The negotiation and final approval of the detailed terms are the responsibility of the Methodist Council as managing trustees of the property and are subject to the usual Charities Act requirements for sale of charity property. The Conference 'in principle' vote required is a simple majority.
- 6/23/3 The Conference adopted as Resolution 25/1A,

Under the terms of clause 12(2) of the Charity Commission Scheme for the Centenary Hall Trust dated 4 March 1998, the Conference confirms the decision to sell Methodist Church House.
- 6/24 The Conference went into closed session at 17.58.
- 6/25 The Conference received a report on behalf of the Convenors of Connexional Discipline and Appeal Committees.
- 6/26 The Conference received a report about two regulatory matters from the Conference Officer for Legal and Constitutional Practice.
- 6/27 The Conference reassembled in open session at 18.05.
- 6/28 The Conference engaged in worship and adjourned at 18.20.
- 6/29 **LETTERS**
- 6/29/1 A letter of concern was written in the name of the Conference to The Revd Canon John McLuckie, an Associate Member of the Conference from the Scottish Episcopal Church.
- 6/29/2 A letter of congratulation and concern was written in the name of the Conference to Mr and Mrs Andrew Gibbs.
- 6/29/3 Letters of thanks and encouragement were written in the name of the Conference to all Methodist schools at the end of a difficult academic year.