

Who's who in the Connexional Team

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Strategic Leaders:-



Martyn Atkins – General Secretary of the Methodist Church and Secretary of the Conference

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Key responsibilities: to play a part in the oversight and leadership of the Church, particularly encouraging good governance in Connexional bodies, Districts, Circuits, Local Churches and other institutions; responsibility, with others, to lead the mission and strategy of the Church; a crucial role in the oversight and leadership of the Church and responsibility for developing strategic management and the Church's vision of unity, mission, evangelism and worship.



John Ellis – Secretary for Connexional Team Operations

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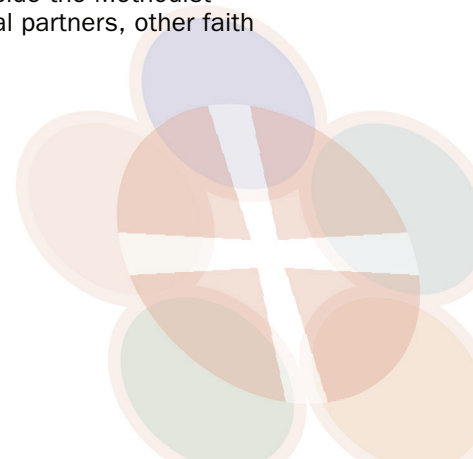
Key responsibilities: leadership of the whole Connexional Team, under the direction of the General Secretary, and in particular overseeing its policy development proposals, budgets, staffing and managements through close collaboration with the five heads of staff clusters.



Chris Elliott – Secretary for External Relationships

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Key responsibilities: oversight of the areas of work and ministry that relate outside the Methodist Church in Britain; relationships and engagements with overseas and ecumenical partners, other faith groups and public life.

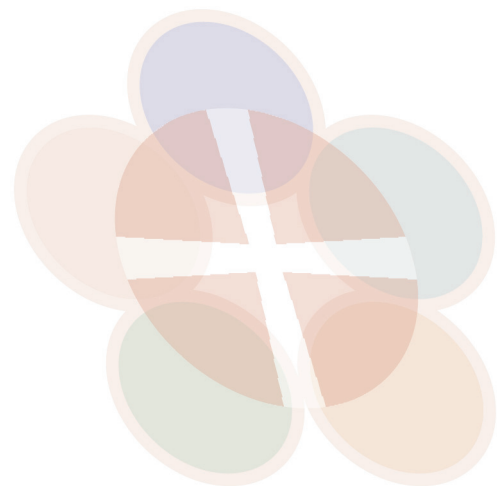




Mark Wakelin – Secretary for Internal Relationships

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Key responsibilities: to encourage and develop better relationships within the Methodist family. Within the leadership of the church, to seek greater clarity about our purpose and a more profound confidence in God.



Discipleship and Ministries Cluster:-



Doug Swanney – Head of Discipleship and Ministries

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Key responsibilities: managing the Discipleship and Ministries cluster, and supporting our strategic work on children and youth (including the Youth Participation Strategy), ministries and learning, chaplaincy and supporting regional training and development work.

Mike Seaton – Director of Children and Youth

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Key responsibilities: oversight of the Children and Youth team, implementation of the Children and Youth Strategy, including development and training of youth workers across the Connexion, acting as an advocate for children and young people to the Church and outside agencies and liaison with the Joseph Rank Trust and other external Children and youth bodies.

Jude Levermore – Youth Participation Development Officer

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Key responsibilities: managing Participation project managers in the regions, One programme workers, One Programme Participants, Youth Assembly and Participation agenda.

Siôn Rhys Evans – Ministries & Learning Co-ordinator (Acting)

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Key responsibilities: supporting the development of the Church's ordained, accredited, commissioned and informal lay ministries, and coordinating the Church's learning infrastructure.

Rob Jones – Chaplaincy Co-ordinator/ Secretary to the Forces Board

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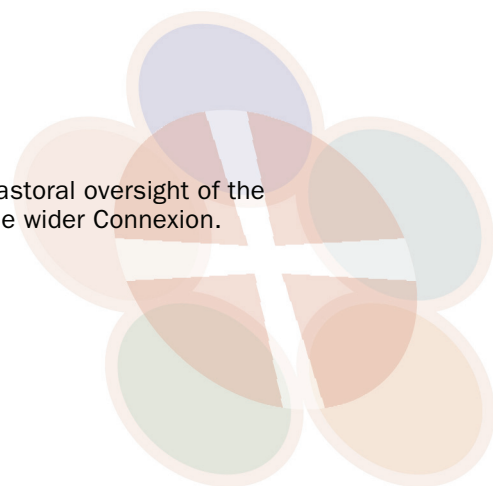
Key responsibilities: overview of all Chaplaincy Ministry, line management responsibility for Further Education & Prison Chaplaincy Coordinators and management and development of Higher Education, workplace and Forces Chaplaincies and management of Chaplaincy Research Project.



