

## 25. Fernley Hartley Trust

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<b>Resolutions</b>	25/1. The Conference receives the Report.  25/2. The Conference appoints the Revd Dr George Bailey, the Revd Dr Philip Luscombe, Dr Jill Barber, Dr Peter Briggs and Professor David Clough as trustees of the Fernley Hartley Trust with effect from 1 September 2016.

### *About the Trust*

The Fernley Hartley Trust organises an annual lecture on a theological topic related to Methodism. Originally the lecture was held at the Conference and had to be delivered by a Methodist minister. The terms of the Trust were amended some years ago so that the lecture can take place at other times and be delivered by ordained or lay. The lecture is often now given in partnership with an academic department or other organisation to help with publicity and attendance. The trustees are seeking to expand the work of the Trust to include disseminating the lecture more widely and the possibility of holding other lectures in addition to the main Fernley Hartley lecture. The trustees are keen to explore online provision and resources that might be suitable for Local Churches and other groups to engage with the issues and topics raised.

### **Lectures**

The 2015 lecture was delivered at the University of Chester by Professor David Clough and was entitled *Early Methodists and Other Animals: Animal Welfare as an Evangelical Issue*.

The 2016 lecture will be delivered during the Conference at the Lambeth Mission on Monday 4 July 2016 at 8pm by Emeritus Professor James Dunn and will be entitled *The Gospels: Why Four?*

### **Amendments to the Scheme**

In 2015, the Trustees applied to the Charity Commission for permission to make amendments to Articles 2 and 19 of the scheme and made the following amendments to the scheme which they have power to make directly:

3. Time of Lecture. (a) The ***Fernley Hartley Lecture*** shall be delivered on a day determined by the managing trustees.

***(b) Any additional lectures shall be provided at such time and in such manner as the managing trustees determine, which may (but need not) include either or both of:***

***(i) direct delivery to an audience;***

***(ii) recording and posting on a website.***

4. Design of Lecture. (a) The design of the ***Fernley Hartley Lecture*** shall be to explain and defend the theological doctrines or the ecclesiastical polity of the Methodist Church, with special reference and adaptation to the necessities of the times.

- (b) The subject of the lecture shall be fixed by the managing trustees in accordance with the above design.
5. Lecturer. (a) The **Fernley Hartley** Lecture shall normally be delivered by a presbyter, deacon or lay member of the Methodist Church.
- (b) The lecturer **delivering the Fernley Hartley Lecture** shall be chosen by the managing trustees.
- (c) Any additional lecture provided in accordance with article 2(iii) above shall normally be delivered by a presbyter, deacon or lay member of the Methodist Church but the lecturer will not necessarily be chosen in the first instance by the managing trustees if the lecture is provided in association with another body of persons.**
10. Term. (a) A managing trustee shall cease to hold office if he or she:
- (i) is disqualified from acting as a trustee by virtue of section ~~72~~ **178** of the Charities Act ~~1993~~ **2011** or any statutory re-enactment or modification of that provision;
  - (ii) ceases to be qualified in the relevant capacity, ~~or, in the case of the ex-officio trustee, to hold the qualifying office;~~
  - (iii) becomes incapable by reason of mental disorder, illness or injury of managing his or her own affairs;
  - (iv) is absent without the permission of the trustees from two successive meetings and the trustees resolve that his or her office be vacated; or
  - (v) notifies to the trustees a wish to resign.
- (b) Any such cessation creates a casual vacancy, to which the managing trustees may by co-option appoint as trustee any eligible person, subject to ratification at the next meeting of the Conference, to serve for the unexpired part of the term of the former trustee.
- (c) Subject to (a) and (b) above, the appointment of a managing trustee, ~~other than the ex-officio trustee,~~ is for six years, and a retiring trustee is eligible for reappointment if still qualified in the relevant capacity.

At their meeting in 2016, the Trustees amended Articles 2 and 19 of the Scheme as follows, with permission granted by the Charity Commission on 28 July 2015 and 7 October 2015:

2. Object. The object of the charity is the provision of an annual lecture, to be called the Fernley Hartley Lecture, **together with such other lectures as the trustees shall from time to time determine.**
19. Application of income. The income of the charity shall be applied in furtherance of its objects, including the payment of:
- (i) all proper costs attending the administration and management of the charity;
  - (ii) the remuneration of the lecturer;
  - (iii) the expenses attending the advertisement, ~~and~~ delivery **and dissemination** of the **Fernley Hartley** Lecture, **any additional lecture and any associated study material relating to any lecture.**

In addition, the trustees amended the reference in Article 5(c) above to refer to Article 2, not Article 2(iii)

### *Appointment of trustees*

The trustees notify the Conference of the resignation of the Revd Dr Stephen Wigley, Professor Peter Howdle and Miss Elizabeth Ovey as trustees. The trustees also notify the Conference that the six year terms of office of the Revd Dr Philip Luscombe and Dr Peter Briggs come to an end in 2016. The trustees nominate both Dr Luscombe and Dr Briggs for a second term of appointment and bring the following names for appointment as new trustees:

#### **The Revd Dr George Bailey**

George Bailey is a presbyter, appointed to the Leeds (North and East) Circuit and a member of the Cliff College staff. He completed a PhD thesis on the systematic relationships between the experience and theology of sanctification. He continues to develop research interests in Wesleyan theology, and theologies of sanctification and holiness across a spectrum of Christian traditions.

#### **Dr Jill Barber**

Jill Barber is Vice-President of the Conference 2015/16 and is a Local Preacher. She is Director of the Heritage for Mission Project at Englesea Brook Chapel and Museum of Primitive Methodism. As a trained teacher and librarian, with a PhD in Archives, she has worked in Cambridge, Aberystwyth and London.

#### **Professor David Clough**

David Clough is a Local Preacher and Professor of Theological Ethics at the University of Chester. He is a previous Fernley Hartley Lecturer. His teaching and research focus on theological ethics. Having previously worked on Karl Barth's ethics and Christian pacifism, his central concern is the place of animals in Christian theology and ethics.

The full list of trustees will then be as follows:

The Revd Dr Jane V Craske (Chair), the Revd Dr George Bailey, Dr Jill Barber, Dr Peter Briggs (Treasurer), Professor David Clough, the Revd Dr Philip Luscombe, Professor Esther Reed, the Revd Mark Rowland (Secretary).

#### **\*\*\*RESOLUTIONS**

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