

Matters Arising

MC/23/62

January 2020

Minute reference	Brief summary of action directed	Who responsible	Progress update
20.1.15	The Council directed the Secretary of the Conference and the Warden of the Methodist Diaconal Order to consider the further steps to be taken in consideration of the office of Vice-President and whether it should remain open to deacons.	Secretary of the Conference and Warden of the MDO	The Secretary of the Conference led a discussion on this matter at the 2022 Convocation. The Convocation wished to give further thought to the matter and to return to it at a later date (and the current Vice-President is a deacon).

January 2022

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22.1.13	The Council directed that further work is done on the policy for connexional manses.	Secretary of the Conference, in discussion with the Connexional Manse Committee, Connexional Secretary and the Law and Polity Committee	Work is ongoing.

October 2022

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22.3.6	The Council directed the Secretary of the Conference to work with the JDS Committee to identify which parts of the Council's work need to be subject to an EIA and to report to the January Council.	Secretary of the Conference	Work has begun but has been delayed.

March 2023

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23.2.3	The Council noted the situation in regard to 25	Connexional Secretary,	On 31 March 2023 the Connexional Secretary

	Tavistock Place, approved the initiation of legal proceedings to recover possession and authorised the Connexional Secretary, the Conference Officer for Legal and Constitutional Practice and the Secretary of the Conference to sign any necessary documentation on the Council's behalf.	Conference Officer for Legal and Constitutional Practice and the Secretary of the Conference	signed the Claim Form and Particulars and other relevant documents required for the court proceedings. On 14 April 2023, the Connexional Secretary and the Conference Officer for Legal and Constitutional Practice signed a deed of indemnity in favour of the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes (TMCP) to indemnify TMCP from any legal costs and liability arising from TMCP being a party to the court proceedings as custodian trustees. The court proceedings were successful and possession was lawfully recovered by an Interim Possession Order dated 6 April 2023 and final Court Order dated 19 April 2023.
23.2.6	The Council directed the Working Party on SO 111(3) to produce draft guidance and to report to the Council in January 2024.	Secretary of the Conference	The Working Party has met once to agree the outline content of the guidance.
23.2.18	The Council appointed a small group to revise the wording of the Criteria for Selection for presentation to the Conference.	The appointed group	It was not possible to undertake this work in time for it to be presented to the Conference in 2023, and the Ministries Committee will bring proposals for revision to the Council and the Conference in 2024.
23.2.20	The Council directed the Safeguarding Committee to nominate for appointment by the Council a small group with responsibility on the	Safeguarding Committee	The Safeguarding Committee (18 July) agreed the membership of this group

	Council's behalf to review and amend the Safeguarding Policy and to report through the Safeguarding Committee to the Council.		
23.2.35	The Council requested the JDS Committee to initiate a task group to bring a budgeted plan to the Council for the next phase of the Truth and Reconciliation Process work.	JDS Committee	To come to the Council in January 2024 and to form part of the budgeting process.

May 2023

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23.3.2	The Council directed that the outcome of the consultations in respect of the Manchester and Stockport District and whether it is to form part of the new North West England District be reported to the Council no later than January 2024.	Secretary of the Conference	The consultations with the Circuits are complete, and the Synod is due to vote on 28 September. The Council has appointed a scrutiny group, and the Council will receive a report in January 2024.
23.3.3	The Council directed that a formal consultation be undertaken in respect of the proposed amalgamation of the Plymouth and Exeter and Cornwall and Isles of Scilly Districts, to enable the Council to consider submitting a proposal to the 2024 Conference.		The Council is asked to appoint a scrutiny group to review the responses.

***RESOLUTION

62/1. The Council receives the report.