

47. Authorisations Committee

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1. The Authorisations Committee has reviewed applications from Circuits to authorise those who are not ordained as presbyters to preside at services of Holy Communion. Careful consideration was given to applications using the established criteria.
2. The Committee considered a total of 50 applications (including renewals after three years): 11 presbyteral probationers and 39 lay people. 47 authorisations are recommended to the Conference. One authorisation was granted for one year only and the name of that individual has therefore been placed in List C. The Committee declined to recommend three applications which did not meet the deprivation figure and which could not be accepted on the grounds of geographical deprivation.
3. The Committee also considered one application made under the missional criterion and this was approved.
4. The work of the Committee allows its members to gain a picture from across the Connexion of changing patterns of worship in many Circuits. We continue to consider the way in which we do our work and whether changes are needed.
5. The Faith and Order Committee has on its agenda a review of the current criteria for Authorisations. That review will have access to the Authorisations Committee and their experience of our current practice.
6. Applications for authorisations for deacons are no longer being considered, following the resolution of the 2019 Conference arising from the report *The Theology and Ecclesiology Underpinning the Diaconate and the Methodist Diaconal Order*.
7. Applications need to be considered by Circuit Meetings, District Policy Committees and Synods before submission. All applications were received in electronic form this year due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and the Committee asks Circuits to make all applications electronically in future.
8. All applications for consideration in 2022 should be submitted to the Conference Office by Friday 1 April 2022. The Committee will meet on Monday 25 April 2022 to consider the applications received.
9. Authorisations, when granted, are for one year and their scope is limited to the Circuit in which the person resides. If the District Policy Committee (DPC) is satisfied that the person authorised remains suitable and the circumstances of the Circuit have not changed, it may on the application of the Circuit Meeting recommend a renewal of the authorisation for a second or third year, and the Authorisations Committee supports any such recommendation without further investigation (see lists B and C below). However it should be noted that DPCs are required to re-examine cases at the end of year 1 and year 2 to check these are still appropriate.
10. The Authorisations Committee presents three lists to the Conference. List A records the recommendations of the Committee on the initial applications and renewals at the end of a three-year term. Lists B and C set out the recommendations of the Authorisations Committee on renewals for a second or third year.

11. The Committee welcomes informal consultations with any Circuit considering making an application for an authorisation.

*****RESOLUTIONS**

47/1. The Conference received the Report.

47/2. The Conference authorised the following persons to preside at the Lord's Supper for the year commencing 1 September 2021 in accordance with the provisions of SO 011:

AUTHORISATIONS TO BE PRESENTED TO THE 2021 CONFERENCE

Key: P = Probationer presbyter
L = Lay person
M = Approved under missional criterion

LIST A – New applications for authorisations for three years

Circuit no	Circuit name	Application	Cat
2/20	South West Wales	John Birch	L
2/25	Welshpool Bro Hafren	John Harbron	L
5/6	Birmingham (West) and Oldbury	Michael Hall	L
9/4	Western Fells	Paul Harold	P
10/1	Bailiwick of Guernsey	Sarah Caddell	P
11/8	Cheshire South	Sarah M Butcher	P
11/18	Stoke Mission	Glynis Cooper	L
11/18	Stoke Mission	Amy Wyatt	L
11/24	Staffordshire Moorlands	Gill Meredith	L
12/5	Newquay, Perranporth and St Agnes	Miranda Knight	L
12/7	St Austell	John Keast	L
12/8	Bodmin, Padstow and Wadebridge	Caroline Bailey	L
12/8	Bodmin, Padstow and Wadebridge	Rod Harrison	L
13/3	Stockton	Jan Smith	L
13/3	Stockton	Jim Wilkinson	L
14/10	Norfolk Broads	Shaun Cushion	L
19/8	Altrincham	Lea Blinston	L
19/8	Altrincham	Dorothy Bretherton	L
19/15	Bramhall and Wythenshawe	David Allaby	L
19/15	Bramhall and Wythenshawe	Nick Harding	L
19/15	Bramhall and Wythenshawe	John Ream	L
20/8	Tynedale	Gareth Sherwood	P
21/15	North Fylde	Sarah Lamb	P

