

# The Methodist News June 29<sup>th</sup> 2023

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**The Methodist Church Communications team**

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## New President & Vice President

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The Revd Gill Newton has been elected and inducted as President of the Methodist Conference along Vice-President, Deacon Kerry Scarlett. The induction took place on Saturday 24 June at the Hilton Birmingham Metropole, during the Methodist Conference.

[Read more about them being elected](#)

## Presidential Designates

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The Methodist Conference has elected the Revd Helen Cameron to serve as President and Mrs Carolyn Godfrey to serve as Vice-President, starting their year of office with the Representative Session of the Methodist Conference in Leeds in June 2024.

[Read more about next year's President & Vice-President](#)

## Dealing with Conflict

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The Methodist Conference has voted to roll out a scheme to help resolve disputes in church communities across the Church following a successful pilot project. The Conference adopted the recommendation for the five-year programme, in partnership with *Place for Hope*, to offer an integrated approach in support of Positive Working Together and extending the Reconciliation and Mediation Team as a Connexion-wide programme.

The [Reconciliation and Mediation Team Pilot Project](#) is run with *Place for Hope* and started two and a half years ago in three regions, with 18 mediators now qualified to work on the project.

## A Justice-Seeking Church

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The Methodist Conference, which has been taking place in Birmingham this week, has overwhelmingly voted to recommit the Methodist Church to being a Justice-seeking Church.

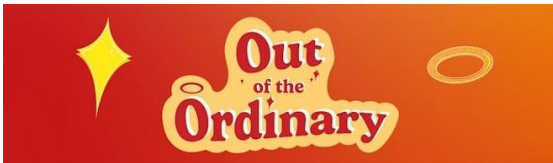
The report received by the Conference hopes to encourage more Methodists in acting for justice, along with their local communities, and to focus efforts on contributing to change in key areas including poverty, refugees, the environment, discrimination and peace.

The report is the result of a two-year process of conversation and listening. This involved looking at how Methodists have worked for justice throughout their history and what is being done now, as well as hearing people's experiences of injustice. The report involved churches, young people, communities and schools sharing their visions of what a just world looks like.

[Have a look at the report](#)

## Christmas is Coming!

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It's never too early to start planning for Christmas and we're delighted to launch our Advent and Christmas campaign for 2023, *Out of the Ordinary*.

It's a wonderful opportunity to connect with people who don't normally attend church and who might come to a service in this period, and reach your local community at a key moment in the year. Building on the success of last year's campaign, we've listened to the feedback we received from those using the resources and are delivering more streamlined content earlier in the year, to make planning easier. We aim to have the resources ready to download and begin receiving via post during September. We're publicising details of what will be available as early as possible, so that churches can make a decision about getting involved.

[Find resources here](#)

## Global Relationships Pre-Conference Consultation

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The pre-Conference consultation of the Global Relationships team of the Methodist Church in Britain took place on Tuesday 20 and Wednesday 21 June. Twenty representatives from partner churches around the world arrived in London to prepare for the Methodist Conference, which is being held this week in Birmingham.



The consultation was a chance to prepare representatives to participate and talk into the Methodist Conference.

The pre-consultation was also a chance to share about the work of churches around the world and to learn about mission in the context of other countries, and to hear of their successes and their challenges. Partners were invited to share the topics that were of concern to them including issues around the environment, migration and diversity.

And there's a great opportunity to work with the Global Relationships team to facilitate and strengthen ongoing relationships between Partner Churches and the Methodist Church in Britain.

[Find out more](#)

## Methodist Youth President Encourages Involvement with Young People

James Carver, Methodist Youth President 2022-2023, presented the 3Generate report to the Methodist Conference on Tuesday 20 June. The report highlighted the success of last year's 3Generate Children and Youth Assembly while emphasising the vital role youth ministry plays in the life of the wider Church.

Detailing the success of 3Generate 2022, it was announced that the event held at the NEC in Birmingham last year was the biggest yet, with over 1200 children and young people, 456 group leaders, and 252 volunteers joining together to share and be in communion with God.

Identifying some of the discussions that took place at 3Generate, the report encourages all Methodists to understand the importance of shared learning in the development of children and young people's faith story.

[Read more about the report](#)

## Essential Training



Research has shown that children and young people really value conversations with adults and feeling connected with their wider church family. That's why, at this year's conference, Methodists are encouraged to take a moment to talk to a young person in their faith community. For many adults, talking to a teenager is maybe a daunting prospect but don't worry as help is at hand. Why not book into one of the upcoming Youthscape Essentials taster sessions to help you build rapport with young people?

## The Amelia Trust

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Opened in 1992, the Amelia Trust Farm near Cardiff was set up to help young, disadvantaged, vulnerable young people, who do not fit into the mainstream education system. It has grown to be so much more, caring for people, animals and the environment.

[Read more here](#)

## Have a Listen!

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Have a listen to Jo Cox-Darling's Pause for Thought that was aired last Sunday. She discusses the theme 'Where I call Home'.

[Listen here](#)

In last Sunday's Songs of Praise, Aled Jones explored the Isle of Man's Christian heritage and visited Café Lingo, where he learned about an English language teaching enterprise led by a Methodist church to help new arrivals to the island. You can watch from 17m30s.

[Watch here](#)

You can also have a listen to our new President, the Revd Gill Newton, being interviewed by BBC Radio Sheffield about what she's looking forward to during the year ahead.

[Have a listen](#)

## Be a Part of The Connexional Team

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If you're interested in being a part of the Connexion Team or interested in volunteering, then take a look to see what roles are available, as there are various job openings around the UK. Please make sure to share if you know of anyone who might be interested.

Also, if you want to advertise a job that's available within your local area, drop us an [email](#).

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## We're Hiring!

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The Methodist Church in Britain are seeking to recruit an enthusiastic and ambitious person to help develop and maintain our social media presence. Working within the Communications Team, the holder of this role will work alongside colleagues in The Methodist Church and key partner organisations to lead/assist in leading the delivery of social media communications.

Don't hesitate to apply or share if you know of anyone who would be a good fit for this role.

[Apply for this role](#)

We're looking for the next Methodist Youth President for 2024/2025. If you're interested then you need to be between the ages of 18-23 and a member of the Methodist Church.

This is a great role and opportunity to travel around the UK and overseas, to learn new skills and leadership, and be the face of the younger generation of the Methodist Church

[Apply to become the next President](#)

## News & Events

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Creation Fest is a four-day family festival gathering at the Royal Cornwall Events Centre in Wadebridge. The festival will be happening from August 3-6 2023. Take a look at this video to see what the festival is all about.

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