

## 47. Authorisations Committee

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1. The Authorisations Committee has reviewed applications from Circuits for authorisations to preside at services of Holy Communion where there are insufficient ordained presbyters to make this provision, or where the new missional criterion is met.
2. The Committee has, as always, paid careful attention to the details in the applications, and given due consideration to the requests for help. We have declined one application this year on the grounds of not meeting the deprivation figure, although further clarification was sought from some Circuits regarding their submitted nominations.
3. The Committee again had the opportunity to consider applications made under the missional criterion approved by the Conference in 2012. We considered four applications made under this criterion, of which two were declined, and we were impressed by the quality of the information provided in support, which helped us immensely in our decision-making. The Committee will be requesting feedback from those projects granted authorisations under missional criteria.
4. The Committee considered a total of 75 applications, comprising applications in respect of 40 presbyter probationers, 1 deacon and 34 lay people.
5. The 2013 Conference requested further guidance for the Authorisations Committee from the Faith and Order Committee about whether or not deacons should be authorised to preside at the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. The Faith and Order Committee refers to this in its own report (paragraph 2.14).
6. The Committee has agreed with the Queen's Foundation to produce guidance and training material for those who are granted authorisations.
7. The process of administration passed to the Governance Support office at Methodist Church House last year and this will continue for the future. Separate revised application forms are now available for authorisation of probationer presbyters, deacons, lay persons, missional applications and renewals. These will be available to District Chairs in October. Applications need to be considered by Circuit Meetings, District Policy Committees and Synods before submission. Subject to the views of the Faith and Order Committee on the principles of applications on behalf of deacons, any applications in respect of deacons will also need to be the subject of comment from the Diaconal Order. All applications for consideration in 2015 should be submitted to Governance Support by Friday 27 March 2015. The Committee will meet at the end of April to consider the applications received.
8. 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 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).

9. The Committee draws attention to the provisions in SO 011(7) whereby in emergencies arising after the meeting of the Conference by the death of a presbyter or otherwise, the President, or the Vice-President on his or her behalf, may grant an authorisation having immediate effect and continuing until the 31 August following the next meeting of the Conference.
10. 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 2014 in accordance with the provisions of SO 011:**

**AUTHORISATIONS TO BE PRESENTED TO THE 2014 CONFERENCE**

Key: P = Probationer Presbyter

D = Deacon

L = Layperson

M = Approved under Missional Criterion

**LIST A – New applications for authorisations for three years**

<b>Circuit No</b>	<b>Circuit Name</b>	<b>Application</b>	<b>Cat</b>
2/6	Bridgend	Rachel Wheeler	P
2/18	Neath Port Talbot	Clement Raymond	L
2/25	Welshpool and Bro Hafren (1)	John Harbron	L
2/25	Welshpool and Bro Hafren (2)	Maureen Douglas	L
6/5	Wigan	Gillian Margaret Sharp	P
7/7	Gloucestershire	Naomi Cooke	P
7/15	Gordano Valley	Deborah Mallett	P
7/20	Wiltshire United Area	Simon C Edwards	P
9/13	Kendal	Wendy Thornton	P
9/14	South Lakes	Joanna R Rand	P
10/1	Guernsey	Karen Le Mouton	L
11/1	Chester and Delamere Forest	Christine M Dutton	P
11/15	Stoke-on-Trent North	Paul Owen	L
11/18	Stoke-on-Trent (Burslem Mission)	LingYu Ji	P

