

### **The Revd Ruth M Gee**

Ruth Gee has served as the Connexional Ecumenical Officer since 2018 and in addition as Assistant Secretary of the Conference since 2019. Ruth has brought to both of these roles of her wide connexional experience as President of the Conference and District Chair. Ruth has approached both of the roles sensitively and ensured that the work of the Church has been fulfilled with its mission at the centre. She has drawn on her considerable pastoral skills and experience as she has dealt with the needs of Circuits and ministers through difficulties in stationing. Her attention to detail, apparently infinite patience and tireless capacity for hard work have made her a much valued colleague in the Conference Office, in the Senior Managers' Group, and in the wider Connexional Team, and her gentle approach and depth of understanding have made her a much-respected presence in ecumenical gatherings. She has navigated her way through difficult conversations and situations both within the church and with our partners with perspicuity and grace whilst drawing on her considerable liturgical skills to lead the Church in significant moments of celebration, thanksgiving, recommitment and remembrance.

In all of her work, Ruth has offered unflinching support and wisdom to colleagues and the Senior Managers of the Connexional Team. The Conference has great cause to be thankful to Ruth for her skill, grace and pastoral integrity in serving the Church.

### **\*\*\*RESOLUTION**

**55/1. The Conference thanks the Revd Ruth M Gee for her service to the Church as the Assistant Secretary of the Conference and the Ecumenical Officer. The Conference wishes her well in her future life and ministry.**

### **Mr Ted Awty**

Ted Awty has served as a Connexional Treasurer since 2010, bringing to the role his considerable experience as a former senior partner of KPMG. His understanding of strategic planning and the nature of complex organizations has been hugely beneficial to the Connexion in his work with the Strategy and Resources Committee and the Property Development Committee. He was key in the work to develop the Property Strategy and in its subsequent revision, combining a strategic view of the resources of the Church with a commitment to keeping mission at the centre of planning. He also served as Chair of the Network Committee, leading strategic conversations to ensure that the Connexion has the coordinated resources it needs to equip people for ministry. Unafraid to make difficult decisions where necessary, Ted has encouraged the Church to be imaginative and ambitious in its plans for the future.

## 55. Appreciations

The Conference is very grateful for Ted's many gifts in the various areas of finance and property and his strategic approach to his work for the Church.

### **\*\*\*RESOLUTION**

**55/2. The Conference expresses its gratitude to Mr Ted Awty for his service as Connexional Treasurer and wishes him well for the future.**