

Drae, Group 1, United Kingdom

Methodist Diaconal Order

The Methodist Diaconal Order currently has a complement of 261 members. Of these: 129 are in the active work (including 10 probationer deacons)
118 are supernumerary deacons
9 are student deacons, 5 are deacons who hold 'without appointment' status

Warden: Karen McBride, Ruth Richey

Convocation- met twice at Swanick since we last met as DRAE, Gordon Pennykid and Ibronke Oworu attended in 2018. This was a great event and we were well received.

Methodist Church of Southern Africa Order of Deacons: In April, the Warden and Deputy Warden were able to take up an invitation to visit and participate in the Convocation of the Order of Deacons in the Methodist Church of Southern Africa.

Our Calling and Carry on Serving At Convocation 2019 we plan to launch some new material. The materials show how deacons enable and contribute to the Church in its living out of *Our Calling*; telling the story of deacons' ministry: *Keep Calm and Carry on Serving*. In addition at the beginning of 2019 a new website was launched as part of the main Methodist Church website.

Church of Scotland Diaconate

Currently around 30 Deacons in employment-variety of roles, both employed by church and other organisations. 2 students at University. Recruitment remains an issue.

President Marion Stewart, president elect Mark Evans-first male president.

Heart and Soul: big event in Edinburgh shows off work of church. The Diaconate has embraced this in recent years to increase the visibility of the vocation.

General Assembly: 2018 new vision report welcomed and received enthusiastic responses, copy available at assembly A review of employment and deployment was instructed.

2019: structural change of the Church approved and a new Council created who will oversee Diaconate.

Drae Assembly: looking forward to hosting in Edinburgh. This has been a privilege for

us to arrange but also a weighty amount of work.

Presbyterian Church of Ireland

16 Deaconess - employed in Church and Chaplaincy

1 probation

3 students

Deaconess Association meets monthly and also meet in prayer groups.

Quiet Day and an outing. celebrate communion at Easter with is usually lead by the Moderator of Assembly.

under the Council of Mission in Ireland, and greatly supported in prayer by Presbyterian Women a ladies fellowship organisation.

General Assembly has begun consideration of the gender-specific nature of the role of the diaconate within PCI. These preliminary discussions include an exploration of how a non-ordained but called office of the church which may be open to all, might assist the mission of the church.

Scottish Episcopal Church

Application for membership received

Gordon Pennykid DCS June 2019