

REPRESENTATIVE SESSION

ORDER OF BUSINESS

14:10 The Assistant Secretary welcomes the Conference.

14:15 The Conference stands for the entry of:
Former Presidents and Vice-Presidents
The Conference Officer for Legal and Constitutional Practice
The Secretary
The President and the Vice-President

Hymn: *And are we yet alive?*

Reading: Ephesians 2:4-10

Prayer: The President of the Methodist Church in Ireland

Membership of the Conference: Agenda pages 612-619 and changes listed on the Order Paper page 13

Appointment of Scrutineers

The Revd Iain M Ballard
Ms Jenny Cornell
Dr Geoffrey J Dickinson
Mr Chris Finbow
The Revd Andrew W Fyall
The Revd David W Hookins
The Revd Eleanor G Jackson
The Revd Philip J Jackson
Dr Stephen Leah
Mrs Anna Malnutt
Mr Giles Richards
Miss Emily Roe
Ms Caroline Warrey
The Revd Rachael M Wilson

Hymn: *Holy Spirit come to us
O breath of life, come sweeping through us*

The Vote for the President of the Conference – Resolution 1/1 (Agenda page 18)

The Vote for the Vice-President of the Conference – Resolution 1/2 (Agenda page 18)

Induction of the President and the Vice-President

Hymn: *Earth's Creator, everyday God*

The Loyal Address

Welcome of World Church Partners
Response by Presiding Bishop Hannah Faal-Heim, Methodist Church The Gambia

Welcome of Ecumenical and Interfaith Guests and associate members
Response by the Rt Revd Patrick McKinney, Bishop of Nottingham

Hymn: *For everyone born, a place at the table*

The President's Address

Hymn: *Hear the call of the kingdom*

16:00 Tea Break

17:00 Hymn: *Give to me, Lord, a thankful heart*

The Vice-President's Address

Hymn: *God of justice, Saviour to all*

17:45 **Agenda Item 2: First Report of the Conference Business Committee** (Agenda pages 22-28)

Resolution 2/1. (Agenda page 28)

Second Report of the Conference Business Committee (Order Paper pages 14-16)

Resolution B/1. (Order Paper page 16)

Agenda Item 54: Report to the Representative Session from the Conference

Diaconal Committee (Agenda pages 603-607)

Resolutions 54/1, 54/3. (Agenda page 607)

Our Calling presentation

18:15 Prayers

Hymn: *Praise the Lord who reigns above*

18.30 Adjourn

CHANGES TO THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE CONFERENCE (Agenda pages 612-619)

Record Secretary

For to be confirmed *read* Mr Andrew Maxfield

Chairs of District

The Revd Richard M Andrew *vice* The Revd Ian Howarth

For The Revd David Hinchliffe *read* The Revd Dr David Hinchliffe

For The Revd David P Easton *read* The Revd Dr David P Easton

For The Revd Jongikaya Zihle *read* The Revd Dr Jongikaya Zihle

Concerns of Equality, Diversity and Inclusion

Ms Tamzin Murray *vice* Ms Whitney K Addow

Lancashire

The Revd Barbara S Pettitt *vice* The Revd Katharine J Bland

Southampton

Mrs Elizabeth Britton *vice* Mrs Christine Hatton

Yorkshire West

Mr Colin Ride *vice* Dr John Hargreaves

Mr Matthew Burland *vice* Mr John Watmough

Yorkshire North and East District

For The Revd Keith Albans *read* The Revd Dr Keith Albans

Deacon Ruth M Richey *vice* Deacon Denise A Creed

London District

The Revd David I H Hardman *vice* The Revd Rachel A Bending

Ms Marcia Tull *vice* Ms Marion Gaima

Mrs Sheila Platt *vice* Ms Monica Pryce-Ross

South East District

Mr Ian Haggarty *vice* Miss Victoria Lawrence

Associate Members

The Revd Dr Kponjesu Hounsa (Eglise Protestante Méthodiste du Bénin) is unable to attend.

