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PRESS RELEASE

New Era for Methodists in London as Revd Faith Nyota Takes Chair
Historic Service at Methodist Central Hall Welcomes New London District Chair,
Revd Faith Nyota

On Sunday 7 September, Methodist Central Hall Westminster (MCHW) was, despite the London Underground strike, filled with worshippers, church leaders and civic guests for a landmark service marking the start of the new Methodist year. The joint service, held with the London District, formally welcomed Revd Faith Nyota as the new Chair of District. This coincided with the visit of the President and Vice-President of Methodist Conference to the Westminster Circuit, and drew the presence of the General Secretary, Revd Dr Jonathan Hustler, and Assistant Secretary, Revd Micky Youngson, who presided over communion.

Revd Faith Nyota takes up leadership of the London District, alongside Revd Dr Jonathan Dean, at a time of significant change and opportunity for the Methodist Church in the capital. The District will be launching its new 5-year Mission Plan on 20th September; centering on its vision to become a church seeking growth, reaching out to all and embracing God's world.

Quotes

- Revd Faith Nyota said: *"I am humbled to step into this role and grateful for the trust placed in me. My prayer is that together we will continue to build a Methodist witness in London that is faithful, inclusive and outward-looking."*
- Superintendent of Methodist Central Hall Westminster, Revd Tony Miles said, *"This service reflects the strength and unity of our global Methodist family in London, and the commitment to serving local communities with compassion and hope."*

National leaders in attendance

The service highlighted the importance of the moment, bringing together the Church's most senior leaders. With the President of Conference, Revd Richard Andrew, and Vice-President, Matt Forsyth, in attendance, along with the Secretary of Conference and the Assistant Secretary of the Conference, along with a number of ecumenical partners from across London, including Monsignor Roger Reader, of the Diocese of Westminster (Roman Catholic) and the Rt. Revd. Paul Hendricks, Auxiliary Bishop for the Kent Area of Southwark (C of E).

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