

**2021
RESOLUTIONS**

of the

British Provincial Synod

of

THE MORAVIAN CHURCH

or

UNITAS FRATRUM

held at

**Ockbrook Moravian Church,
Derbyshire and on Zoom**

Thursday 10th to Sunday 13th June 2021

Classified by the Church Book Committee thereby appointed
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MORAVIAN BOOK ROOM

Moravian Church House, 5 Muswell Hill, London N10 3TJ

NOTE

This booklet contains those Resolutions which have effect after the close of Synod, including the definite proposals out of any report which was adopted as a whole by Resolution of Synod. It does not contain Resolutions which related to this particular Synod or its business, nor Resolutions otherwise than as above.

The following OFFICIAL REPORTS were laid before Synod:

The Reports of the PROVINCIAL BOARD for the inter-synodal period, including:

the TRUSTEES' Report
the BOARD OF MANAGEMENT Report
the Report of the BRITISH MISSION BOARD
the FINANCIAL Report for 2018, 2019 and 2020 including
statistics and the management review
the Reports of the FULNECK and OCKBROOK SCHOOLS

The Report of the PROVINCIAL SUSTAINABILITY WORKING
PARTY

The Report of the FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Report of the CHURCH SERVICE COMMITTEE

The Report of the PROVINCIAL YOUTH and CHILDREN'S
COMMITTEE

The Report of the FAITH AND ORDER and ECUMENICAL
RELATIONS COMMITTEE

The Report of the MISSION AND SOCIETY COMMITTEE

The Report of the WORLD MISSION COMMITTEE

The Report of the YOUNG PEOPLE'S MISSIONARY
ASSOCIATION

The Report of PROJECT 32

The Report of the EDITOR of the MORAVIAN MESSENGER

The Memorial of the DIASPORA Secretary

The Memorial of the MORAVIAN WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

The Memorial of the MORAVIAN PROVINCIAL MEN'S
FELLOWSHIP

The Opening Service of Synod was held in Ockbrook Moravian Church and broadcast on Zoom on Friday 10th June 2021 at 09.15 hours. It was conducted by Br Martin Smith.

Apologies were received from:

Deputy Bedford Queen's, Park
Deputy Tytherton

Personal greetings were given by:

Ester Brožová, (Czech Province) by letter
Volker Schulz (European Continental Province)
Thsespal Kundan (South Asia Province)

Letters of greeting were sent to:

the families of those who had died
the Provincial Board of Western Tanzania

Thanks were expressed to:

the Officers of Synod and the Book Committee
those who had conducted worship and provided technical support
Sr Zoe Taylor (standing down from the Provincial Board)
Br Mark Kernohan (standing down from the Provincial Board)

Synod stood in silence in memory of those who had died:

Br Derrick Purnell
Sr Clarissa (Clarister) Johnson
Br Michael Rea
Br Kagauchung (Kabui) Naga
Br David Hudston
Sr Sylvia Launder
Sr Elaine Auty

Special Sessions:

Project 32
Memorials

The Synod Service was held in the Ockbrook Moravian Church with a live Zoom session for delegates and guests on Sunday 13th June 2021 at 10.30am. The service was led by Br Joachim Kreusel. Br Joachim Kreusel and Br Philip Cooper gave the address.

2021

'M' signifies Minister 'D' signifies Deputy

OFFICERS

President	Br Joachim Kreusel	Bishop (M) Ockbrook and Leicester
Vice-President	Br John McOwat	Bishop
Chairperson of sessions	Br Michael Newman	(M) Fulneck and Gomersal
Vice-Chairperson of sessions	Br Philip Cooper	(M) Fairfield
Reserve Officer	Vacant	
Synod Clerk	Sr Sally-Ann Johnston	Guest
Assistant Clerk/ Minute Secretary	Sr Jane Dixon	(M) Lower Wyke and Wellhouse
Synod Steward	Sr Lindsey Newens	Guest
Technician	Sr Lorraine Parsons	Guest

