

Decisions made by the Council since its last meeting

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1.1 16A Hinde Street – approval for letting at an undervalue under Model Trust 20

Under Model Trust 20, the Methodist Council (fulfilling the duties of the former ‘Property Division,’) may permit Managing Trustees to dispose of Model Trust property at nil value or undervalue. Such disposals must further a charitable purpose of the Church. Lettings at an undervalue are also considered under Model Trust 20. Formal approval was sought for a longstanding existing licence arrangement in respect of 16A Hinde Street, a large house adjoining Hinde Street Methodist Church, Marylebone, London. The onsite accommodation is occupied by single young people who enjoy a 25% reduction in rental, in turn for forming a Christian community, which contributes to the life of the church. Three members of the Council were appointed to consider this request and the group has approved the request on behalf of the Council.

1.2 The Council appointed Dr Roy Swanston as Chair of the Property Development Committee with effect from 1 July 2020.

1.3 Acting on behalf of the Conference, the Council appointed the Revd Dr Calvin T Samuel as Chair of the Methodist Independent Schools Trust with immediate effect.

1.4 In the light of the Conference’s appointment of Mrs Joanne Anderton as Conference Officer for Legal and Constitutional Practice, the Council approved a revised list of Authorisations and Delegations, taking effect from 1 August 2020.

2. Documents signed

No case

3. Action taken

3.1 The Chair of the Council appointed three members of the Council to form a scrutiny group to consider the reinvitation for a member of the Connexional Team. The scrutiny group comprises the Revd Jongikaya Zihle, Mrs Val Mayers and Mr Keith Norman.

***RESOLUTION

111/1. The Council receives the report.