

The Methodist News 12th September 2024

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Methodist Conference 2024 highlights video



The Methodist Conference is the governing body of the Methodist Church and meets annually to discuss matters affecting the life of the Church, the nation and the world.

You can watch the highlights of the Methodist Conference 2024 by clicking above to see the video on YouTube or download it using the button below.

[Download the video here](#)

New Districts



"After many consultations and much hard work over the last three years, it is wonderful to have reached this point..."

Since 1 September 2024, the new North West England District has encompassed the former Manchester and Stockport, Liverpool, Lancashire, Cumbria and Bolton & Rochdale Methodist Districts, and the new South West Peninsula District has incorporated the former Plymouth & Exeter and Cornwall & the Isles of Scilly Methodist Districts.

[Read about the new districts here](#)

Youth President welcomed

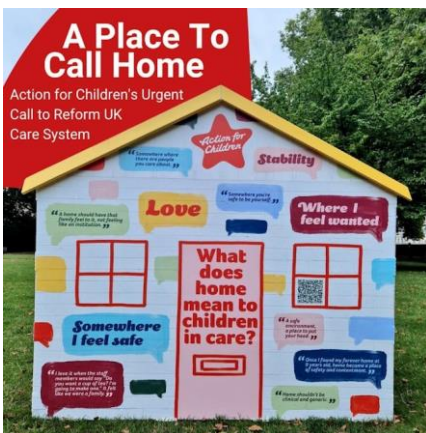


"I am especially interested in getting young people to have the conversations that they maybe don't often get the chance to have around social justice that will encourage and motivate them to take action."

The new Methodist Youth President, Bea Hulme, was welcomed to their role with a service that took place at their home church in Penrith on Sunday afternoon, 8 September. Attending were the President of the Methodist Conference, the Revd Helen Cameron, the Vice-President Carolyn Godfrey, the Superintendent minister for Penrith Methodist, the Revd Tim Cooke and Tom Hart, the previous Youth President.

[Read about the new Youth President's welcome here](#)

Call to reform care system



'A Place to Call Home' is Action for Children's new campaign that launched on Monday 9 September 2024 outside the Houses of Parliament. The aim is to encourage the Government to provide better quality homes for children in care.

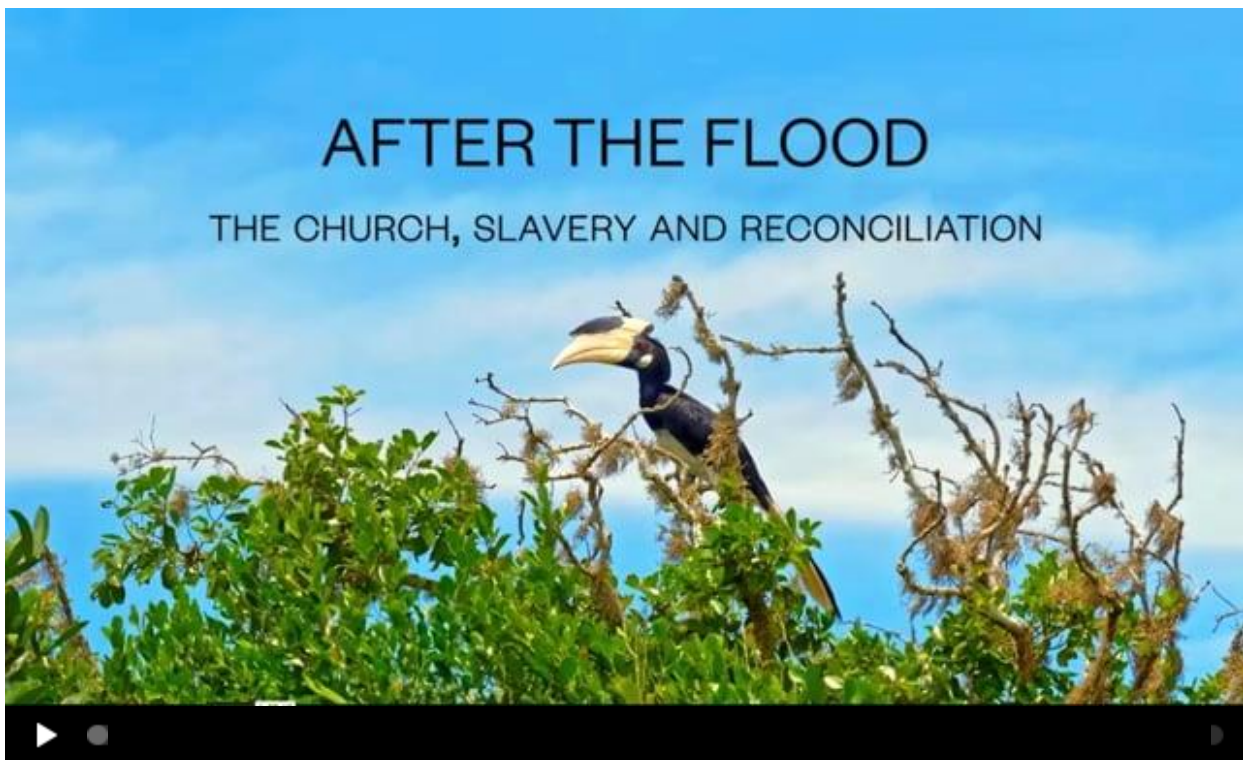
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Memories of Growing Up in the National Children's Homes