OTHER VOTING MEMBERS

Benedek, Sr Lesley	(D)	Royton
Boateng, Sr Hannah	(D)	Harlesden
Boddy, Br Richard	(D)	Bath Weston
Broadbent, Br Leonard		Retired Minister
Carter, Sr Heather	(M)	Blackbird Leys
Colbert, Sr Maureen	(D)	Horton
Cooper, Br John	(D)	Belfast Cliftonville
Costley, Br John	(D)	Belfast University Road
Dickens, Sr Val	(D)	Hall Green
Dixon, Br Mark	(D)	Salem
Douglas, Br Roy	(D)	Gracehill
Emanuel, Sr Christine	(M)	Harold Road
Evans, Br Kenneth	(D)	Wellhouse
Flemings, Sr Minette	(D)	Fetter Lane
France, Br Gordon	(D)	Baildon
Groves, Sr Sarah	(M)	Gracehill
Groves, Sr Susan	(D)	Brockweir
Gubi, Br Peter	(M)	Dukinfield
Hague, Sr Julie	(D)	Ockbrook
Holmes, Br John	(D)	Fulneck
Hoey, Sr Roberta		PEC

Holdsworth, Sr Patsy	(M)	Brockweir, Kingswood and Tytherton
Holdsworth, Br Paul	(M)	Bath Coronation Avenue, Bath Weston and Swindon (PEC)
Hopcroft, Br Robert		Secretarius Fratrum in Anglia
Howard, Sr Dilys	(D)	Leominster
Howarth, Br David	(M)	Baildon and Horton (PEC)
Ingham, Br Richard	(D)	Fairfield
Kessler, Br Blair	(D)	Hall Green
Khan, Sr Alishbha		Youth Representative
Kilner, Br John	(D)	Bath Coronation Avenue
Lambert, Br Steadroy	(D)	Hornsey
Law, Sr Gillian	(D)	Kilwarlin
Mallinson, Br Graham	(D)	Lower Wyke
Marshall, Sr Glenys	(D)	Dukinfield
Maxwell, Sr Claire	(M)	Fetter Lane
Mwaisango, Br Christopher	(D)	Harold Road
Newman, Br Daniel		Youth Representative
Pennington, Sr Jackie	(D)	Swindon
Quildan, Br Edwin	(M)	Harlesden and Bedford Queens Park
Raynor, Sr Joy		Provincial Youth and Children's Officer
Shorten, Sr Lorraine	(M)	Hall Green and Leominster
Smith, Br Martin	(M)	Royton and Salem
Spencer, Sr Cora	(D)	Blackbird Leys
Stephens, Br Jared	(M)	Cliftonville and Ballinderry
Taylor, Sr Gillian		Advocatus Fratrum in Anglia
Thomas, Sr Vanessa	(D)	Leicester
Thompson, Br Livingstone	(M)	Belfast University Road and Kilwarlin (PEC)
Wilson, Br Samuel Henry	(D)	Ballinderry
Windmill, Sr Sandra	(D)	Kingswood
Woolford, Br James	(M)	Hornsey
Woolford, Sr Kathryn	(D)	Gomersal
Number of Voting Members		26 ex-officio and 30 elected deputies

There were no congregation deputies from Bedford Queens Park and Tytherton

NON-VOTING MEMBERS AND GUESTS

Quildan-Foreman, Sr Susan Student Minister

ADVISORY MEMBERS

Richard Billinghamurst Financial Advisor to PEC
Dan Leaman Corporate Financial Advisor to PEC

SYNOD GUESTS

Br Volker Schulz European Continental Province
Br Thsespal Kundan South Asia Province
Catherine West MP MP Wood Green and Hornsey
Sr Janet Cooper President Moravian Women's
Association

OBSERVERS

Nottingham Audio Visual Technical Team

2021 CLASS 'A' RESOLUTIONS

(Touching the Standing Order of the Church)

1. Closure of Ockbrook School

That Synod:

1. notes the proposed closure of Ockbrook School on the 9th of July 2021;
2. gives thanks for 222 years of service and witness of the Ockbrook School community; and
3. requests that, in the event and on completion of a winding up process, reference to Ockbrook School be deleted from the Book of Order.

2. Elections at an Online Synod

That the words “but in the ballot other persons than those nominated may be voted for and elected” be removed from Section 2.4.i.1 for the duration of this Synod. The section will then read as follows:

2.4.i Elections

- 2.4.i.1** When the election of any person to an office takes place by ballot, then persons may be nominated (i.e. proposed and seconded for election) without comment or debate before the ballot. Exceptions to the foregoing are elections to the Provincial Board and standing provincial committees (see Section 2.4.i.5).

