

Hello everyone and welcome to 'The Week Ahead' from the Methodist Conference in Birmingham.

Today, Thursday 4 July, was the final day of the Conference until it reconvenes again next year.

So here are highlights from the past week.

Jillian Moody will be staffing the out-of-hours media emergency support line on 020 7467 5170.

Wishing you all a wonderful week, the Communications team

Presidential addresses

The address of the new President of the Methodist Conference, the Revd Dr Barbara Glasson, reflected on <u>'stories'</u>. Professor Clive Marsh, the new Vice-President of the Methodist Conference reflected on <u>'pleasure, piety and politics'</u>.

Election of the designates

The Methodist Conference has elected the Revd Richard Teal to serve as President and Carolyn Lawrence to serve as Vice-President, starting their year of office when the Representative Session of the Methodist Conference meets in Telford next year. Read more here.

3Generate

The Methodist Youth President, Jasmine Yeboah, told the Methodist Conference about 3Generate and encouraged young people to be <u>courageous</u> for Christ.

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If you weren't able to attend the Conference this year, or wanted to catch up on a particular item of business, you can watch sessions from the Conference online here. These will be available to stream through the website for one month only.

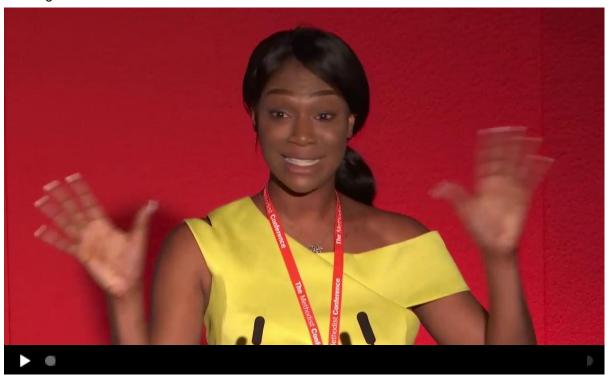
Throughout the Conference people were joining in conversations online using the hashtag #MethodistConf. Read what people were saying and join in here.

Marriage and Relationships

The Conference debated on Monday 1 July and Wednesday 3 July, the report, "God In Love Unites Us". The report was commended to District Synods for prayerful discussion. For more information, click here.

Thursday video: 3Generate Conference report

Jasmine Yeboah, Youth President of the Methodist Church, has reflected on her presidential theme at the Methodist Conference, encouraging young people to step outside of their comfort zone to do something courageous for Christ.



Reflections

Parliament



In the coming week, the 2018/2019
Methodist Prayer Handbook, 'A World
Transformed', encourages us to pray
with Christians in Africa, the
Americas and the Caribbean as well
as Britain and Ireland. The theme for
next week's <u>A Word in Time Bible</u>
studies is 'Apostolic Witness'. <u>Order</u>
your Prayer Handbook here.



You can find the UK parliamentary business online here. If you want to find out about the Scottish Parliamentary calendar, click here and the timetable for the National Assembly for Wales, click here.

'The Week Ahead' is a regular mailing that gives you a heads-up on forthcoming events and opportunities, as well as highlighting new information and resources across the Methodist Church. We cannot know about everything that's going on, so please do email us if you have any feedback or ideas for items to include.

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