The Revd Próspero-David Sharpe (Iglesia Metodista de Guinea Ecuatorial) is unable to attend.

The Revd Juan de Dios Peña (Iglesia Evangélica Metodista en El Salvador) is unable to attend.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Hours of session from Monday 2 July: 09:15 – 11:00; 11:30 – 12:45; 14:15 – 16:15; 16:45 – 18:45

SECOND REPORT FROM THE CONFERENCE BUSINESS COMMITTEE

The Business Committee brings this update to its Report printed in volume 1 of the Agenda (item 2, page 22).

1. As set out in paragraph 8 of that report (page 26), the Conference is required to elect two members of the Business Committee, both ministers, to serve on the Committee for three years (the Conferences of 2019, 2020 and 2021). Nomination forms are available from the Helpdesk and should be placed in the ballot boxes by 14:00 on Tuesday 3 July, with voting taking place on Wednesday 4 July.
2. Nomination forms for Conference-elected representatives are available from the Helpdesk. This year, of the three Conference-elected representatives to serve from 2019-2021, one will be diaconal and two will be lay, thus fulfilling SO 103(2A). Nominations must be submitted by 14:00 on Tuesday 3 July, with voting taking place on Wednesday 4 July.
3. The schedule of business has been available on the Conference website and regularly updated. It now shows the current situation. Any Conference member wishing to have a hard copy can obtain one from the Helpdesk.
4. The Conference is advised that, in the event of a counted vote on Saturday, the count will be conducted by the scrutineers who are presbyters and the Chair of the Conference Business Committee. Normal scrutineering arrangements will begin on Monday morning.
5. Nominees for President and Vice-President of the Conference for 2019 and as Conference-elected representatives 2019-2021 are kindly asked to have their photographs taken, for use in the visual projection during breaks. Would they please see June Howard-Norman in the Conference Arrangements Team office as soon as possible and no later than the respective closing times for nominations given in the Agenda page 26. In the event that nominees are not present at the Conference, it would be most helpful if those making the nominations could arrange for nominees' photos to be sent electronically to asc@methodistchurch.org.uk
6. There are two ballot boxes on each 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 26 of the Agenda. Please do not place your envelope with your completed Trustee Declaration Form and Register of Interest form in these boxes; they should be deposited in the box by the Helpdesk.
7. 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	Local ordained ministry	21. Methodist Council, section N: Ministries Committee
M2	Local options for ministerial training	21. Methodist Council, section N: Ministries Committee
M3	Pioneer ministry	21. Methodist Council, section N: Ministries Committee
M4	Worship: Leading and Preaching	21. Methodist Council, section N: Ministries Committee
M5	Worship leader training	21. Methodist Council, section N: Ministries Committee
M6	Use of clear language	<i>en bloc</i>

M7	Reports to the Conference	3. Methodist Council, section C: Accessibility to the Conference
M8	Circuit strategies	<i>en bloc</i>
M9	Substitutes at Circuit Meetings	<i>en bloc</i>
M10	Membership of Church Councils by presbyters	<i>en bloc</i>
M11	Ecumenical constitutions for united areas	<i>en bloc</i>
M12	The registration of shared premises for same-sex marriage	27. Marriage and Relationships Task Group: interim report
M13	Statistics for mission	3. Methodist Council
M14	Payment for manse water supplies	13. Connexional Allowances Committee
M15	The stationing process	<i>en bloc</i>
M16	The stationing process	<i>en bloc</i>
M17	Supervision	<i>en bloc</i>
M18	Authorisations for deacons to preside at communion	43. Authorisations Committee
M19	Complaints and discipline procedures	<i>en bloc</i>
M20	Circuit model trust fund annual distributions to district Advance Funds	<i>en bloc</i>
M21	Standardised formula for assessments	25. Connexional Central Services Budget District Allocations
M22	Accounting software	<i>en bloc</i>
M23	Community land trusts	<i>en bloc</i>
M24	Support for refugees	<i>en bloc</i>
M25	Yemen	<i>en bloc</i>
M26	Anti-Semitism	<i>en bloc</i>
M27	Plastic	<i>en bloc</i>
M28	Alcohol	<i>en bloc</i>

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.

