

## Local Preacher and Worship Leader (LPWL) Studies Board

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<b>Status of Paper</b>	Final
<b>Action Required</b>	For decision
<b>Draft Resolutions</b>	<p>88/1. The Council receives the report.</p> <p>88/2. The Council agrees to establish a Local Preacher and Worship Leader Studies Board.</p> <p>88/3. The Council delegates to the Chair, the Secretary and two members of the Council responsibility for appointing the Membership of the Board.</p> <p>88/4. The Council, pursuant to SO 565(2), delegates the oversight and scrutiny of Local Preacher and Worship Leader Training to the Local Preacher and Worship Leader Studies Board.</p>

### Summary of Content

<b>Subject and Aims</b>	The creation of a LPWL Studies Board
<b>Main Points</b>	Terms of Reference Proposed categories of membership
<b>Consultations</b>	Officers of the Discipleship and Ministries Learning Network Officers of the Ministries Committee Officers of the Faith and Order Committee

## Local Preacher and Worship Leader Studies Board

### 1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 It is proposed that a quality assurance and enhancement body should be established as soon as practicable to provide appropriate, rigorous and robust oversight and scrutiny of Local Preacher and Worship Leader training. The quality assurance and enhancement body will be known as the Local Preacher and Worship Leader Studies Board (LPWL Studies Board) and will provide scrutiny for all the modules of the new LPWL study programme and take forward ongoing development work. Modules 1 and 2 of the new programme which are already released for use will be reviewed.
- 1.2 It is important to note that SO 565 gives the responsibility for scrutiny, oversight and validation of training programmes for Local Preachers on trial to the Methodist Council.

### 2.0 Terms of Reference

The LPWL Studies Board shall:

- Be responsible for the process of oversight and scrutiny of all materials relating to new and existing Local Preacher and Worship Leader training programmes.
- Ensure that all modules adequately meet the module descriptors and meet the agreed learning outcomes.
- Ensure the programme as a whole is coherent and of a consistently excellent standard including the use of all material from secondary providers (eg website).
- Review all module descriptors annually and review the agreed learning outcomes.
- Meet at least 4 times each year, face to face and report to the Methodist Council (SO 211(2), SO 565, SO 565A).
- Ensure that all appropriate feedback from students, tutors and the Faith and Order Committee is reviewed and course content developed accordingly.
- Ensure that the content of each module and that the programme of learning as a whole adheres to Methodist doctrinal standards and that the programme of study equips local preachers and worship leaders to preach our doctrines to a level of excellence.
- Ensure that the processes of delivery and assessment are effective and appropriate in enabling all learners to meet the programme learning outcomes and agreed benchmarks for local preachers and worship leaders.
- Act as the validation panel for any alternative training programmes and reviewing processes for accredited prior learning (SO 565A).
- Have oversight of whether preachers seeking to transfer from other denominations have successfully met the learning requirements regarding the history and theology of the Methodist Church.

### **3.0 Proposed categories of membership**

The LPWL Studies Board shall consist of at least 7 persons, at least three of whom shall be Local Preachers.

The following roles and qualifications should be present within the group:

Chair (former President or Vice-President of the Conference)

Current (or recent) theological educator

Member of the Faith and Order Committee

Member of the Ministries Committee

A person with a proven track record of designing and delivering online learning.

The relevant member of the Connexional Team with responsibility for the training of Local Preachers and Worship Leaders shall be in attendance.

Resourcing of the LPWL Studies Board will be the responsibility of the Connexional Team.

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

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