Sue Culver - Warden, Methodist Diaconal Order

Email: warden@mdo.org.uk

Key responsibilities: the strategic and spiritual leadership, discipline, and pastoral oversight of the Methodist Diaconal Order including advocacy on behalf of the Order within the wider Connexion.



Projects, Research and Development Cluster:-



Trevor Durston – Head of Projects, Research and Development

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Key responsibilities: managing the work of the Projects, Research and Development cluster so that it provides the best possible service to the Connexion in developing and implementing new ideas.

Paul Winyard – Projects Coordinator

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Key responsibilities: deputising for Trevor Durston, overseeing the Education Commission, facilitating the evaluation of Connexional Team work, and delivering projects training.

Triumph Ayo-Isegun – Project Officer

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Key responsibilities: assisting with the development of project ideas and forming the Connexional Team link with Belonging Together, a project celebrating the diversity of the British Methodist Church.

John Culver – Project Research Officer (Chaplaincy)

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Key responsibilities: developing and delivering a research process into chaplaincy provision throughout the Connexion and formulating recommendations with the potential to lead to a major chaplaincy development project.

Joy Barrow – Inter Faith Relations Officer/ Inter Faith Relations Projects Officer

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Key responsibilities: as lead person for Inter Faith Relations: representing the Methodist Church at Inter Faith Relations events and embedding Inter Faith Relations understanding in members of the Connexion and Connexional Team.

Jenny Cant – Women’s Network Project Officer

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Key responsibilities: overseeing the transition of Women’s Network to financial independence from the Connexional Team.

Ian Bell – Venture Fx

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Key responsibilities: coordinating the Connexional Pioneering Ministries Scheme (VentureFX), which focuses on reaching unchurched young adults, and overseeing the selection and ongoing support of pioneers and projects for the scheme.

Thaddeus Dell – Carbon Reduction Policy Officer

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Key responsibilities: managing the Carbon Reduction project and developing policies which will underpin Methodist Church efforts to reduce its carbon footprint in line with the national goal of a minimum 80% reduction by 2050.

Philip Meadows – Inspire Project Coordinator

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Key responsibilities: coordinating the Inspire Network project to develop a network of people committed to the growth of mission spirituality in the leadership and life of the Church.

Christopher Stephens – Research Officer

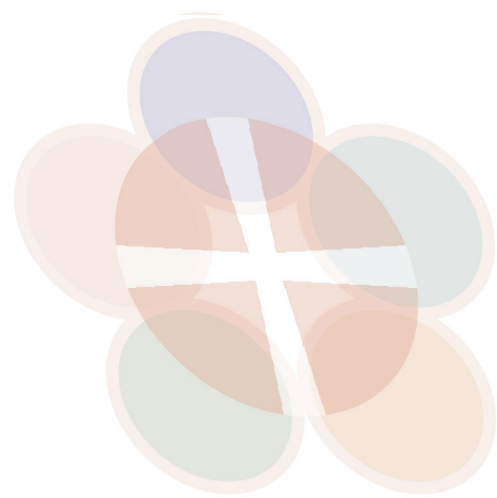
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Key responsibilities: performing and overseeing research to develop strategy and policy; and providing support for the building up of research across the Connexion.

Elizabeth Clutterbuck – Research Officer

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Key responsibilities: performing and overseeing research to develop strategy and policy; and providing support for the building up of research across the Connexion.



Christian Communication, Evangelism and Advocacy Cluster:



Claire Herbert – Head of Christian Communication, Evangelism and Advocacy

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Key responsibilities: managing the work of the cluster to ensure our strategic development of work in communications, world church relationships, evangelism, spirituality, discipleship and public issues.

Toby Scott – Director of Communications & Campaigns

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Key responsibilities: managing the work of the communications team, and implementing a strategic approach to all Connexional team communications.