8. The list of *en bloc* items of business (page 28) has since been updated and is as printed below:
- (3) Methodist Council, part 1, sections A, B, F, H
 - (7) Trustees for the Bailiwick of Guernsey Methodist Church Purposes
 - (8) Trustees for Jersey Methodist Church Purposes
 - (10) Methodist Diaconal Order General Report
 - (14) Committee on Methodist Law and Polity (1)
 - (16) Action for Children
 - (17) Fernley Hartley Trust
 - (19) Managing Trustees of John Wesley's Chapel, the New Room Bristol and 4 and 5 Charles Street
 - (21) Methodist Council, part 3, sections L, P, Q, S, T
 - (26) Stationing Committee
 - (28) Ecumenical Report
 - (29) Methodist Schools
 - (37) WCC Mission Conference

- (38) Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes
- (39) Managing Trustees for the Methodist Central Hall, Westminster
- (40) Relief and Extension Fund for Methodism in Scotland
- (41) Joint Covenant Advocacy and Monitoring Group
- (42) Central Finance Board
- (44) Referred Memorials and Notices of Motion
- (46) Committee on Methodist Law and Polity (2)
- (56) Memorials to the Conference, which are not assigned to other items of business

*****RESOLUTION**

B/1. The Conference receives the Report.

ADDITIONS AND CORRECTIONS TO THE CONFERENCE AGENDA

AGENDA ITEM 3: METHODIST COUNCIL, PART 1, SECTION B (Pages 32-33)

Paragraph 7, page 33

Replace with:

Given that the tasks for which the Network Committee was established either are, or now can be, dealt with elsewhere, the Council recommends to the Conference that this committee be disbanded and its work re-allocated as set out in this report.

AGENDA ITEM 12: UNIFIED STATEMENT OF CONNEXIONAL FINANCES (Pages 82-93)

Page 88, Fixed Assets

The first section should appear as follows:

	The Methodist Church in Great Britain		The Connexional Funds		
	Notes	2017 £000	Restated 2016 £000	2017 £000	Restated 2016 £000
Fixed assets					
Intangible Assets	13c	178	171	176	171
Tangible fixed assets	13a,b	96,210	93,101	88,853	85,931
Investments	14a,b	181,424	166,509	158,694	151,022
		277,812	259,781	247,723	237,124

AGENDA ITEM 14: COMMITTEE ON METHODIST LAW AND POLITY (1) (Pages 128-136)

Page 131, Section D, The Wesley Trust and Schools Committee

For

243 The Wesley Trust

The Methodist Conference shall exercise its powers contained in the articles of the Wesley Trust. Under the articles the Conference appoints up to twelve directors nominated by the members of the company.

Read

243 The Wesley Trust

The Methodist Conference shall exercise its powers contained in the articles of the Wesley Trust to appoint up to twelve directors nominated by the members of the company.

Page 132, Resolution 14/6

*****AMENDED RESOLUTION**

14/6. The Conference adopts Standing Orders 243 and 343A as set out in the Report.

AGENDA ITEM 19: MANAGING TRUSTEES OF JOHN WESLEY'S CHAPEL, THE NEW ROOM, BRISTOL, AND 4-5 CHARLES STREET, BRISTOL (Pages 156-160)

Page 159, Resolution 19/3

Add Mr Bob Wood

AGENDA ITEM 21: METHODIST COUNCIL, PART 3 (Pages 184-278)

Page 200, SO 213(1)

For

Other members of the senior management group of the Connexional Team may attend as the business of the Committee shall require. Staff so invited to attend shall have the right to speak but not vote.

Read

Other members of the senior management group of the Connexional Team may attend by invitation as the business of the Committee shall require. Staff so attending shall have the right to speak but not vote.