12/1	Camborne-Redruth	John Bailey	L
12/11	St Ives & Hayle	Kenneth Bassett	L
12/12	St Ives Fore Street	William Rodney Orr	L
13/12	West Durham	Janet Titterton	P
13/17	Barnard Castle and Teesdale	William Bartle	L
14/3	Bury St Edmunds	Rita Carr	P
14/5	Ely and Newmarket	Seo SangWoo	P
16/3	Leeds Headingley and West	Daniel Woodhouse	P
17/2	Lincoln North	Helen Hookey	P
17/3	Lincoln South	Melanie Greenall	P
18/9	Wirral	Steven E Carpenter	P
19/7	Stretford and Urmston	Margaret Curtis	L
19/8	Altrincham	Ros Watson	P
22/3	Nottingham East	Tim Nash	M
22/11	Ashbourne	Merle Wilde	D
22/13	Borders Mission (1)	David Hopkinson	L
22/13	Borders Mission (2)	Harry Smith	L
22/16	Trent and Dove	Lewis James Greaves	P
23/5	Banbury	Hazel Stagg	L
23/7	Leicester Trinity	David Willis	P
23/11	Hinckley	Neville Spark	L
23/21	Peterborough	Gareth Baron	P
24/1	Plymouth and Devonport	Kate Konrad	P
24/3	Exeter Coast and Country Circuit	Margaret Cole	L
24/11	Bude and Holsworthy	Michael Reeves	L
24/16	Tiverton and Wellington (1)	Anne Browse	L
24/16	Tiverton and Wellington (2)	Hilary Young	L
24/20	Ilfracombe and Barnstaple	Sylvia Edwards	L
24/22	South Molton and Ringash (1)	Gloria Manning	L
24/22	South Molton and Ringash (2)	Arthur Mildon	L
24/23	Torridge	Elsie Potter	L
24/24	West Devon	Iris Bray	P
24/25	West Somerset	Margaret Morris	L
24/27	Ringsash	Colin Rice	L
24/28	Teignbridge	Catherine M Wagstaff	P

25/1	Sheffield	William Fletcher	P
25/10	Chesterfield	Tracey Harris	P
25/14	Doncaster	Andrew Mumford	P
25/17	Rotherham and Dearne Valley (1)	Rita Edwards	L
25/17	Rotherham and Dearne Valley (2)	Wayne Ashton	L
26/3	Kennet and Test Valley	Carmelina Ieraci	P
26/4	Basingstoke and Reading (1)	Tim Hedgecock	L
26/4	Basingstoke and Reading (2)	Sheila Ayres	L
26/5	Yeovil and Blackmore Vale	Jennifer Gardner	L
26/6	Meon Valley	Grace Westerduin	L
26/7	East Solent & Downs Circuit	John Mills	P
27/35	Huddersfield (1)	Joanna Brown	P
27/35	Huddersfield (2)	Susan Burton	P
28/3	Shropshire and Marches (1)	Sue Mathews	L
28/3	Shropshire and Marches (2)	Christine Jones	L
28/3	Shropshire and Marches (3)	Betty Hughes	L
28/3	Shropshire and Marches (4)	Brian Wallace	L
28/13	Dudley & Netherton	Andrew Bagnall	L
28/14	Gornal and Sedgley	William Caldwell	L
29/10	Bridlington Circuit	John G Hughes	P
29/16	Tadcaster	Stephen Phillip Jakeman	P
29/31	North Yorkshire	Rosie E Coles	P
29/33	York	Julia D Skitt	P
29/34	Ryedale	Tanya Short	P
34/10	Southend and Leigh	Morwenna Wills	P
34/15	North Hertfordshire	Steven R M Cooper	P
35/34	Enfield	Papa Owusu	P
35/39	Sutton	Gillian P Long	P/M
35/40	Purley	Suzanne Lesley Shortman	P
36/13	Central Sussex United Area	Paul Tabraham	P

