

## STANDING ORDER 010 DECLARATION METHODIST COUNCIL MEMBERS ONLY

All members of Methodist Council should complete this form.

Holding an office, position or responsibility, especially a public or Trustee role (church council member or committee member) is a privilege and a responsibility – it is not a right. The Methodist Church reserves the right not to appoint (or to take steps to remove from office) someone where they are found to be ineligible, unsuitable or where they have not declared information that should otherwise have been disclosed. Where certain criteria are fulfilled, there can be an appeal to the Secretary of Conference, via those appointing, against a bar from a particular appointment.

There are restrictions to appointment relating to roles with substantial contact with vulnerable groups laid down in the Constitutional Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church under Standing Order 010 (Constitutional Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church, Volume 2, 2023).

If the position is exempt under the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974, you must declare both spent and unspent convictions and cautions. Criminal convictions should be disclosed unless they have been filtered.

In recognition that there are certain activities for which a full disclosure of an applicant's criminal record history is relevant, for example, where there is a risk to children, young people or vulnerable adults, the Methodist Church will undertake a DBS check.

<b>Name:</b>	
<b>Office, duty or responsibility:</b>	Member, The Methodist Council
<b>Do you have any criminal convictions or cautions?</b>	

**Your name has been put forward for the position stated above. Having regard to the Safeguarding Policy, Procedures and guidance of the Methodist Church, you are asked to sign the declaration below.**

- I have seen a copy of the local church safeguarding policy.
- I am aware of the Safeguarding Policy, Procedures and Guidance for the Methodist Church and the terms of Standing Order 010.

I know of no reason why I cannot fulfil the office, duty or responsibility named above. I undertake to notify the Methodist Church as soon as possible if this should change.

<b>Signed:</b>	<b>Date:</b>
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