Page 219, Resolution 21/12, SO 563

For (iii) 'To regularly...' read (iii) 'to regularly ...'

For (ix) to attend the annual Service of Reaffirmation of their call to preach;

Read (v) to attend an annual Service of Reaffirmation of their call to preach;

Page 219, Resolution 21/14

*****AMENDED RESOLUTION**

21/14. The Conference adopts section 3 of the report as its further reply to Memorial M11 (2015).

Page 220, Resolution 21/17

***AMENDED RESOLUTION

21/17. The Conference adopts section 5 of the report as its further reply to Memorial M1 (2016).

Page 220, Resolution 21/18

***AMENDED RESOLUTION

21/18. The Conference amends Standing Order 710(1) as follows:

(1) (a) A candidate for the diaconate or the presbyterate in the Methodist Church shall have been baptized and shall have been a member of the Church in good standing for at least three years **as at 30 September in the connexional year in which the candidate's offer is made.**

(b) and (c) [unchanged]

(d) **The requirements in sub-clauses (b) and (c) above must be met by 1 February in the connexional year in which the candidate's offer is made.**

Page 243, Resolution 21/30

***AMENDED RESOLUTION

21/30. The Conference revokes Standing Orders 908 and 970(2)(vi).

AGENDA ITEM 26: STATIONING COMMITTEE (Pages 331-336)

Page 334, Paragraph 5.1

Penultimate line of paragraph

For deplorability read deployability

AGENDA ITEM 27: MARRIAGE AND RELATIONSHIPS TASK GROUP (Pages 337-347)

Page 339, Paragraph 5

Replace the text in brackets with:

(including issues of cohabitation, serial-monogamy, polyamory, understanding and relating well to bisexual and transgender people, to name but a few)

Page 342, Paragraph 17

Replace the last two sentences with:

What is best if people identify as bisexual or trans? How do changing understandings of gender identity affect our understanding of others?

AGENDA ITEM 29: METHODIST SCHOOLS (Pages 352-354)

Page 354, Resolution 29/9

For the Revd Sally Radcliffe read the Revd Sally Ratcliffe

Page 354, additional Resolutions

***RESOLUTIONS

29/10. The Conference appoints Jenny Clarke as a Trustee of the Methodist Academies and Schools Trust, for a period of three years concluding 31 August 2021.

- 29/11. The Conference appoints Dr Lorraine Earps as a Trustee of the Methodist Academies and Schools Trust, for a period of three years concluding 31 August 2021.
- 29/12. The Conference appoints Dr Christopher Stephens as a Trustee of the Methodist Academies and Schools Trust, for a period of three years concluding 31 August 2021.

Reasoned Statements

Jenny Clarke has been the Headteacher of Aspull Church Primary School, a joint Anglican/Methodist school since 2009. She is the Methodist representative on the board of Wigan SACRE.

Dr Lorraine Earps is Head of Queen's College, Taunton, a co-educational Methodist Independent school in Somerset.

Dr Christopher Stephens is Head of Southlands College, the Methodist college of the University of Roehampton. Alongside holding a senior role within the university, Christopher established the Susanna Wesley Foundation, acting as its Director until 2018.

AGENDA ITEM 30: SAFEGUARDING COMMITTEE (Pages 355-359)

Page 359, Paragraph 5.1

For Joint Safeguarding Reference Group read Joint Safeguarding Working Group

AGENDA ITEM 31: FAITH AND ORDER COMMITTEE REPORT (Pages 360-365)

Page 364, additional paragraph

Insert:

5.6.7 In its report to the 2016 Conference the Faith and Order Committee outlined a potential new piece of work on the theology of online life. The Committee is now in a position to take forward this work in order to support continued reflection on the particular questions relating to 'holy communion mediated through social media' and to enable theological exploration of the broader questions about the nature of online life and Christian experience (referred to in 5.6.3). In the coming months the Committee will work with Methodists who are already engaged in ministry in online spaces; firstly to identify the key areas for theological exploration and, secondly, to help shape a consultation day to be held during the 2018/19 connexional year. It is hoped that the consultation day will involve practitioners and theologians, enable a variety of perspectives to be expressed and discussed, and help identify how the conversation might best continue. A report on the progress of this work will be brought to the 2020 Conference.

