

57. REPORT FROM THE LAW AND POLITY CONFERENCE SUB-COMMITTEE

Under Standing Order 131(25) the Law and Polity Conference Sub-Committee may move a resolution for any purpose considered by the Conference to be within the scope of the functions of the Law and Polity Committee. Following the debate yesterday on Notice of Motion 2018/203, when clarification of the intention of the proposers was sought and given, it has emerged that the printed text inadvertently did not reflect the text that had previously been circulated amongst those that had been supporting the Notice of Motion.

The Law and Polity Conference Sub-Committee, having been provided with the original version, takes the view that it usefully explains the intention of the proposers as subsequently explained to the Conference. The Sub-Committee therefore proposes the following resolution.

***RESOLUTION

LP/1. For the purpose of formally recording the clarification of Notice of Motion 2018/203 which was given by the proposer and seconder to the Conference, the Notice of Motion should be read as if it were in the following form:-

Given the difficulties that the current Task Group has faced, the Conference now wishes to offer guidance about the direction of travel it seeks for the Methodist Church. The Conference, therefore,

- i)
- ii) directs the Task Group to ensure that proposals are brought before the Conference ~~on~~ **including** a way forward that is consistent with the existing commitment to live with contradictory convictions, namely **enabling**:
 - a) People with contradictory convictions to continue in fellowship and dialogue together;
 - b) Those who feel called by God to solemnise same sex marriages to do so;
 - c) Protection for ministers, probationers, members and churches prevented by conscience from participation in such services;
 - d) The Conference to receive reports on emerging practice which will inform ongoing theological reflection.

*** RESOLUTION

LP/2. The Conference delegated to the Methodist Council the making of any outstanding appointments and the completing of any outstanding business required to be made or done by the Conference of 2018, and directed that any such actions be reported to the Conference of 2019.