*This is one of a number of Ancillary Papers relating to the report of the Marriage and Relationships Task Group that is being presented to the Methodist Conference in 2019. The report itself, entitled God in love unites us can be found and downloaded from* [*www.methodist.org.uk/MandR19*](http://www.methodist.org.uk/MandR19)

*The report does not depend on these papers. They have not been presented to the Conference or approved by any formal body in the Methodist Church. They have been written as background papers or to help the Task Group think through some particular issues as it sought to come to a mind and develop its views in writing its report. They are not necessarily the considered view of the whole of the Task Group, but are offered here in the hope that some may find them stimulating, challenging or illuminating.*

**ANCILLARY PAPER G:**

**PAST METHODIST CONFERENCE REPORTS AND OTHER METHODIST CHURCH MATERIALS**

**RELATING TO MARRIAGE AND RELATIONSHIPS**

**Reports to the Methodist Conference which directly concern marriage and relationships**

*The following is a list of the various reports and documents on topics related to marriage and relationships that have been prepared for the Methodist Conference over the last forty years. They do not all have the same level of authority because the Conference responded to them in different ways at the time they were presented. For example, some were adopted and some only received. Nevertheless, they bear witness to the debates and the development of thinking in the church over those years. [For details of the decisions made about each individual report, the Daily Record of the Conference in question should be consulted.]*

1979 A Christian Understanding of Human Sexuality

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1982 A Christian Understanding of Human Sexuality

1990 The Report of the Conference Commission on Human Sexuality

1992 A Methodist Statement on A Christian Understanding of Family life, the Single Person and Marriage

1993 Human Sexuality Report (Agenda pp 249-250, 614-629)

1993 The 1993 Conference Resolutions on Human Sexuality

1996 Preparing for Christian Marriage

1998 Christian Preparation for Marriage (includes SO 011A)

2000 Guidelines for Inter-Faith Marriage (Adopted by the Conference in 2000 and printed in the form of CPD Book VII Part 9)

2002 Marriage in the Methodist Church

2002 Domestic Violence and the Methodist Church, The Way Forward?

2005 Domestic Abuse and the Methodist Church…Taking Action

2005 “Pilgrimage of Faith”

2006 The Pilgrimage of Faith

2006 Living with Contradictory Convictions in the Church

2014 Working Party on Marriage and Civil Partnerships

2016 Marriage and Relationships Task Group

2018 Marriage and Relationships Task Group: Interim Report

2018 Marriage and Relationships Task Group Additional Report

**Methodist Council Reports**

Notice of Motion 215: Responding to the realities and challenges of pornography

**Liturgical resources**

1999 *Methodist Worship Book* pp 367 – 398 services of marriage and the blessing of a marriage

2001 *Vows and Partings* (David Gamble) Methodist Church Great Britain London: Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes

**Other reports to the Conference with theological connections to the work on Marriage and Relationships**

1998 A Lamp to my Feet and Light to my Path: The Nature of Authority and the Place of the Bible.

1998 Created in God’s image: an ecumenical report on contemporary challenges and principles relating to early human life

1999 Called to Love and Praise