AGENDA ITEM 38: TRUSTEES FOR METHODIST CHURCH PURPOSES (TMCP) (Pages 508-520)

Page 519, 3. Nominations for appointment to the Board

Add The Revd Rodney Hill

Rodney Hill is the Mission Enabler for the Manchester and Stockport District.

*****AMENDED RESOLUTION**

38/2. The Conference appoints the Revd Paul H Davis, the Revd Rodney Hill and Ms Alethea Siow as members of the Board of the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes.

**AGENDA ITEM 47: MINISTERIAL CANDIDATES' AND PROBATIONERS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
(Pages 564-570)**

Page 565, Paragraph 1.10

Delete Lindsey Philpot

AGENDA ITEM 50: DESIGNATIONS FOR APPOINTMENT OF DISTRICT CHAIRS (Pages 583-587)

*****ADDITIONAL RESOLUTION**

50/8. The Conference designates for appointment the Revd S Mark Slaney as Chair for the Scotland and Shetland Districts for a period of six years from 1 September 2019.

The Revd S Mark Slaney

Mark Slaney is the superintendent of the Preston Ribble Circuit in the Lancashire District. He is an engaging and energetic minister, with an obvious depth of faith. Prior to ordained ministry Mark had wide experience in Christian youth work. He is a reflective practitioner who listens and builds on other people's ideas. He has training and experience in conflict resolution which he is willing to use to enable others.

Mark is passionate about the gospel and has a particular gift for communicating it beyond the walls of the church. This has found expression in much appreciated contributions to local radio. Within the church, Mark is passionate about theology and how it informs the way the church is and could be. He is engaged in exploring how the pattern of life, death and resurrection that we see in Jesus is also being lived out in our churches.

Ecumenical engagement has been part of Mark's ministry in many ways, particularly expressed through involvement in a Methodist-Anglican school and its place in the community, and he is looking forward to bringing distinctive Methodist emphases to ecumenical engagement in Shetland and Scotland.

Mark will bring energy and enthusiasm, and a desire to help the Districts engage with biblical literacy and social action.

The Synods recommend to the Conference that the Revd S Mark Slaney is appointed to serve as Chair for the Shetland and Scotland Districts for a period of six years from 1 September 2019.

AGENDA ITEM 51: COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS (Pages 588-598)

Resolution 51/2, Panel for the Nomination of District Chairs

Add Deacon Melanie Beaven

Melanie Beaven is serving in the North Cumbria Circuit, with experience of recruitment, selection and discernment.

Resolution 51/3, Panel for Connexional Discipline, Pastoral and Appeal Committees and persons with associated functions

Delete Deacon Marion Sharp, Miss Joan Charlesworth, Dr Mary Jefferson

Resolution 51/4, Panel for Connexional Complaints Teams

Delete the Revd Mary R Teed

Delete Deacon Deborah L Wilde

Resolution 51/5, Ministerial Candidates' Selection Committee

For Rachel A Burgess read Rachel A Hextall

Add the Revd Ashley R Cooper, Ms Kate Paterson

For Deacon Sian M Street read Deacon Sian M Street

Ashley Cooper is a presbyter, and the Principal of Cliff College.

Kate Paterson is a research microbiologist. She is a steward and worship leader in in the St Neots and Huntingdon circuit, where she leads Café style worship services, youth and adult fellowship groups, nurture group and prayer breakfasts. She represents the Circuit at the District Synod.

Sian Street serves as a deacon in the Bailiwick of Guernsey Circuit, working in ecumenical situations through hospice chaplaincy, schools ministry and pastoral care. She is a member of the Chairs' Nomination Committee and district representative to the DMLN regional forum.

