**THE METHODIST CONFERENCE 2021, BIRMINGHAM**

**24 June – 01 July**

Nominations are invited for eligible persons to represent the London District at the Methodist Conference 2021. (Please note that although people have to be nominated by members of the Synod those nominated, as lay representatives, **don’t have to be members of Synod**).The Conference starts in Presbyteral Session on Thursday 24 June, and in Representative Session (for all members) on Saturday 26 June. The Methodist Church will bear the cost of travel, accommodation and meals.

Completed Nomination Papers for Conference 2021 should be sent to:

admin@methodistlondon.org.uk. We cannot accept postal returns due to the current closure of the District Office.

Forms must be received by end of **Thursday 01 October 2020**.

The London District has 20 seats (excluding the 3 District Chairs): 9 Ministers (including at least 1 Deacon), and 11 lay persons. This is in addition to any Conference-elected representatives and ex-officio members.

Synod has previously agreed that the Synod Secretary be a member of the Conference.

We are currently seeking to appoint threefurther lay people to serve for one year. We would also like at least three reserves of lay and ministerial.

Except as provided in SO 355[3] [concerns military chaplains] nominees must be presbyters or deacons who are members of the Synod or persons who are members in the District or are members of other communions who hold office or are elected as members of meetings under the constitution of partnership schemes in the District authorised by the Conference or [if so empowered] by the Synod [SO 417].

In making nominations please bear in mind that we are required by our Standing Orders to 'have regard for the composition of the membership of the District as a whole with regard to age, sex, ethnic origin and disability'. The 2014 Conference passed the following resolution: “The conference recognises the valuable contribution young people make to the life of the Methodist Church and the importance of encouraging young adults to take a more active role in the life of the Conference and therefore encourages that where synods are sending four or more representatives to the Conference, at least one representative should be under the age of thirty”.

The District Council would like to strongly encourage a wide range of people, including those who have not considered nomination before, to be nominated. But please bear in mind that some lay members of the Church may not receive this note, so please spread this information around your churches and encourage people to put themselves forward for nomination!

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**Nomination Form [return to District Team by Thursday 01 Oct]**

**Please use block capitals or type**

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| **Note:** The following information is requested only so that we may fulfil the requirements of Standing Order 417 viz. to 'have regard for the composition of the membership of the District as a whole with regard to age, sex, ethnic origin and disability'. |
| **ETHNIC ORIGIN:** |  | **AGE:** |  |
| **GENDER:** |  | **DO YOU CONSIDER YOURSELF TO HAVE A DISABILITY?** | Y / N / Prefer not to say |
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| **CIRCUIT NAME & NUMBER:** |  |
| **CHURCH OFFICES HELD AT PRESENT AND PREVIOUSLY:** |  |
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| **PREVIOUSLY ATTENDED CONFERENCE?** | Y / N | **IF ‘Y’, YEARS ATTENDED:** |  |
| **PLEASE CONFIRM YOU ARE ABLE TO ATTEND CONFERENCE 2021?** |  |

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| **STATE YOUR REASONS FOR WISHING TO ATTEND THE METHODIST CONFERENCE BELOW, USING NO MORE THAN 50 WORDS** (Please stick to the word count)**:** |
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| **SUPPORTED/NOMINATED BY:** | **1.** |  |
| **2.** |  |
| **Note:** nominations must be supported/nominated by two London District **Synod members** |
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| **NOMINEES SIGNATURE:** |  |
| **Note:** Must be signed by the Nominee to indicate approval of the nomination and willingness to undertake the responsibilities involved.  |
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| **If successful your details will appear as a conference representative in the next District Directory. Please indicate below whether you consent to your contact details being published in the Directory. The Directory data protection policy is available on the District website [**[**www.methodistlondon.org.uk/data-protection-privacy-policy**](https://www.methodistlondon.org.uk/data-protection-privacy-policy)**]:** |
| **EMAIL:** | Y / N | **PHONE:** | Y /N | **POSTAL ADDRESS:** | Y / N |
| **I DO NOT WANT ANY OF MY DETAILS PUBLISHED IN THE DIRECTORY:** | Y / N |  |

Data Protection for completion of conference nomination form

Please note that the District will retain this information for the duration in which the applicant has indicated that they are willing to serve, plus one year. Successful applicants will automatically become members of the London District Synod, will therefore receive calling papers and be eligible to vote at the bi-annual District Synods. Successful applicants will also be added to the District’s weekly e-newsletter to ensure that they receive important information regarding the District. To see the District’s Data Protection policy and information regarding retention, please visit the District website [www.methodistlondon.org.uk/data-protection-privacy-policy] or request a hard copy from the District Office.