

## Memorial

Please don't forget that the deadline for circuit memorials is **31 March**, and the deadline for district memorials is the Wednesday after the second Saturday in May (**18 May 2022**).

*The Memorials Secretary regrets that it is impossible for her to accept a memorial for this year's Conference if it is received after these dates.*

### Please complete each question below:

Name of Circuit: Sheffield

Number of Circuit or District (e.g. 17/1): 25/01

Name of Circuit Superintendent: Revd Gill Newton (Titular)

Email address: [chair@heffieldmethodist.org](mailto:chair@heffieldmethodist.org)

*If submitting this memorial via email, a signature is not required if the email is received from or confirmed by this person.*

### Number of members at the Circuit Meeting

number present and eligible to vote: 64

number voting in favour of memorial: 59

number voting against memorial: 0

number not voting (abstaining): 5

### Text of memorial:

In the light of:

- the *Cry for Hope* by Palestinian Christians, which Conference 2021 commended to the Methodist people for prayer and study
- the detailed description of Israel as an apartheid society by the late lamented Archbishop Desmond Tutu, the Israeli human rights group B'Tselem, Human Rights Watch and Amnesty International
- the clarity in the Jerusalem Declaration on Antisemitism that criticism of the state of Israel is not in itself anti-Semitic

the Sheffield Circuit requests Conference to urge the Methodist people to support the Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions (BDS) campaign referred to in *Cry for Hope* as a key means of bringing about non-violent change in Israel/ Palestine.

### Background or supporting statement:

*This is not required and will not be printed in the Conference Agenda. However, the opportunity is available to provide anything that may assist the Memorials Committee in drafting a reply for consideration by the Conference.*



**Please send your memorial by email (in Word format) if at all possible**  
**You do not need to also send a hard copy by post**

**Please note that the Memorial Secretary will always acknowledge the receipt of all memorials. If you have not received a reply, your memorial has not been received!**

**Please send to: [memorials@methodistchurch.org.uk](mailto:memorials@methodistchurch.org.uk)**

Or: Memorials Secretary,

c/o Conference Office, Methodist Church House, 25 Marylebone Road, London NW1 5JR

For District memorials, if your Synod will take place in May then it would be very helpful if you can give prior warning by email of the proposed memorial before your Synod.