



Our Richard becomes President

Description



Former MMHS board member Revd Richard Teal has been elected and inducted as the new President of the Methodist Conference.

Richard's induction took place on 27th June at Cliff College in Derbyshire, as part of the Methodist Conference – which is taking place online for the first time.

Richard was a member of the Society's board for nine years before leaving MMHS to take on his prestigious new role.

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In his Conference address, Richard pointed out how the Church had been 'hit hard' by the coronavirus crisis.

'Who would ever have thought a few months ago we would have had to close our doors and lock them, even at Easter!' he said. 'Many of our congregations are feeling totally disorientated, fearful and cut off from the fellowship we enjoy with each other.'

Richard also looked ahead at how the world can adapt to the impact of the pandemic – 'Not a return to the same old same old but a church which has the reputation for transformation, for recreation and for empowerment of what we are living through in the present – in response to a faithful God who redeems history and promises the brightest of futures'.

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He chose the final words of John Wesley as his theme for this year – 'The best of all is, God is with us'.

Richard comes from a farming background, having grown up in the Yorkshire Dales. He has spent most of his ministry in rural areas, including 11 years as Chair of the Cumbria District. He is now Superintendent of the Beverley Circuit in East Yorkshire.

Text and video of the presidential address is available [here](#). Richard's story can be read in *Roof 'n' Roots* [here](#).

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