**The Methodist Church in Wales: Wales Synod Minutes of Synod Policy Committee meeting held via Zoom on 4th April 2022**

**Present:**

**SPC:** Revd Christopher Gray (Assistant Chair in the Chair), Kofi Amissah, Margaret Birch, Stephen Boxall, Rosemarie Clarke, Linda Davies, Rosemary Davies, Jacquie Evans, Barry Hawkins, Graham Illingworth, Teddy Kalongo, Martin Lougher, Leslie Noon, Phil Poole, Pat Preston, Janet Rees, Nick Sissons, Roger Smith, Margaret Webber, Alf Williams.

**Representing Synod Cymru:** Ian Morris, Maryl Rees

**Nomination Committee**: Jennifer Hurd, Hugo Potgieter, Andy Walker, Lisa Rathbone

**Nominee Chair of District:** Andrew Charlesworth

**Apologies:** Gordon Gresswell.

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting, explaining the different groups represented with a special welcome for the Revd Andrew Charlesworth.

**11/22 Opening devotions** were led by the Chair.

**12/22 Minutes** The minutes of the meeting held on October 22 were held over to be considered at the next meeting.

**13/22 SPC Business – CONFIDENTIAL ITEM. Not to be shared with others until at least after Sunday 10th April, 2022.**

**a) Nomination of Chair of Wales Synod Cymru district from 1st September 2023**

The Revd Andrew Charlesworth was introduced to those present. After a reasoned statement was read regarding Mr Charlesworth’s nomination, he addressed the meeting.

Mr Charlesworth then left the meeting and after some conversation the SPC and Synod Cymru representatives voted unanimously to nominate Mr Charlesworth to the two Synods to be Chair of Wales Synod Cymru from 1st September 2023.

The Chair led the meeting in prayer.

At this point members of the nomination committee who were not also a member of the SPC were invited to leave.

**b) Bangor and Holyhead Trust 8669**

In order to release funds within Trust 8669 for the benefit of the Bangor and Holyhead circuit manse the following resolution was passed unanimously:

‘Under section 275 of the Charities Act 2011, the managing trustees of Wales Synod resolve to amend the purposes of The Trust Fund 8669 from ‘for the upkeep of the Bangor (English) Circuit Manse at 3, Belmont Road, Bangor, Gwynedd’ to ‘for the upgrade and maintenance of the manse at 14 Coed Y Maes, Bangor or any replacement manse as required by the Managing Trustees of the Bangor and Holyhead Methodist Circuit or their successors in title’, so that the capital can eventually be released for that purpose.’

**14/22 Matters to and from related bodies**

**a) Methodist Council/Conference**

i) Oversight and trusteeship

Committee members had received sight of a letter from the Secretary of Conference regarding the reconfiguration of districts and in particular the suggestion that each district should have only one Chair. A draft written response had been circulated and after some discussion was approved.

**15/22** Date of next meeting: 18th June 2022, 9.00am via Zoom

The Grace was shared at the close of the meeting.