

46. Appointment of The Secretary and Assistant Secretary of The Conference for 2019/2020

Under the terms of SO 313, the Council nominates to the Conference the following appointments for the year 2019/2020. This will enable the Council to oversee a process of discernment during the ensuing connexional year, and to bring nominations for new appointments to the 2020 Conference.

1. Secretary of the Conference: The Revd Dr Jonathan R Hustler

Jonathan Hustler has served as Assistant Secretary of the Conference since 1 September 2017 and has been stationed by the President as Secretary until 31 August 2019.

Jonathan brings a wide experience of circuit ministry, gained over a period of 20 years in the Leighton Buzzard and Stewkley Circuit, the Redcar, Saltburn and Guisborough Circuit and as superintendent of the Horncastle and Bardney Circuit. From 2011-14, he served as Vice-Principal of Wesley House, and from 2014-2017 as Ministerial Coordinator for the Oversight of Ordained Ministries in the Connexional Team.

Jonathan combines an eye for detail with an awareness of the breadth of the whole Connexion and its needs, and brings to the role of Secretary a reflective, informed, faithful and compassionate style of ministry along with an ability to deal with difficult and complex matters with care and graciousness.

*****RESOLUTION**

46/1. The Conference appointed The Revd Dr Jonathan R Hustler as Secretary of the Conference for the connexional year 2019/2020.

2. Assistant Secretary of the Conference: The Revd Ruth M Gee

Ruth Gee is the Connexional Ecumenical Officer having been appointed to that role from 1 September 2018 and has been stationed by the President as Assistant Secretary until 31 August 2019.

Prior to that, Ruth Gee was a circuit minister in Halifax and Bradford and Chair of the Darlington District from 2008. She was President of the Conference 2013/14. As Chair of the Methodist Council between 2015 and 2018, Ruth gained experience of a wide range of issues and a grasp of the detail required which enabled her to present the Council's business to the Conference knowledgeably and ably.

Ruth brings to the role of Assistant Secretary a broad experience of the connexional life of the Church and a commitment to serve the Conference with care and grace.

*****RESOLUTION**

46/2. The Conference appointed The Revd Ruth M Gee as Assistant Secretary of the Conference for the connexional year 2019/2020.