23/1	Oxford	Stephen Spain	P
23/12	Melton Mowbray	Anne Yates	L
23/19	Kettering and Corby	Patricia Basson	L
23/29	Vale of Aylesbury	Arthur Sara	L
24/11	Bude and Holsworthy	Muriel Hodges	L
24/11	Bude and Holsworthy	Clive Smale	L
24/20	Ilfracombe and Barnstaple	Martin Reardon	L
26/8	Dorset South and West	Peter Jenner	L
26/9	Poole Bay	Janet Baker	L
26/9	Poole Bay	Brian Tucknott	L
26/11	Isle of Wight	Maralyne Hollingshead	L
26/11	Isle of Wight	Marian Izzard	L
28/2	Brownhills and Willenhall	Mike Smith	L
28/13	Dudley and Netherton	Charlotte Harding	L
28/13	Dudley and Netherton	William Jones	L
28/13	Dudley and Netherton	Peter Roberts	L
29/33	York	John Bailey	L
29/33	York	John Hayward	P
29/37	Hull Centre and West	Louisa Haynes	P
31/10	North of Scotland Mission Circuit	Jonathan Garde	P
36/6	Wye Valley	Sydney Samuel E Lake	P
36/25	South Kent	Gillian Songer	P
36/25	South Kent	David Smith	L

LIST B – Renewals after one year for applications granted in 2020

Circuit no	Circuit name	Application	Cat
2/18	Neath Port Talbot	Clement Raymond	L
2/18	Neath Port Talbot	Robin Sherwood	L
5/1	Birmingham	Danielle Wilson	M
5/4	Birmingham (Sutton Park)	Emily R A Young	P
9/13	Kendal	Don Spivey	L
11/15	Stoke-on-Trent North	Paul Owen	L
11/20	Stoke on Trent (South)	Pamela A Roberts	P
12/1	Camborne, Redruth and Hayle	Brian Thornton	L
12/3	Falmouth and Gwenapp	Morwenna Bennett	L
12/3	Falmouth and Gwenapp	Lesley Parsons	L
12/14	The Lizard and Mounts Bay	David Pascoe	L
12/14	The Lizard and Mounts Bay	Sylvia Richards	L
12/14	The Lizard and Mounts Bay	Shirley Wearne	L
12/19	Liskeard and Looe	David Nicholls	L
13/3	Stockton	Jan Smith	L

13/3	Stockton	Jim Wilkinson	L
13/4	Castle Eden	John G Kidd	L
13/7	Cleveland and Danby	Kevin Highfield	P
13/19	North Yorkshire Dales	Julia I Reid	P
14/1	Norwich	Sean Worsley	L
14/25	St Neots and Huntington	Susan J Baker-Maher	P
19/2	United Stockport	Katharine J Smith	P
19/11	Oldham and Saddleworth	Kenneth G McNally	P
22/1	Nottingham (North East)	Yanyan Case	P
23/14	Rugby and Daventry	Lucy Anne Catling	M
23/15	Stamford	Rebecca H Wright	P
24/1	Plymouth and Devonport	Janet Dobinson	L
24/10	South Devon	Rachel Mitchell	L
24/11	Bude and Holsworthy	Courtney Drew	L
24/11	Bude and Holsworthy	Michael Reeves	L
24/16	Tiverton and Wellington	Anne Browse	L
24/16	Tiverton and Wellington	Hilary Young	L
24/20	Ilfracombe and Barnstaple	Sylvia Edwards	L
24/22	South Molton and Ringsash	Gloria Manning	L
24/22	South Molton and Ringsash	Arthur Mildon	L
24/23	Torrige	Roy Harris	L
24/23	Torrige	Elsie Potter	L
24/24	West Devon	Angela Banfield	L
24/24	West Devon	Vicki Brown	L
24/25	West Somerset	Margaret Lintern	L
24/27	Ringsash	Colin Rice	L
25/2	Derbyshire North East	Mark Carrick	P
25/17	Rotherham and Dearne Valley	Edward Archer Siddall	L
25/17	Rotherham and Dearne Valley	Wayne Ashton	L
26/4	Basingstoke and Reading	Stephen Appiah	L
26/4	Basingstoke and Reading	David Munns	L
26/6	Meon Valley	Rosie Banks	L
27/9	Denby Dale and Clayton West	Nicholas Biggar	P
27/15	Wharfedale and Aireborough	Pauline Tate	L
27/21	Settle	Wendy Holt	L
27/32	Bradford North	Stuart Ayrton	L
28/3	Shropshire and Marches	George V Heinz	P
28/3	Shropshire and Marches	Sue Matthews	L
28/14	Gornal and Sedgley	William Caldwell	L
29/32	South Holderness	Helen E Hickson	P
34/4	South Bedfordshire	Margaret A Newman	P
34/4	South Bedfordshire	Martin Wallis	L
34/9	Chelmsford	Sue Johnson	L