3. Format of Proposals

That the following addition be made to the Book of Order Section 2:

2.4.e. Proposals and Amendments

- 2.4.e.1** Every motion whether it be a proposal or amendment, shall, before being discussed, be put in writing and shall be accompanied by a rationale of not more than 100 words and a cost implication if applicable.

4. British Mission Board

That Section 3.2.a of the Book of Order be amended to read:

3.2.a Constitution

- 3.2.a** The British Mission Board of the Moravian Church consists of three members of the Provincial Board, a YPMA representative, a Bishop and two members co-opted by the Provincial Board to hold office until the next Synod. After each election the British Mission Board organizes itself officially by appointing its own chairperson, treasurer and secretary, and deciding upon its division of work; but it remains a collegiate body, all decisions being the responsibility of the British Mission Board as a whole.

5. Finance and Property Committee

That the Finance Committee be renamed the Finance and Property Committee and that all relevant sections of the Book of Order be amended accordingly.

6. Notice of Proposals

That Section 2.3.b.1 of the Book of Order be amended to read:

2.3.b Notice of Proposals

- 2.3.b.1** Proposals changing or impacting the Book of Order cannot be discussed or voted on by the Synod unless they have been notified to the Provincial Board three months before the day appointed for the meeting of the Synod.

7. Standardisation of Deadlines

That in all sections of the Book of Order where it states deadlines in terms of months or weeks it be changed to the equivalent of days, where a month is equal to 30 days and a week is equal to 7 days.

8. Minimum Number of Congregation Members for Representation at Synod and District Conference

That the reference to 'seven' members in the following sections be changed to 'three' members:

That section 2.1.a.1 be changed to read

2.1.a Elected Members of the Synod

- 2.1.a.1** These are the deputies of the congregations elected to each Synod at the Congregation Council meeting called for this purpose. Each congregation recognised by the Synod, having not fewer than 150 members on the roll at the preceding financial year end, is entitled to send two deputies; each congregation, having three or more but fewer than 150 members on the roll at the preceding financial year end, is entitled to send one deputy

That section 11.1.b.1 and 11.1.b.2 be changed to read

11.1 Constitution

- 11.1.b.1** A congregation having three or more but fewer than 150 members on the roll at the preceding financial year end has the right to elect a deputy to the Provincial Synod. A congregation having not fewer than 150 members on the roll at the preceding financial year end may send two deputies.
- 11.1.b.2** A congregation having three or more but fewer than 150 members on the roll at the preceding financial year end has the right to elect a deputy to the District Conference. A congregation having not fewer than 150 members on the roll at the preceding financial year end may send two deputies.

That section 13.3.f and 13.3.f.2 be changed to read

- 13.3.f Elections of Members of the Congregation Committee and of Deputies to the Provincial Synod and District Conference**
- 13.3.f.2** Every recognised congregation having three or more but fewer than 150 members on the roll at the preceding financial year end may send one deputy to the District Conference and one deputy to the Provincial Synod. A recognised congregation having not fewer than 150 members on the roll at the preceding financial year end may send two deputies to the District Conference and to the Provincial Synod. In the case of the Provincial Synod the deputies must be aged 18 years or over at the date of the first day of the Synod

2018
CLASS 'B' RESOLUTIONS

1. Virtual Meetings of Boards and Committees

That Synod authorises the Provincial Board and Provincial Standing Committees and specially formed Committees to use the format of virtual meetings to conduct their work where it is considered useful or necessary.

2. Consecration 1

That Sr Lorraine Shorten goes forward for consecration as a presbyter.

3. Consecration as a Presbyter

That Section 22.1.b.1.ii of the Book of Order be amended to read:

22.1.b.1. Supervised Service

22.1.b.1.ii Deacon

A person in supervised service following ordination as a deacon. When the evaluation and further study has been completed satisfactorily, the Church Service Committee will recommend to the Provincial Board that the deacon shall be consecrated as a presbyter, thus ending the period of supervision. The Provincial Board, in consultation with the candidate, shall make all necessary arrangements with regard to venue, date and time for consecration and shall invite a bishop to arrange and preside at the service.

