

**Trust 22122: former Wall Methodist Church**

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<b>Action Required</b>	<b>For decision</b> further to Regulation (5) in Part 2 of Book VI of CPD (Model Trusts Consultation Regulations)
<b>Resolutions</b>	107/1. The Council declares that Managing Trusteeship of the bequest monies shall be as outlined in paragraph 4 - namely that the monies be held by the Tynedale Circuit.  <b>OR</b> 107/2. The Council declares that Managing Trusteeship of the bequest monies shall be as outlined in paragraph 5 - namely that the Tynedale Circuit receives half the funds, with the remaining half divided equally between Acomb and Barrasford Methodist Churches.

1. Wall Methodist Church in Tynedale Methodist Circuit (20/8) closed in 2013. Its monies were transferred to the Tynedale Circuit Meeting thereafter.
2. In June 2017, the Circuit was informed of a £5,000 bequest to Wall Methodist Church by the late Mrs Amy Walker, for its general purposes. The bequest is currently vested in Trust 22122.
3. No resolution was passed by the former Church Council in relation to its finances prior to the closure; therefore a Consultation Process under the Model Trusts Consultation Regulations set out in s.5 of Part 2 of Book VI of CPD took place in order to determine who the new Managing Trustees of the bequest monies should be.
4. A Circuit Steward, a member of the former Church Council, the Circuit Superintendent and the District's Chair and Property Secretary expressed the preference that the monies be held by the Circuit. This would help to defray the costs of insuring the chapel, which currently exceeds the value of the legacy.
5. Two former members of Wall Methodist Church Council have requested that the Circuit receive half the funds. The remaining half could then be divided equally between Acomb and Barrasford Methodist Churches, the last remaining Churches open near Wall Methodist Church. The Superintendent has noted that Barrasford Methodist Church has 'a very fragile prospect.'
6. Given the difference of opinion, the Methodist Council is asked to determine where Managing Trusteeship of the bequest should lie, in accordance with the Regulations in Part 2 of Book VI of CPD. A 'Certificate of Management' can then be issued under Paragraph 6(1) of the Model Trusts.

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