The book *As I Remember It, Memories of Growing Up in the National Children's Homes 1934-1951*, a bittersweet walk down memory lane, recanting the assets, challenges and limitations of the National Children's Home, as well as providing food for thought on the current care system.

[Read more here](#)

After the Flood



Starting in Black History Month (October), Methodist churches will be invited to show the film “After the Flood: the Church, Slavery and Reparations” and begin a conversation about responding to the lasting damage caused by the transatlantic traffic in enslaved Africans. More information on how you can organise a free showing of the film will be available next week.

[Read more here](#)

The joys of rural ministry



Melanie Burnside looks after nine Anglican and two Methodist churches in rural North Yorkshire. Having grown up in the coal mining communities of Derbyshire, Melanie then spent 15 years in seaside towns on the East coast before following a calling to minister in the countryside. In this blog she shares the joy of rural ministry.

[Read about rural ministry here](#)

Warm Welcome Spaces



The Warm Welcome Campaign is a vibrant movement with energy and diversity at its heart, offering support, funding opportunities and many other resources to any group running a warm and welcoming space, particularly for those struggling with the cost of living and loneliness.

Join them on 3 October to hear how you can be part of the solution to loneliness and struggles with the cost of living through the Warm Welcome Campaign.

[Read about Warm Welcome Spaces here](#)

BBC Radio Two Pause For Thought



Trey Hall

Trey considers lineages of spirituality and love across borders.

[Listen here](#)



Matt Finch

Matt's theme is the power of the written word.

[Listen here](#)

News and Events

Church Planting Intensive

A fully funded residential course runs on 11-13 October for those planting NPNPs (New Places for New People). Not long to go, book quickly! You can also book for the online course to be held in March 2025.

[Book your place](#)

The Leadership Year

The Leadership Year is an exciting opportunity for 18-30 year olds across the Connexion who want to invest time in developing their leadership abilities. It's aimed at those just starting out in leadership, or those who are thinking about leadership. Find out more about yourself, gain a greater depth of understanding about leadership and discover your next steps. Applications close 22 September.

[Sign up here](#)

Come and pray with us

Monthly online prayer gathering for the New Places for New People/Church at the Margins movement. Running from 18.30 to 18.50 (a fixed 20-minute duration) on the second Monday of each month. Next month's session is on 14 October. Come and join us in connecting, supporting and growing the NPNP movement.

[Find out more here](#)

Be a part of the Connexional Team

If you're interested in being a part of the Connexional Team or interested in volunteering with the Methodist Church, then take a look to see what roles are available. Please make sure to share if you know of anyone who may be interested.

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