

## 35. Special Resolutions from the 2007 Conference

Under Standing Order 126, special resolutions of the Conference require to be confirmed the following year after appropriate consultation before they can become effective. For the purpose of consultation, they are either referred to the Methodist Council (unless moved on the Council's behalf, in which case they are referred to the Law and Polity Committee) or dealt with as provisional legislation under Standing Order 122 and submitted to the Synods and the Law and Polity Committee.

The bodies consulted may approve or disapprove the resolution but may not amend it.

At the Conference of 2007, there were two special resolutions that were referred to the Methodist Council.

### SUBMITTED BY THE CONFERENCE TO THE METHODIST COUNCIL

#### (a) CONFERENCE ELECTED MEMBERS OF CONFERENCE

*The Conference amends clause 14(5) of the Deed of Union as follows:*

- (a) The Conference-elected representatives shall be elected by the Conference. ~~At least one third shall be ministers, at least one third shall be lay persons, and at least one~~ *One* shall be a deacon *and the remaining members shall consist of equal numbers of ministers and lay persons.*
- (b) *Subject to (a) above*, ~~the~~ numbers, term of office and other matters concerning the election and service of conference-elected representatives shall be prescribed by Standing Orders.

The Methodist Council approved the resolution.

### \*\*\*RESOLUTION

- 35/1. The Conference confirms the amendments to the Deed of Union set out in (a) above.

#### (b) BRITISH REPRESENTATION TO THE IRISH CONFERENCE

*The Conference amends the Deed of Union as follows:*

**Clause 43 The Irish Conference.** ~~(a) Subject to such provisions of law (if any) as may be applicable in Northern Ireland or the Republic of Ireland and in accordance with the provisions constituting the Methodist Church in Ireland the President of the Conference shall also be the President of the Irish Conference and the Conference shall appoint annually two other ministers, its Vice-President and two other persons as representatives to the Irish Conference. The appointment of such other ministers may be made by the Conference in the Ministerial Session.~~

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**Clause 14(2) Membership.** The Conference in its Representative Session shall comprise:.....

(vii) ~~the Vice President and the Secretary of the Irish Conference~~ *the President of the Methodist Church in Ireland and the Secretary of the Irish Conference.*

**Clause 17 Substitutes.** (a) The Conference shall have power to elect a substitute for any member who is unable or unwilling to attend except ~~the Vice President or~~ *the President of the Methodist Church in Ireland and* the Secretary of the Irish Conference.

The Methodist Council approved the resolution.

### \*\*\*RESOLUTION

**35/2.** The Conference confirms the amendments to the Deed of Union set out in (b) above.