34/10	Southend and Leigh	Colin Turner	L
35/36	Harrow and Hillingdon	Julie Ann King	P
36/8	West Sussex (Coast and Downs)	Ian R Couchman	P
36/17	Hastings, Bexhill and Rye	Alan Hurrell	L
36/17	Hastings, Bexhill and Rye	Jill Sayers	L
36/25	South Kent	Roy Hollands	L

LIST C – Renewals after two years for applications granted in 2019

Circuit no	Circuit name	Application	Cat
1/1	Cymru (Ardal Bathafarn/Bathafarn Area)	Elizabeth Jones	L
1/1	Cymru (Ardal Glannau Maelor/Glannau Maelor Area)	Maryl Rees	L
1/1	Cymru (Ardal Glannau Meirion a Dyfi/Glannau Meirion a Dyfi Area)	Eluned Williams	L
1/1	Cymru (Ardal Powys/Powys Area)	Tom Ellis	L
5/24	Herefordshire (South and East)	Joyce Wayman	L
6/5	Wigan	Jim Whelan	L
9/4	Western Fells	Lilian Dixon	L
9/4	Western Fells	Victoria Jones	L
9/4	Western Fells	Viv Kendall	L
9/4	Western Fells	Mandy Taylor	M
9/7	Kirkby Stephen, Appleby and Tebay	David Askew	L
9/7	Kirkby Stephen, Appleby and Tebay	Wilf Capstick	L
9/7	Kirkby Stephen, Appleby and Tebay	Donald Marston	L
9/16	South West Cumbria United Area	Janet Ladds	L
9/16	South West Cumbria United Area	Bob Mantle	L
12/3	Falmouth and Gwenapp	Paul Langford	L
12/3	Falmouth and Gwenapp	Jenny Lockwood	L
12/5	Newquay, Perranporth and St Agnes	Christine Roberts	L
12/7	St Austell	Bernard Goudge	L
12/7	St Austell	Mary Lightfoot	L
12/7	St Austell	Tony Warren	L
12/8	Bodmin, Padstow and Wadebridge	Val Sterling	L
12/8	Bodmin, Padstow and Wadebridge	Myra Williams	L
12/9	West Cornwall	Lester Scott	L
12/12	St Ives (Fore Street)	William Thomas	L
12/17	Launceston Area	Sam Beazley	M
12/20	Camelford and Week St Mary	Glenton Brown	L
12/20	Camelford and Week St Mary	Robin Heywood	L
12/20	Camelford and Week St Mary	Brian Parkman	L
15/1	Isle of Man	Rita Norrey	L
17/6	East Lincolnshire	Deryk Hand	L
17/6	East Lincolnshire	Roger Maidens	L

21/1	Burnley and Pendle	Richard Hoyle	L
22/2	Nottingham (South)	Paul Anfuso Johns	L
22/12	National Forest East	Susanna Draper	L
23/12	Melton Mowbray	Jennifer Oliver	L
23/28	Amersham	John Poston	L
23/28	Amersham	Pamela Sitford	L
24/20	Ilfracombe and Barnstaple	Geoffrey Harding	L
24/20	Ilfracombe and Barnstaple	Brenda Prentice	L
24/22	South Molton and Ringsash	Sheila Collier	L
24/23	Torrige	David Ley	L
25/14	Doncaster	Alice Curry	L
25/14	Doncaster	Sue Pickering	L
25/17	Rotherham and Dearne Valley	David Guy	L
25/17	Rotherham and Dearne Valley	Anne Holmes	L
25/17	Rotherham and Dearne Valley	Clive Taylor	L
25/19	Trinity	Keith Abel	L
26/4	Basingstoke and Reading	June Hardcastle	L
26/5	Yeovil and Blackmore Vale	Richard Sinden	L
26/5	Yeovil and Blackmore Vale	Margaret Whitford	L
26/8	Dorset South and West	Jean Churchill	L
26/8	Dorset South and West	Chris Warren	L
26/8	Dorset South and West	Tim Wells	L
26/11	Isle of Wight	John Wells	L
27/18	Skipton and Grassington	Jane Jolly	L
28/3	Shropshire and Marches	Vivienne Thomas	L
34/4	South Bedfordshire	J Stephen Jones	L
34/4	South Bedfordshire	Roger J Owers	L
36/21	North Kent	Bart Woodhouse	M