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 or District: **Sheffield Circuit**

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

Name of Circuit Superintendent/Synod Secretary or their representative: **Romeo Pedro**

Email address: revrpedro.methodist@gmail.com

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 or Synod

number present and eligible to vote: **69**

number voting in favour of memorial: **68**

number voting against memorial: **0**

number not voting (abstaining): **1**

Text of memorial:

The Sheffield Methodist Circuit stands in prayerful solidarity with Daoud Nassar and his Christian family at their farm, Tent of Nations, near Bethlehem in the Occupied West Bank. Tent of Nations was awarded the Methodist World Peace Prize in 2017 in recognition of their principled Christian stance: “We refuse to be enemies.”

Despite multiple attacks on their olive trees and other crops and violent assaults on themselves, they have maintained this position, and welcomed many international volunteers. Since the terrible events of October 7th 2023 in which of course they played no part, extra road blocks and Israeli checkpoints have been put in place to make access to the farm more difficult for international visitors.

The Nassar family have owned and farmed this land since 1916, but in 1991 Israel declared it to be “state land”. In 2007 the Israeli Supreme Court told the family they could begin the process of re-registration, but ever since then the legal process has been subject to repeated delays and cancellations of court hearings.

We call upon Conference to:

1. Send a message of support for the Tent of Nations in its Christian stand for peace and justice in the midst of increasing difficulties
2. Urge the Israeli government and the Israeli Supreme Court to allow the hearing of the re-registration case to proceed without further delay
3. Urge the British Government to support by all means possible the access of Daoud Nassar and his family to due legal process.

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

Or: Memorials Secretary,

c/o Conference Office, Methodist Church House, 25 Tavistock Place, London WC1H 9SF

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.