**LIST B – Renewals after one year for applications granted in 2013**

<b>Circuit No</b>	<b>Circuit Name</b>	<b>Application</b>	<b>Cat</b>
1/1	Cymru (Bathafarn)	Elizabeth Jones	L
1/1	Cymru (Glannau Maelor)	J Philip Davies	L
1/1	Cymru (Glannau Maelor)	Goronwy Ellis	L
1/1	Cymru (Glannau Maelor)	Vera Jones	L
1/1	Cymru (Glannau Maelor)	Maryl Rees	L
1/1	Cymru (Glannau Maelor)	Mavis Williams	L
1/1	Cymru (Glannau Meirion A Dyfi)	Eluned Williams	L
1/1	Cymru (Mon Ac Arfon)	Merfyn Jones	L
1/1	Cymru (Mon Ac Arfon)	Stephen F Roe	D
1/1	Cymru (Powys)	John Ellis	L
1/1	Cymru (Powys)	Tom Ellis	L
2/3	Bangor and Holyhead	Howard Jackson	L
2/3	Bangor and Holyhead	Royce Warner	L
2/13	Gwent Hills and Vales	Catherine Lewis	P
2/20	Pembrokeshire	Lorette Hinson	P
5/1	Birmingham	Caroline (Caz) Hague	P
5/1	Birmingham	Deborah Humphries	P
5/1	Birmingham	Karen Webber	P
5/6	Birmingham (West) and Oldbury	Dr Michael Hall	L
7/2	Bristol & South Gloucestershire	Peter Brazier	P
9/3	Kirkoswald & Alston Moor	Christopher Blackshaw	P
9/3	Kirkoswald & Alston Moor	Brian Thornton	L
9/4	Whitehaven	Douglas McDevitte	L
9/4	Whitehaven	Alan Moore	L
9/15	South Lakes	John Briggs	L
9/15	South Lakes	Bryan Bucknell	L
9/16	South West Cumbria United Area	Bob Mantle	L
11/8	Cheshire South	Jennifer Matthews	P
12/1	Camborne - Redruth	Marquis Honeychurch	L
12/3	Falmouth and Gwennap	Mike Ely	L
12/4	Truro	Mary Mawonera	P
12/7	St Austell	Tony Warren	L
12/20	Camelford & Week St Mary	Glenton Brown	L
12/20	Camelford & Week St Mary	Robin Heywood	L
12/20	Camelford & Week St Mary	Brian Parkman	L

13/7	Barnard Castle and Teesdale	Audrey Williams	L
14/20	West Norfolk	Catherine Dixon	P
16/17	Aire and Calder	Barry Owen	P
16/17	Aire and Calder	James Robinson-Morley	P
17/1	Epworth and Scunthorpe	Ruth Simpson	P
17/4	Mid-Lincolnshire	Eleanor Smith	P
17/5	Grimsby & Cleethorpes	Katie Deakins	P
17/14	Louth	Deryck Hand	L
17/14	Louth	Roger Maidens	L
17/19	East Lincolnshire	Keith Locke	L
17/22	Boston	Michael Richard Simpson	P
18/8	Crosby	David M R Somerville	P
19/7	Stretford & Urmston	Dr Margaret Curtis	L
19/12	Shaw & Royton	Rachel Hope	P
19/15	Bramhall and Wythenshawe	Timothy Colin Nicholls	P
19/24	Macclesfield	Helen Boardman	P
20/13	Bede	Neil Andrew Maynard	P
21/1	Burnley	Sharon Thraves Pennington	P
22/2	Nottingham South	Simon Andrew Rose	P
22/4	Nottingham Trent Valley	Christine Anne Margaret Fox	P
22/14	Mid-Derbyshire	John Moorley	L
22/14	Mid-Derbyshire	Valerie Rollison	L
23/2	Wantage and Abingdon	Katherine Pickering	P
23/8	Leicester North	Jo Kay	L
23/8	Leicester North	Sue Moore	L
23/8	Leicester North	Susan Smith	L
23/8	Leicester North	Roger Wilson	L
23/9	Leicester West	David Lawton	P
23/13	Northampton	John Atkin	L
23/13	Northampton	Norma Baxter	L
23/13	Northampton	David Houghton	L
23/13	Northampton	Linda Leathersitch	L
23/13	Northampton	Maggie Munday	L
23/13	Northampton	Paul Wilson	L
23/14	Rugby and Daventry	Janet Thomas	D
23/23	Nene Valley	Marie Armitage	L

