



**Cardiff Methodist Circuit**  
**The Methodist Church in Cardiff and Caerphilly**



**Circuit Meeting**  
**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2021**  
**Zoom Meeting**

1. **Opening Devotions.** These were led by Rev. Dr. Stephen Wigley on the theme of Thankfulness. Use was made of the new Prayer Handbook.
2. **Attendance and Apologies.**  
There were 50 members present and 15 apologies for absence.
3. **Minutes of Previous Meeting.**  
The minutes of the meetings held on May 27<sup>th</sup> and June 22<sup>nd</sup> had been distributed and were accepted as a true record of the meetings.
4. **Matters Arising.**
  - I. **Reopening of Churches / Preaching Plan / Circuit Services**  
All Churches have now re-opened, with most meeting weekly.  
How congregations are interpreting COVID measures vary, according to the appropriate Risk Assessment, but the wearing of masks is non-negotiable.  
The 3-month Preaching Plan has been produced with the accompanying letter of explanation, but Conway Road evening services were being trialled on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays only.
  - II. **Annual Report to the Charity Commission.**  
This was submitted ahead of the deadline.
5. **Circuit Invitations Committee Report.**  
The item 'Extension of the appointment for Rev. Cathy Gale' was chaired by Rev. Dr. Stephen Wigley. No objections had been raised so the recommendation of the Invitation Committee was accepted that Cathy be invited for a further 3 years, two of which to be as Superintendent. The proposal was **accepted** unanimously.  
A profile for one minister for September 2022 is being finalised. Pastoral care of Caerphilly, Taffs Well & Llanishen, is to be included.
6. **Circuit Stewards' / CLT.** Ian Walton's resignation after 11 years as a Circuit Steward had been accepted. Ian was thanked for his work, including his membership of the Trinity Centre Executive.
7. **Circuit Review & Implementation.** The CLT will be trialling a new way of working, breaking into 3 subgroups concentrating on the areas of: Evangelism and Growth; Outreach and Social Justice; Property Development for Mission. Meetings of the full CLT and these subgroups will alternate monthly.
8. **Treasurer's Report.** Conference in 2021 has asked for Churches to consider supporting the Pension Reserve Fund. Full details are available on the website <https://www.methodist.org.uk/for-churches/finance/pension-reserve-fund/> and more information will be available for Church Councils following Synod.
9. **Property Report.** Stephen McElveen spoke to his Property Report. It was **agreed** that work be progressed on St John's Crescent and Colchester Avenue. It was also **agreed** to bring forward the inspection of Rectory Road.
10. **Discussion on Trinity Centre project.** This item was on the agenda in error.

## **11. Other reports:**

- (i) **Preachers** The two accreditation services had been well attended, both in person and electronically.  
On Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> September at 6p.m. a re-dedication Communion service will be held for all Preachers and Ministers, active and retired, at Wesley, Caerphilly.
- (ii) **Youth Work** Gareth Knowles is currently undertaking training on young people and mental health. His expertise will then be available as a Circuit resource.
- (iii) **Pioneer Work** This will become a regular Circuit meeting report.
- (iv) **Trinity Centre** The National Lottery Heritage Fund is considering the Trinity Centre submission today.
- (v) **Circuit World Church Committee** The first meeting is next week.

**12. Safeguarding.** While the Methodist Church had not received direct criticism in the recent report on child sexual abuse in religious settings, it was noted that there is no room for complacency. Rev. Alana requested that face-to-face trainings be scheduled as well as the successful ZOOM trainings.

The current Safeguarding Policy is to continue until an updated version is received from the Connexion.

**13. Candidature for the ministry.** Wendy Barwise spoke to the meeting on her calling to the ministry and Rev. Alexis Mahoney and Angela Simons spoke in support. The meeting voted unanimously (49 votes) to support Wendy as someone who has the potential to answer the call to be a presbyter.

## **14. Circuit Administration.**

Membership figures are required by 1<sup>st</sup> November.

The Circuit website needs updating. Each Church is requested to provide a named person who is willing to provide news and photographs (with permission) for both the website and for Facebook.

## **15. AOB.**

Rev. Cathy thanked those who had been leading prayer initiatives for the Circuit – Rev. Kofi for PUSH prayer, and Sandra and Roger Palmer for Circuit prayers.

A Wellbeing Day will be held at the Amelia Trust Farm on Friday October 8<sup>th</sup>, led by Rev. Alana. This will be the first of several opportunities to aid recovery from the pandemic.

## **16. Date of Next Meetings:**

Tuesday November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021 – 7.30 p.m. by ZOOM.

## **17. Closing Prayers.**