4. Stewardship Programme

That:

1. The Synod mandates the PEC to put in place a stewardship programme for the Province, designed to
 - (a) provide teaching material for members on the meaning of Christian stewardship,
 - (b) build the capacity of congregations to strengthen the ministry of the congregation through the effective use of time, skills, knowledge, and money,
 - (c) improve the financial sustainability of the province.
2. The Synod Mandates that the Stewardship programme is designed to run until Synod 2032, with reports of progress and achievements given to each Synod in the intervening years.
3. The Synod mandates that a Stewardship Committee be set up by the Provincial Board to oversee the programme for the period up to 2032 and that a coordinator for the programme be appointed by the Provincial Board.

5. Appreciation 1

That this Synod records its appreciation of the service that Sr Zoe Taylor has rendered to the Church in the work of the British Provincial Board and the British Mission Board.

6. Appreciation 2

That this Synod records its appreciation of the service that Br Mark Kernohan has rendered to the Church in the work of the British Provincial Board and the British Mission Board.

7. Decade of Evangelism

That:

1. The Synod mandates that the Decade 2022 to 2032 be observed in the British Province as a decade of evangelism, marking the 300th anniversary of the arrival of settlers in Herrnhut (1722) and the 300th anniversary of the commencement of Moravian Missions to the Caribbean (1732).
2. A programme of evangelism be developed and implemented under the leadership of the British Mission Board and select staff, and report on the progress at each Synod in the intervening years.
3. The aims of the programme be delivered in collaboration with existing relevant Synod committees and include (a) initiating new work in the British Province, (b) renewing the life of fledging congregations, (c) building capacity to sustain and grow an effective online ministry, (d) building a Moravian Youth Movement, (e) identifying and supporting a new Moravian Mission venture overseas.

8. Project 32

That the Synod mandates the PEC to review and propose changes to the Provincial Structure and operations in order to achieve the aims as are set out in the Project 32 document, reporting back to Synod 2022.

9. Project 32 Committee

That an implementation committee be co-opted by the Provincial Board, consisting of a number of lay and ordained persons, one Bishop (chosen by the Bishops from among themselves), and at least three Provincial Board members.

10. London Allowance

That the Finance Committee bring a proposal to Synod 2022 that an allowance be paid to all London based Ministers and Lay Workers at a rate to be determined by the Committee.

11. Provincial Archives and Heritage Committee

That a Provincial Archives and Heritage Committee be constituted, with elections to take place at Synod 2022, and the following be added to the Book of Order:

5.9 Archive and Heritage Committee

5.9.a Constitution

The Archive and Heritage Committee consists of two members of the Moravian Church in the British Province, elected by nomination and ballot at Synod and holding office until their successors are elected; the Provincial Archivist; experts appointed by the Provincial Board; representatives of the Districts and Settlements appointed by the Provincial Board; and members of the Provincial Board deputed by that Board.

5.9.a.1 The term of office for elected members of the Committee shall be four years, up to a maximum of twelve years, with possible re-election after a period of at least four years. It is recommended that only 50% of the elected membership of the Committee stand for election at each Synod.

5.9.a.2 A vacancy among the elected members of the Committee occurring in an inter-synodal period may be filled by appointment of the Provincial Board.

5.2.a.3 The chairman is appointed by the Provincial Board, and the Committee appoints its own secretary.

5.9.b Function

5.9.b.1 To advise and support the PEC and congregations with the acquisition, care, storage, preservation, management, safe keeping and promotion of historical records, artefacts and material relating to the work of the Moravian Church.

- 5.9.b.2 To advise and support the PEC and congregations with the care, maintenance, and promotion of the heritage of the Moravian Church in the Province, including history, historic buildings, and property.
- 5.9.b.3 To assist the PEC and congregations in identifying and securing funding for archives and heritage.
- 5.9.b.4 To oversee research and study related to the history of the Moravian Church.
- 5.9.b.5 To liaise with corresponding organisations in the ecumenical community, national archives, and the Moravian Unity.
- 5.9.b.7 To support the work of the Provincial Archivist.