Michael King – Leader of World Church Relationships

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Key responsibilities: leading the staff responsible for developing relationships with the Methodist Church in Britain's 60 Partner Churches around the world; including strategic mission planning with partners, the secondment of personnel to serve overseas, grants for mission programmes in other countries, and scholarships for emerging church leaders.

Rachel Lampard - Team Leader and Policy Adviser (Joint Public Issues Team)

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Key responsibilities: managing the Joint Public Issues Team, an ecumenical team comprising the Methodist Church, Baptist Union of Great Britain and the United Reformed Church, which works on a range of public policy issues, including peacemaking, climate change, asylum and poverty, and aims to influence those in power and equip and energise local congregations; and acting as Policy Adviser on a range of issues.

Graham Horsley – Evangelism Spirituality and Discipleship Co-ordinator

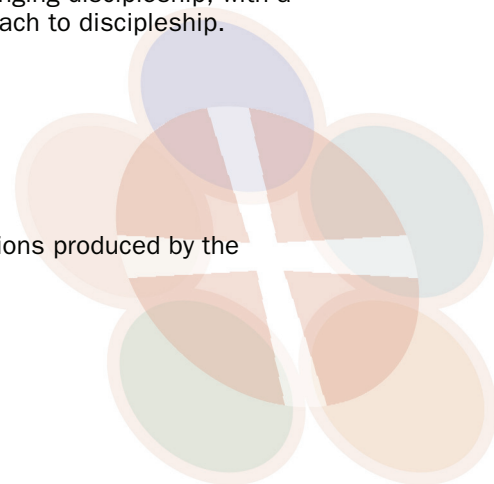
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Key responsibilities: Head of the Evangelism, Spirituality and Discipleship team working across the Connexional Team and the wider Connexion to promote whole-life, world changing discipleship, with a particular responsibility for promoting an outward looking, evangelistic approach to discipleship.

Carole Richmond – Methodist Publishing Manager

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Key responsibilities: the publishing, production and marketing of all publications produced by the Methodist Church.



Jo Hibbard – Methodist Heritage Coordinator

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Key responsibilities: with the Methodist Heritage Committee, responsible for developing, co-ordinating and promoting 'Methodist Heritage': a range of historic sites across Britain connected to the story of John Wesley and the growth of Methodism.

Governance Support Cluster:

Ken Howcroft - Assistant Secretary of Conference

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Key responsibilities: the preparation for, support of and authoritative dissemination of the work of the principal governance bodies of the Church; overseeing governance scrutiny processes and developing good practice generally in the Church in the area of governance; overseeing the Connexional processes which express the covenantal relationship between the Conference and ministers; acting as Ecumenical Officer for the Methodist Church.

Jane Bates – Governance Executive Officer

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Key responsibilities: management of processes for governance bodies (the Conference, Methodist Council, Strategy & Resources Committee etc); support for the Connexional Leaders Forum.

Gareth Powell – Officer for Legal and Constitutional Practice

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Key responsibilities: acting in place of David Gamble whilst he is President; convening Law and Polity Committee; overseeing the Complaints and Discipline Committee.

Pearl Luxon – Safeguarding Adviser

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Key responsibilities: developing policy and good practice in safeguarding children, young people and vulnerable adults, liaison with outside agencies and government over legislation and concerns that arise; devising training strategies and materials, dealing with risk assessments and blemished disclosures; supporting and encouraging the networks of district and diocesan safeguarding advisers.

Margaret Sawyer - Equalities and Diversity Officer

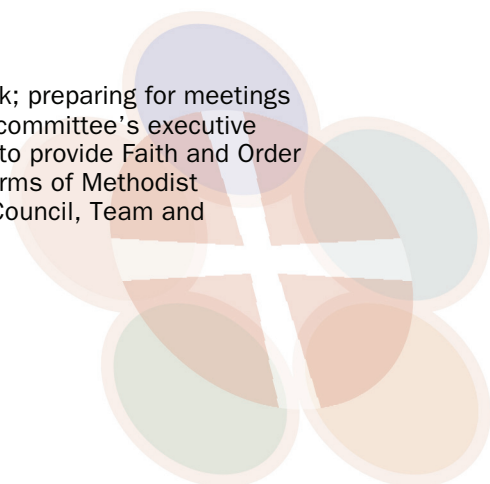
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Key responsibilities: responsibility for the theological statement on E&D and the policy and its implementation, monitoring and development in the Connexional team and wider church, promoting awareness and develop and deliver training on E&D throughout the Connexion.

