

Reviewing the Role of District Chairs (Larger than Circuit)

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Draft Resolutions	18/1. The Council approves the Terms of Reference.

Summary of Content

Subject and Aims	To propose more detailed terms of reference for the review of recent developments in the role of District Chair.
Background Context and Relevant Documents (with function)	The 2013 Conference authorised the Council to approve the detailed terms of reference for this working party (resolution 35/9).

Summary of Impact

Faith and Order	Alongside the Larger than Circuit Coordinating Group – the working party will work in collaboration with the Faith and Order Committee.
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1. Introduction

- 1.1 The 2013 Conference (Resolution 35/9) appointed a group to review the recent developments in the role of District Chair with particular reference to personal and collegiate leadership exercised connexionally. The Conference authorised the Methodist Council to approve more detailed terms of reference for the group's work. This report seeks to give clear Terms of Reference for the working party.

2. Terms of Reference

- 2.1 The group will present to the Conference a snapshot of "What is a District Chair today" referencing how it has changed since the 2006 report "What is a District Chair" with particular reference to changes in personal, corporate and collegiate leadership.
- 2.2 In conjunction with the on-going review of the CLF the group will reflect and report on the purpose and effectiveness of the Chairs' meeting and the Connexional Leaders' Forum (CLF) – with particular reference to what is distinctive about each and how the role of lay leadership is exercised within the CLF.
- 2.3 The group will engage in some fresh, creative, prophetic, theologically informed thinking on what "District" (or larger than Circuit) Leadership could look like in the future. In light of this thinking, and taking into account the work of the Larger than Circuit Coordinating group and the various Conference reports that relate to leadership and oversight, the working party will seek to present suggested models of leadership.
- 2.4 The group will consult across the Connexion to ensure a wide range of perspectives and understandings are heard.

3. Clarity of Definition

- 3.1 The group will give particular reference to changes in personal, corporate and collegiate leadership.

For the purpose of this work we define

Personal Leadership = believing that God has called you to do this in line with your gifting, passion and personality.

Corporate = (Connexional) as laid down by the Methodist Constitution, Conference and Connexional Leadership

Collegiate = (Collaborative) hearing the voices of those you lead with and leading from that gathered perspective

4. Reporting

- 4.1 The group will bring an interim report reflecting the findings of 2.1 and 2.2 to the Conference of 2015. A final report will be made to the Conference (reflecting 2.3 and 2.4) after the coordinating group has undertaken its work and made its own report.

***RESOLUTION

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