23/23	Nene Valley	David Hudson	L
23/26	Milton Keynes	Ben Richard Haslam	P
24/3	Exeter Coast and Country	Bruce Sawyer	P
24/18	South Petherton & Crewkerne	Anna Flindell	P
24/20	Ilfracombe and Barnstaple	Geoffrey Harding	L
24/25	West Somerset	Mollie Brooks	L
25/1	Sheffield	Katherine A Leonowicz	P
25/14	Doncaster	Donald Reasbeck	L
25/17	Rotherham & Dearne Valley	Karen Beecham	P
25/17	Rotherham & Dearne Valley	Anne Holmes	L
26/8	Romsey	Susan Parsons	L
26/16	Isle of Wight	Helen Millward	P
26/16	Isle of Wight	David Masters	L
26/16	Isle of Wight	Margaret Potts	L
26/16	Isle of Wight	Jeff Ryall	L
26/16	Isle of Wight	John Wells	L
27/18	Skipton and Grassington	Glennis Hobbs	L
27/35	Huddersfield	Timothy Francis	P
27/35	Huddersfield	Sally Spencer	P
28/1	Wolverhampton	Christopher J Collins	P
28/5	Vale of Stour	Ruth Childs	P
28/9	Stafford	Nathan Falla	P
28/14	Gornal & Sedgley	Jemima Strain	P
28/20	Kidderminster and Stourport	Denise Elaine Williamson	P
28/21	Telford	Gabriele Britton-Voss	P
31/13	Scotland	David Saunders	M
34/1	North Bedfordshire	Gillian Rosemary Baalham	P
34/1	North Bedfordshire	Graham Keith Claydon-Knights	P
34/10	Southend and Leigh	Hannah Mary Bucke	P
34/14	West Herts and Borders	Derek John McLean	P
35/12	London NW Mission	Audrey Browne	P
35/34	Enfield	Alan Combes	P
35/37	Teddington	Victoria Elizabeth Davidson	P
36/21	North Kent (1)	Dudley Shipton	L
36/21	North Kent (2)	Bart Woodhouse	M

**LIST C: Renewals after two years initially granted in 2012**

<b>Circuit No</b>	<b>Circuit Name</b>	<b>Application</b>	<b>Cat</b>
1/1	Cymru (1)	Philip Davies	L
1/1	Cymru (2)	Elizabeth Jones	L
2/18	Neath Port Talbot	Christopher Jones	L
9/10	Kirkoswald	Brian Thornton	L
11/16	Kidsgrove	Lester J Meredith	L
12/3	Falmouth and Gwennap	W Gerald Triggs	L
12/5	Newquay, Perrenporth & St Agnes (1)	Michael Fairhead	L
12/5	Newquay, Perrenporth & St Agnes (2)	David Parker	L
12/8	Bodmin, Padstow & Wadebridge (1)	Jill Garbett	L
12/8	Bodmin, Padstow & Wadebridge (2)	Penny Manders	L
12/8	Bodmin, Padstow & Wadebridge (3)	Alan Priestley	L
12/14	Lizard & Mounts Bay (1)	Geoffrey W Tamblin	D
12/14	Lizard & Mounts Bay (2)	William T Reed	L
18/3	Liverpool (North Central)	David W Smith	D
23/4	Chipping Norton & Stow on the Wold	Christine Cond	L
23/11	Hinckley Circuit	Philip J Osborne	D
23/28	Amersham (1)	John Poston	L
23/28	Amersham (2)	Pamela Sitford	L
24/11	Bude and Holdsworthy (1)	Muriel Hodge	L
24/11	Bude and Holdsworthy (2)	Clive Smale	L
24/20	Ilfacombe & Barnstable	Martin Reardon	L
26/3	Kennet & Test Valley	Muriel Wood	L
26/16	Isle of Wight	Mary White	L
28/2	Brownhills and Willenhall	Michael S Smith	L
35/30	Lesnes Abbey	James A Cruddas	P
36/5	Staines and Feltham	Mark Conlon	L
36/25	South Kent	Hugh Burnham	L