



The Methodist Church in Cardiff and Caerphilly  
Cardiff Circuit Meeting  
Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2019  
Radyr Methodist Church



1. **Opening Devotions.** These were led by Rev. Nick Oborski on the theme of Mission in response to God's calling.
2. **Apologies and Attendance.** There were 56 members present and 15 apologies for absence.
3. **Minutes of Previous Meeting.** These were agreed as an accurate record of the meeting, with an alteration in Item 7 to read Rev. Judith Holliman.
4. **Matters Arising.** There were none.
5. **Circuit Stewards' Report.** This report was accepted.
6. **Synod Report.** The next Synod is at the end of March. The planned discussions on the merger of the 2 Wales Synods will not now take place since certain identified issues need to be resolved before further progress can be made. (See the Synod website for a summary.)
7. **Treasurers Report.**
  - Accounts for the last financial year are still with the auditor and are likely to have a slight deficit (approx. £2,500).
  - Reserves are currently £300,000. It is felt that a reserve of £200,000 should be maintained which leaves £100,000 available to be used.
  - Nick talked through the tabled report explaining that the system is changing so that the budget is to be set for 3 years, incorporating a 3% increase per year (2.8% in the first year). The budget is basic and does not include the funding of a Youth Worker.
  - The deficit shown each year can be taken from the identified £100,000 although this cannot go on indefinitely.
  - The Church Treasurers had all met and discussed the budget. Breakdowns of how current individual church contributions linked to various statistical analyses were discussed. Church Councils will now consider their contributions to the Circuit and provide figures for the next 3 years.
  - The budget proposals were accepted.
8. **Property Report.**
  - This was accepted.
  - The letter from Oasis has been shown to Bob Gilston, the District Property Secretary. He has recommended that a licence be obtained to ensure the building work is appropriate and to acceptable standards. He has provided all the appropriate paper work. The proposals were accepted.
9. **Trinity Centre Report.** This was accepted.
10. **Safeguarding.**
  - Training has now been provided to all those requiring it.
  - A letter of thanks is to be sent from the Circuit to the Trainers.
11. **Youth Matters.**
  - The Circuit Children's and Youth Work Committee has met twice with representatives from about half of the Churches. They presented a document identifying current actions and identifying possible developments, in 4 sections covering – groups with no Church connections, groups linked to churches, children within churches and support for those working with the young people.
  - A video showing the work of 'Youth Space' and 'Youth Stuff' was shown.
  - Small group discussions were held to decide if the meeting would support the content of this document as the basis for the production of a 3-year plan. Feedback was given in support of the

document and in expressing the need for everyone to be supportive and involved. A standing vote accepted that this should be seen as a priority.

- A 3-year plan will now be produced and will include cost implications. All Churches were requested to support this project even if they have no young people themselves. Any ideas should be fed to the committee and everyone was asked to pray for the plan.

**12. Mission Report.** The minutes of the committee meeting were accepted.

**13. Preachers Meeting Report.**

- The Gospel is being preached to all churches. Preachers are trying to provide orders of service by Thursday evening.
- The next Bible Week theme is Colossians and some Local Preachers have attended training for this.
- 2019 celebrates the 350<sup>th</sup> birthday of Susanna Wesley and 2 new hymns have been written to commemorate this event. See Gauri for information.

**14. West Cluster Proposal.** A request was made for the evening service to move from 6p.m. to 5.30p.m. This was agreed.

**15. Circuit Administration.**

- Circuit Plans are in the process of being printed.
- A concert leaflet was distributed.
- Flyers to participate in a 'Flower and Craft Festival', a part of Conway Road's 150<sup>th</sup> Celebrations were issued.
- GDPR forms required completion by a few members.

**16. Plas Dwr.**

- Joint development work is being undertaken by the Church in Wales and the Methodist Church in Plas Dwr.
- An expression of interest is to be made to Cardiff City Council that the churches be included in discussing the development of the community building on Plas Dwr. Although the building may not be built for a further 5 years, it is known that church involvement can help produce a community appropriate space. No commitment is being made at this stage. This was agreed.
- Funding for the proposed ministry in Plas Dwr is to be researched.

**17. AOB.**

- Rev Alana Lawrence is to be ordained in Central Hall, Coventry on 30<sup>th</sup> June.
- Alana will have a Testimony Service in Caerphilly at 7.30p.m. on 21<sup>st</sup> May.
- This Sunday, the Circuit Service at Radyr is being led by 2 local preachers – Angela Simon and Dave Kitchen - bringing the theme of Jonah to a conclusion.
- An emergency repair to the toilets and drainage at Christchurch Fairwater had caused the Circuit to give a loan of just under £1500 allowing the Church to remain open and the letting income to continue. The meeting was asked to pray for Fairwater.

**18. Date of next meetings.** Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2019 at Whitchurch Methodist Church.

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2019 - venue tbc

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2019 - venue tbc

**19. Closing Devotions.** The Grace was shared by everyone.