Resolution 51/7, Faith and Order Committee

Delete the Revd Simon C Sutcliffe

Add the Revd Dr George P Bailey

George Bailey spends half of his time as a Lecturer in Mission Wesleyan Studies at Cliff College and half of his time as a circuit presbyter. Before entering ministry he worked as a primary school teacher and for the Probation Service; but he began as a student of theology, and seeking a systematic, relevant, contextual theology to underpin and shape the mission of the Church and his own various roles within it is a consistent passion. He continues to develop research interests in Wesleyan theology, and theologies of sanctification and holiness across a spectrum of Christian traditions.

Resolution 51/9(d), Churches Together in England Forum

Delete a lay vacancy, the Revd Ruth M Gee

Add the Revd Dr Jonathan R Hustler, the Revd Nicola Reynolds

Jonathan Hustler is the Assistant Secretary of the Conference.

Nicola Reynolds is the District Ecumenical Officer for the Cumbria District.

Resolution 51/12, the Methodist Council

(vi) for to be confirmed read Professor David Matthews, the Revd Michael D Parker

Michael Parker and David Matthews are nominated to the Council by the Strategy and Resources Committee.

*****ADDITIONAL RESOLUTION**

51/20. The Conference appoints the Methodist Diaconal Order Leadership Group:

Mrs Ruth Pickles (Chair), Mr Peter Baffoe, Deacon Dawn N Canham, Deacon Kathryn Lamb, the Revd Andrew Letby, the Revd Dr Claire R Potter, Dr Malcolm Stevenson

Andrew Letby is Superintendent of the Croydon Circuit. He has wide experience and a deep understanding of the contribution made by deacons to the life and ministry of a circuit. He is a member of the Ministerial Candidates Selection Committee.

Dawn Canham will shortly be moving from the Melton Mowbray Circuit to the Wimbledon Circuit. Dawn represented the Diaconal Order at the 2017 World Diakonia Assembly in Chicago, which greatly inspired her vision as part of the world-wide fellowship of deacons.

ADDITIONAL REPORT: CONNEXIONAL TREASURERS

Due to an oversight, the appointment of Mr Edward Awty as connexional treasurer has not been brought back to the Conference for an extension to be granted. Mr Awty was first appointed to the role of connexional treasurer under the provisions of SO 311 by the 2010 Conference, for an initial period of six years.

He has indicated that he is willing to be reappointed for a further period of five years from the end of his original term of office, that is, until 2021.

Before retirement, Ted Awty was a senior partner at KPMG. He is a member of Wimbourne Methodist Church in the Southampton District. He served as a church steward and senior steward at Bushey and Oxhey. He brings to the role of connexional treasurer wide experience of the Methodist Church as well as financial acumen and strategic thinking.

The Conference is therefore asked to reappoint Mr Edward Awty as connexional treasurer, serving until 2021.

*****ADDITIONAL RESOLUTION**

51/21. Pursuant to SO 311(4), the Conference appoints Mr Edward Awty as connexional treasurer until 31 August 2021.

AGENDA ITEM 53: PRESBYTERS BECOMING SUPERNUMERARY (Pages 600-602)

Page 600, 1. Recommended to return to the active work

For Harold Stuteley read No case

Page 600, 3. Presbyters requesting permission to become supernumerary

<i>Add</i>	*	Nigel Clements	(9)
<i>Add</i>	*	Julyan Drew	(20)
<i>Add</i>		Wendy Evans-Wood	(13)
<i>Add</i>	+	Jean Fletcher	(34)
<i>Add</i>		Christine Griffiths	(23)
<i>Add</i>		Ian P Hamilton	(40)
<i>Add</i>	*	Elizabeth A McDowell	(13)
<i>Add</i>		Jennifer M McKenzie	(30)
<i>Add</i>	*	Janet K Pillinger	(10)
<i>Add</i>		Peter J Pillinger	(41)

Page 601, Resolution 53/4.

Withdraw resolution.