

Trusts 17024 and 714: former Middleton Cheney Methodist Church

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Action Required	For decision further to Regulation (5) in Part 2 of Book VI of CPD (Model Trusts Consultation Regulations)
Resolutions	<p>108/1. The Council declares that Trust 17024 should be allocated as per paragraph 3, and sit with the Banbury Circuit.</p> <p>OR</p> <p>108/2. The Council declares that Trust 17024 should be allocated as per paragraph 4, and be divided between the three churches where Middleton Cheney's former members now attend.</p> <p>108/3. The Council declares that Trust 714 should be allocated as per paragraph 5, with the Fund being put towards the cost of running a Messy Church at Hinton Methodist Church.</p> <p>OR</p> <p>108/4. The Council declares that Trust 714 should be allocated as per paragraph 6, with the Fund being divided between the Messy Churches of Hinton and Marlborough Road Methodist Churches in the Circuit.</p>

Summary of Content

Subject and Aims	The Council is required to declare managing trusteeship of two Trust Funds further to Regulation (5) in Part 2 of Book VI of CPD (Model Trusts Consultation Regulations) given local disagreement.
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1. Middleton Cheney Methodist Church in the Banbury Circuit 23/5 recently ceased to meet. The former managing trustees did not resolve what should happen to the two remaining trust funds it holds upon its closure:
 - Trust 17024 – An unrestricted trust fund of which the current balance is £3,693.07
 - Trust 714 – A trust fund of which the income is limited to a particular purpose: Sunday School purposes of the church. Its current balance is £64.82
2. The Superintendent of the Banbury Circuit undertook a Consultation Process as required by Regulation (3) in Part 2 of Book VI of CPD (Model Trusts Consultation Regulations) to determine who the new Managing Trustees of the Funds should be.
3. Six people were consulted in respect of Trust 17024. The District Chair, District Property Secretary, the Circuit Steward and the Superintendent all requested that the Fund sit with the Banbury Circuit.
4. However, the Treasurer and Property Steward of the former Church requested that the Fund be divided between three Churches that Middleton Cheney's former members now attend.
5. The same six people were consulted in respect of Trust 714. Again, the District Chair, District Property Secretary, the Circuit Steward and the Superintendent were in agreement, requesting that

the Fund should be put towards the cost of running a Messy Church in Hinton Methodist Church in the Circuit.

6. However, the Treasurer and Property Steward of the former Church requested that the Fund be divided between the Messy Churches of Hinton and Marlborough Road Methodist Churches in the Circuit.
7. Given the impasse, the Methodist Council is required to make a final judgement further to Regulation (5) in Part 2 of Book VI of CPD (Model Trusts Consultation Regulations).

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