

## CONFERENCE BUSINESS COMMITTEE "I" Communications and Organisations

**CONVENER:** Nicola Grundy

**QUESTION 33(a):** What are the decisions of Conference on matters relating to the Communications Committee? *Report pp I 1-4*

### DECISIONS:

1. The report is received.
2. Conference asks the Board of Administration consider designating the General Secretary as the Church's media contact person.
3. Conference approves the policy that the President and Vice President elect undertake a media and communication workshop as part of their preparation for office.
4. Conference encourages Boards, Hui Poari and Synods to discuss the following questions:
  - a. What are the issues of conscience the church needs to be addressing?
  - b. What are the issues of concern to local and national and international community?And send responses to the Communications Committee by 30<sup>th</sup> June 2009 in order that a communication template can be developed and circulated for comment to August Synods and Hui Poari 2009.
5. Conference acknowledges with gratitude the work of David Bush as convener of the Communications Committee.
6. Conference acknowledges and thanks Robyn Brown and Ruth Sandiford Phelan for their contribution to the Communications Committee.
7. Conference approves the membership of the Communications Committee for 2009 as: Nicola Grundy (Convener), Trish Moseley, Lesley Mynet-Johnson, Bill Peddie, Shelia Thorne and at least three other people (to be approved by the President).

**QUESTION 33(b):** What are the decisions of Conference on matters relating to the Methodist Publishing Board? *Report pp I 4-6*

### DECISIONS:

1. The report is received.
2. That conference encourages parishes and individuals to where able to contribute financially to maintain Touchstone.
3. That the Methodist Publishing Board for 2009 be: Mark Gibson (chair), the General Secretary, Jim Stuart, Paul Titus (Editor), Pieter Van der Berg (advertising), John Wilson, Chris Ambrose, Barbara Peddie and Saikolone Taufu.

**QUESTION 33(c):** What are the decisions of Conference on matters relating to the PAC Communications Endowment? *Report pp I 6-7*

### DECISIONS:

1. The report is received.
2. The committee for 2009 is – Sheila Thorne, Brian Peterson, Lana Lazarus, Te Rito Peyroux, Trish Moseley (Convener).

**QUESTION 33(d):** What are the decisions of Conference on matters relating to the Churches Broadcasting Commission? *Report p I 7*

### DECISION:

1. The report is received.