12. District Social Responsibility and Renewal Secretaries

That the following paragraphs of Section 8 be removed:

8.1.b Ex-officio members of the District Conference

8.1.b.5 The District Social Responsibility Secretary, who is elected annually by the District Conference.

8.1.b.6 The District Renewal Secretary, who is elected annually by the District Conference.

13. Representatives to the CTE Forum

That Section 10.3 of the Book of Order be amended to read:

10.3. Churches Together in England (CTE)

The Moravian Church is entitled to send two representatives to the CTE Forum, who shall be appointed by the Provincial Board. One of these representatives will normally be the Provincial Ecumenical Officer. The Moravian Church is entitled to send one representative to the CTE Enabling Group, who shall be appointed by the Provincial Board. This is normally the Provincial Ecumenical Officer. The Moravian Church may also send representatives to co-ordinating groups and working parties of CTE.

14. Divestment from Fossil Fuels

That the British Province of the Moravian Church, in view of the potentially catastrophic climate and ecological emergency, commit to the process of divestment from fossil fuels, within three calendar years.

15. Holy Habits

That the Provincial Elders Conference adopt Holy Habits as an integral part of Project 32 (the decade celebrating the tri-centenary of the renewal of the Moravian Church and Moravian missions), authorise a working group to take forward Holy Habits in the Province and in the congregations, and arrange for each congregation to have a set of Holy Habits books.

16. Woodland Trust Tree Campaign

That:

1. The Moravian Church in the British Province and its congregations seek to identify areas of church land that can be used for the planting of native trees, in order to support the Woodland Trust in its tree planting campaign.
2. Individual members of the Moravian Church also be encouraged to support the Woodland Trust's campaign, by reviewing the land they own and, if possible, planting native trees.
3. The Moravian Church nationally, congregations, and individual member who wish to plant trees report back to the Provincial Mission and Society Committee about land identified for tree planting and the progress on planting, so that the committee can quantify how many trees and acreage have been planted as a result of this campaign.

17. Minimum Number of Congregation Members for Quorum at Congregation Council

That section 13.1.b be changed to read:

13.1 Constitution of the Congregation Council

- 13.1.b** The quorum for the transaction of business at a Council meeting is 25% of the membership or three members, whichever is higher or such number larger as may be fixed in the rules of the particular congregation.

ELECTIONS FOR THE INTER-SYNODAL PERIOD

Provincial Board	<u>1 stipendiary member for 4 years</u> Sr R Hoey <u>1 stipendiary member for 2 years</u> Br D Howarth <u>2 non-stipendiary members for 4 years</u> Br P Holdsworth Br M Newman <u>1 non-stipendiary member for 2 years</u> Br P M Gubi
Finance Committee	<u>3 members for 4 years</u> Br J Saynor Sr G Taylor Vacant
Church Service Committee	<u>2 members for 4 years</u> Sr L Shorten Br J Stephens <u>1 member for 2 years</u> Sr Susan Groves
Church Book Committee	<u>2 members for 4 years</u> Sr J Dixon Sr Susan Groves <u>1 member for 2 years</u> Vacant
Faith and Order and Ecumenical Relations Committee	<u>2 members for 4 years</u> Sr P Holdsworth Br E Quildan <u>1 member for 2 years</u> Sr Susan Groves

Mission and Society Committee	<u>2 members for 4 years</u> Sr J Cooper Vacant <u>1 member for 2 years</u> Br B Kessler
World Mission Committee	<u>2 members for 4 years</u> Vacant
Youth and Children's Committee	<u>2 members for 4 years</u> Sr C Maxwell Br J Woolford <u>1 member for 2 years</u> Vacant

4-year or 2-year terms are backdated to 2020

Investment Trustees	Br John Cooper Br John Costley Br Kenneth Evans Br Blair Kessler Sr Gillian Law Br Graham Mallinson Sr Lorraine Shorten
Advocatus Fratrum in Anglia	Sr G Taylor
Secretarius Fratrum in Anglia	Br R Hopcroft
Chairperson of Sessions for Synod 2022	Br P Cooper
Vice-Chairperson of Sessions for Synod 2022	Sr J Dixon
Reserve Officer for Synod 2022	Sr C Emanuel