



The Methodist Church in Cardiff and Caerphilly  
Cardiff Circuit Meeting  
Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2018  
Cyncoed Methodist Church



1. **Opening Devotions.** These were led by Rev. Kofi Amissah on the theme of 'Being courageous in encouraging young people to be courageous for Christ'. A description of life in Cyncoed was given, describing how there is a weekly footfall of between 700 and 1000 people.
2. **Apologies and Attendance.** There were 47 members present and 20 apologies for absence.
3. **Minutes of Previous Meeting.** These were agreed as an accurate record of the meeting, noting that Pauline Tang's name was incorrectly spelt.
4. **Matters Arising.** The manse asbestos reports have been completed. Although some asbestos is present it is not dangerous and needs monitoring only. Some churches did not have the survey completed in 2010, and this needs to be addressed.
5. **Circuit Stewards' Report.** All included in other agenda items.
6. **Synod Report.** No further report.
7. **Stationing.** Emma Drain reported the good news that Rev. Judith Holliwell, currently of Prestatyn & Conway, has accepted the post of Presbyter in the west cluster, ministering in Fairwater and Radyr and acting as a pioneer in Plas Dwr. Thanks were expressed to these 2 churches and to the Invitation Committee. It was noted that the request for a probationer was declined, after appeal, on the grounds that the role of Pioneer was not appropriate. The connexional committee has agreed to revisit the issues around appointing probationers to new style roles.  
Rev. Nick Oborski reported on the 2 Ecumenical Churches (sponsored by Methodism, the URC, Baptist Union of Wales, the Church in Wales and the Presbyterian Church of Wales) linked to the Circuit. Rev. Janice Jones is moving on after 5 years of service, although she will remain in the manse whilst awaiting alterations to her new manse, with the Presbyterian Church paying rent. These 2 Churches have very different profiles, which do not match with one minister. Pontprennau requires strong leadership and direction, and the Methodist Church and the Church in Wales will lead on this appointment, aiming for September 2019. In the interim, Nick will take on an oversight role. Pontprennau are happy with this arrangement and will contribute financially to the Methodist Circuit (up to £4,000).  
The Church of the Resurrection require pioneer support in the community and communion support for Sunday services. The work fits the aims of the Presbyterian Church and the Baptist Church may have funding for the pioneer role, so they are leading on this appointment.  
The meeting was asked to pray for Janice and for the 2 churches.
8. **Trinity Centre.** Martin Rees took the meeting through the tabled report. The report on the Renovation was noted. The financial support received from many sources allows the next stage of the project to progress. The Executive Committee were thanked.  
It was agreed that the Trinity Centre accounts for 2017/18 be consolidated into the Circuit accounts. Heather was thanked for her work.
9. **A Growing Community – looking forward as a Circuit**  
Each Church had been required to hold a conversation in Church Council about their 'mission'. Representatives of each church gave a report, the feedback summarised below:
  - Financial support of charities, both Methodist and others at home and abroad, shoeboxes, jumble sales, fayres, food bank collections, Fair Trade goods, supporting asylum seeker family, Trinity Centre

- Services – in Nursing Homes, outdoors, as part of festivals, Messy Church, Café Church, Tea time praise, midweek service, open door, Bring a Friend
- Prayer tree, prayer chain, walk of witness, bible share, house groups
- Cafes, Facebook pages, magazines, written campaigns
- Knit and natter, youth groups, unformed organisations, Film club, Rainbow of Hope
- Meals for wayfarers, luncheon clubs, Christmas, community,
- Open Book with Primary Schools, Puppet group, linking with The Hub,
- Carol singing, nativity trail, community choir, Community flower festival, concerts
- The Methodist Church handbook given to members and friends, giving 'The First Christmas' to youth groups, giving a copy of 'A gift of Christmas' to houses
- Outreach in Plasdwr.
- Roger Palmers 'Seeds of Hope' is being given to people of no faith and involving them in discussion. Publicity is being given through the City Hospice.

In addition, churches are involved in discussion on 'What is Mission?', on planning how future mission should develop, and on working more with local communities as congregations fall.

Nick reminded the meeting that a Circuit Directory of Bible Studies had been published. It is hoped to produce a similar document for events/activities for the poor and disadvantaged in the Circuit.

- 10. Conversation on Wales Synod.** The Circuit report reflecting the replies of all the churches had already been submitted. Nick provided a summary of our responses. Concern was expressed at the speed with this seemed to be progressing, since if the merger is to go ahead it might be by next September. A working committee is now to consider the responses and an additional Synod is planned to discuss the situation.
- 11. Safeguarding.** A foundation training course is to be held tomorrow.
- 12. Youth Matters.** The Circuit Youth and Children's work committee has met. A sub group has been formed to develop a circuit wide strategy. It is also hoped to produce a Circuit directory of youth and children's work and of good practice. Each church was requested to send a rep to the next meeting. Names to Rev. Cathy or Pete Davies please.
- 13. Mission Report.** The report was received. The Synod is scheduling each circuit to hold a month of Prayer for Mission, starting March 2019. We are the last Circuit (May 2020), so this must be planned. It was noted that Pop Up Prayer has begun in the East Cluster and that St. Andrews is considering the ministry of healing.
- 14. Preachers Meeting Report.** No meeting had been held.
- 15. Treasurers Report.** The report was received.
- 16. Circuit Administration.**
  - Statistics** – the Statistics page needs to be completed by everyone.
  - Property** – the Property returns are required to be completed.
- 17. AOB.**
- 18. Date of next meetings.**

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2019 – Radyr Methodist

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2019 – North Cluster

A request was made for reports to be provided well in advance of the next meeting.

**19. Closing Devotions.**

Everyone was challenged to think about Mission. The Grace was shared.