

## 54. Report to the Representative Session of business conducted by the Conference Diaconal Committee

The Conference Diaconal Committee (“the Committee”) met during the Convocation of the Methodist Diaconal Order on 11 May 2018. The Vice-President took the Chair.

### 1. Deacons who have died

The Committee approved the obituaries of Brenda Fuller, Susan Mary Jackson, Linda Judith Ireland, Joan Mary Stockley, Greta Marion Wainwright and Helen Merle Wilde.

### 2. Candidates

- 2.1 The Committee recommended, with the required majority, acceptance by the Representative Session of the following candidates to proceed immediately into pre-ordination training:

Alison Hyde  
Kim Louise Gabbattis  
Marcianne Uwimana  
Sarah Jane Rigby  
Tessa Joanne Bennett

- 2.2 The Committee recommended, with the required majority, acceptance by the Representative Session of the following candidate to proceed to training upon the fulfilment of certain conditions:  
*No case*

- 2.2 The Committee noted the following deacons recommended by the Ministerial Candidates’ Selection Committee for training for presbyteral ministry upon transfer from diaconal ministry:  
*No case*

- 2.3 The Committee noted the following accepted diaconal candidates recommended by the Ministerial Candidates’ Selection Committee for training for presbyteral ministry:  
*No case*

### 3. Transfer

The Committee adopted the recommendation by a 75% majority or more of the Ministerial Candidates’ Selection Committee acting as Transfer Committee that the following applicants should be transferred to the jurisdiction of this Conference, as a probationer:  
*No case*

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### 4. Training and probation

The Committee adopted the following special reports of the Ministerial Candidates' and Probationers' Oversight Committee:

- 4.1 Candidates accepted at previous Conferences and given permission to delay entry into training:  
*No case*
- 4.2 Candidates accepted at this Conference and to be given permission to delay entry into training:  
*No case*
- 4.3 Candidates accepted at this Conference and to be given permission to transfer to another Conference:  
*No case*
- 4.4 Candidates conditionally accepted at previous Conferences:
  - (a) Those judged to have fulfilled the condition and therefore to be accepted as candidates  
*No case*
  - (b) Those judged to have failed to fulfil the condition and thereby not to be accepted as candidates  
*No case*
  - (c) Those still to fulfil the condition  
*No case*
- 4.5 Changes in expected date of Reception into Full Connexion:
  - (a) To an earlier date  
*No case*
  - (b) To a later date  
*No case*
- 4.6 Special cases:  
*No case*
- 4.7 Deferred entry into probation:  
*No case*

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- 4.8 Withdrawals under SO 727:
- (a) Candidates  
No case
  - (b) Student deacons  
No case
  - (c) Probationers  
No case
- 4.9 Transfer to other Conferences or Churches:  
No case
- 4.10 Reinstatements under SO 761:  
No case
- 4.11 Discipline:  
No case
- 4.12 The Committee noted, pursuant to SO 031, that the following students and probationers had been discontinued:  
No case

*In the following lists:*

\* = change from the lists approved by the 2017 Conference

+ = candidates accepted by the 2017 Conference

Surname	First name(s)	Due to be received into Full Connexion
Brown	Corinne Anne	2019
+ Goddard	Caroline Michelle	2021
Hassall	Shirley Dianne	2019
Johnson	Katherine Jane	2020
+ Lunn	Helen	2022
Parnell	Jennifer	2019
Perrott	Nigel George	2020
Rop	Bryanell Elizabeth	2019
+ Sam	Theresa Effuah	2022
+ Snowball	Helen	2021
Spinks	Rebekah Joy	2020
Stoddart	Judith Elizabeth	2019
Stoner	Robert Austin	2020
Wheadon	Sally Anne	2020

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### 5. **Ordinands**

The Committee recommended to the Representative Session of the Conference that the following are fit to be received into Full Connexion with the Conference as deacons, and, if not already ordained, to be ordained and to be received into full membership of the Methodist Diaconal Order:

Linda Brown  
Jacqueline Abigail Patricia Onike Esama-John  
Elizabeth Harfleet  
Sarah Louise Wickett  
Jacqueline Linda Wright

### 6. **Permission to serve abroad**

Angleena J Keizer

### 7. **Permission to reside abroad**

Harriet P Bacon  
Gordon H Wallace

### 8. **Deacons becoming supernumerary**

(a) The Committee recommended to the Representative Session that the following deacons be permitted to become supernumerary:

Vivienne Gray  
Stephen J Peck  
Lynne Sylvester-Tonge

(b) Permissions granted during the year:

During the year, the President permitted the following deacon to become supernumerary on health grounds:

Gwynneth J Bamford

See *the Presbyters and Deacons Becoming Supernumerary or Returning to the Active Work section of the Agenda for the resolution to be presented to the Representative Session.*

### 9. **Resignations**

The Committee noted that the President had given permission for the following deacons to resign:

*No case*

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### 10. Annual Inquiry

The Warden of the Order gave to the President on behalf of the Convocation the assurances as to the character and discipline of the deacons and diaconal probationers required by Standing Order 183.

### \*\*\*RESOLUTIONS

**54/1. The Conference receives the Report.**

**54/2. The Conference resolves, by a Standing Vote, that it accepts for training, unconditionally or conditionally as the case may be, the candidates for ministry recommended by the Diaconal Committee whose names are recorded in the report of that Committee.**

**54/3. The Conference adopts the report on diaconal students and probationers recommended for continuance in training or on probation as set out in section 4.**

**54/4. The Conference resolves by a Standing Vote that those persons whose names have been read to the Conference and are printed in the Agenda be now received into Full Connexion with the Conference as deacons, and, if not already ordained, to be ordained by prayer and the laying on of hands and to be received into full membership of the Methodist Diaconal Order on the afternoon of this day, the 1<sup>st</sup> day of July, at Southwell Minster.**