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PRESS RELEASE

**Methodist Covenant Service Brings
Parliamentarians Together in Westminster.**

On Tuesday 20 January, the Methodist Parliamentary Covenant Service was held in the Chapel of St Mary Undercroft at the Palace of Westminster. The service was organised by the All-Party Methodist Parliamentary Group and brought together MPs, peers, parliamentary staff and guests.

The service provides an opportunity for Methodists working in and around Parliament to renew their commitment to servant leadership, justice and integrity in public life, drawing on the long-standing Methodist Covenant tradition rooted in the teachings of John Wesley.

The service was led by Revd Tony Miles, Superintendent Minister of Methodist Central Hall Westminster. The Covenant was presided over by Revd Richard Andrew, President of the Methodist Conference, with Vice-President Mr Matt Forsyth. The preacher was Revd Michalea Youngson, Assistant Secretary of Conference and communion was presided over by Revd Stephen Poxon.

Revd Tony Miles said:

“Just days after Methodist Central Hall Westminster welcomed international leaders to mark 80 years since the founding of the United Nations, this service in St Mary Undercroft at the heart of Parliament reminds Methodists of the true nature of public service.

The Covenant calls all Christians, including those in public office, to lead with humility, cooperation and responsibility, rising above division and personal ambition. It offers a clear alternative to political cultures shaped by confrontation and self-promotion and reaffirms that Parliament exists to serve the whole nation.”

The Methodist Parliamentary Covenant Service continues to offer a moment of reflection for those serving in public life, encouraging humility, accountability and decision-making guided by compassion and the common good.

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