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- b. Appointment of four representatives to be members of the Foundation Conference as the representatives of the Methodist Church and a direction that they express the views of the Conference at the Foundation Conference.
  - c. Approval of the terms of the draft Deed of Church Order and a direction to the four representatives to vote for any resolution at the Foundation Conference for the settlement and adoption of the Deed in that form and (as to the representatives named in the Deed as parties) to sign, seal and deliver the Deed when so adopted.
  - d. An expression of thanksgiving for the work of the Methodist Church in the Gambia over the past 168 years, rejoicing that it should now come to fruition in an Autonomous Conference and looking forward to future fellowship with that Conference.
  - e. (If required, which it may well not be) An instruction to those responsible to ensure that all arrangements are duly carried out for the transfer of property.
- 7 In order to bring this work to completion, the Council empowered a small group of people to continue to work with those responsible in The Gambia on finalising the documents. The group consists of John Hicks, Nwabueze Nwokolo (also a member of the Council), Brian Beck and David Gamble, with help where required from the connexional solicitor, Lynn John.
- 8 The Council directed that a list of names of representatives to the Foundation Conference be approved by the Strategy and Resources Committee for presentation at the Conference. The Strategy and Resources Committee agreed the following list:
- The Revd Stephen J Poxon, President of the Conference
  - The Revd Elaine Woolley, former mission partner
  - The Revd David Gamble, officer for legal and constitutional practice
  - Mrs Nwabueze Nwokolo, member of the Law and Polity and Council Review Group on The Gambia autonomy

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

- 45/1.** The Conference receives the Report.