

SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS

Special Resolutions submitted by the Conference of 2009 to the Methodist Council

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 2009, there were three special resolutions that were referred to the Methodist Council. The texts of those resolutions on which the Council is required to vote are set out below.

1. *Revision of Property Legislation*

The Conference amends Paragraph 1 of the Model Trusts as follows:

Delete the definition of "Circuit Advance Fund".

Amend the definition of "Circuit Purposes" as follows:

'Circuit purposes' means, in relation to any model trust property or any part thereof and in relation to any Circuit, all or any of the purposes of a Circuit manse or of any other property (not being local property), for the time being used or applied or held for the purposes of being used or applied, in accordance with the model trusts, solely or mainly by or in connection with such Circuit, ~~or all or any of the purposes of any property for the time being comprising or required, by Standing Orders or by any direction of the Conference or of the Methodist Council given pursuant to Standing Orders, to be held as or to be added to a Circuit Advance Fund,~~ and includes any other charitable purpose comprised in the model trusts which the Conference may by Standing Order designate as a Circuit purpose in relation to such Circuit and to model trust property;

2. *Y Cyngor*

The Conference amends Clause 1 of the Deed of Union as follows:

(iv) 'Church Courts' means the Conference, ~~Y Gymanfa~~ **Y Cyngor**, the Synods, the Circuit Meetings, the Local Preachers' Meetings, the Church Councils and the boards and committees appointed by or reporting to those bodies;

3. *Trustee Indemnity Insurance*

The Conference deletes sub-paragraph (o) of paragraph 16 of the Model Trusts, as applying in England and Wales.