Peter Phillips - Secretary of the Faith & Order Committee

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Key responsibilities: facilitating and administering the Faith and Order network; preparing for meetings of the committee and its resource groups and working parties; acting as the committee's executive officer in between meetings; liaising with members of the Connexional Team to provide Faith and Order Consultation across the work of the Team; liaising with wider Connexion in terms of Methodist theology and identity; providing theological scrutiny process for Conference, Council, Team and Connexion.



Support Services Cluster:-



Nick Moore – Head of Support Services

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Key responsibilities: management of the Support Services cluster, covering the following services: Financial planning; Accounting for the Team and Methodist associated bodies; Personnel resources; Property and grants support; Management of Pension Fund staff; Administration; Information Technology; Database and payroll.

Carmila Legarda – Director of Development & Personnel

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Key responsibilities: providing direction and guidance on all aspects of the personnel work to the Methodist Council and the wider Church.

Sushila Jetha – Deputy Director of Development & Personnel

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Key Responsibilities: leading the coordination and development of systems processes and procedures of the Development and Personnel sub-cluster.

Tony Tidey – Wellbeing Officer

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Key responsibilities: developing a healthy working culture within the Connexional Team and wider Church, including advice on managing absence, disability and related matters.

Howard Mellor – Discernment & Selection Coordinator

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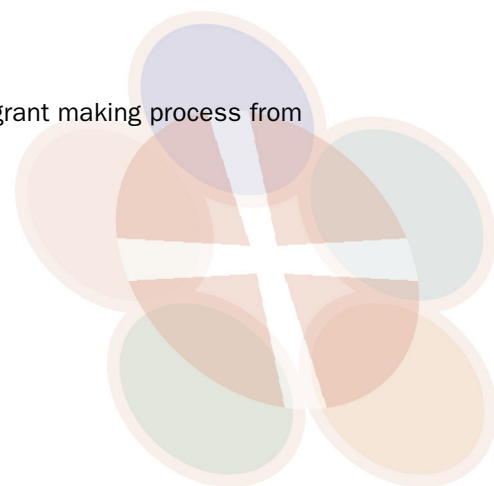
Key responsibilities: Candidating, transfers, Stationing, Mission Partners and general recruitment issues.

Liz Lau and Val Lovett– Grants Officers

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Key responsibilities: supporting Districts and Partner Churches through the grant making process from initial project proposal to submissions of monitoring information.

Reg Everest – Building & Facilities Officer



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Key responsibilities: management of all the facilities, building, utilities and similar aspects involved with the day-to-day operation of Methodist Church House in London and also maintenance of a number of Connexional manses.

Sarah Wadman – Administration and Technology Co-ordinator

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Key responsibilities: ensuring the provision of professional, effective and flexible administration support to the Connexional team and the effective delivery of a responsive and customer focused Information and Technology service.

Peter Fei – Director of Financial Operations

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Key responsibilities: running of the finance function and preparation of financial information.

Grace Wheatley – Deputy Director of Financial Operations

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Key Responsibilities: overseeing staff in the Planning, Strategy & Reporting section which is responsible for the budgeting, forecasting and audit functions of the Finance Office as well as offering advice and financial advice to decision makers within the Connexional Team and across the wider Connexion.

Philip Bedford-Smith – Finance Manager (Payroll & Benefits)

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Key Responsibilities: maintaining a payroll service for ministers, lay employees and staff of the Methodist Church, and administering grants for ministers.

Sharon Ashton – Assistant Manager (Transaction Processing)

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Key responsibilities: management of the Transaction Processing team, responsible for the processing of all income and expenditure, including VAT accounting, Gift Aid recovery, capital expenditure and all insurance related matters.

Alan Pimlott – Connexional Property Secretary (based at Manchester Office)

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Key responsibilities: managing the Resourcing Mission Office, Manchester including the oversight of property matters, charity registration and trustee responsibilities.

Ian Serjeant – Conservation Officer (based at Manchester Office)

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Key responsibilities: managing the process to ensure that any alterations to listed buildings and buildings in conservation areas that belong to the Methodist Church are in line with conservation regulations, including the administration of the Ecclesiastical Exemption.

Robin Garrido – Mission Projects and Funding Manager (based at Manchester Office)

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Key responsibilities: managing small team responsible for giving help and support to all users of the property consents system, managing Connexional property grants, in particular the Fund for Property and the Connexional Priority Fund, and sourcing external funding for church property schemes, which includes arranging and administering community landfill fund grants.

