

Loss of Earnings provision: members of the Conference

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Action Required	Decision

It has been brought to the attention of the Senior Managers' Meeting that Standing Order 202, which concerns the provision of compensation for loss of earnings for those attending connexional committee meetings, does not refer to attendance at the Conference. In the light of the Conference's recent considerations of matters of accessibility and in the interests of ensuring that as many people as possible are enabled to participate, it is proposed that the provision be extended to the Conference itself. The Strategy and Resources Committee recommends the change in policy regarding loss of earnings provision to the Council.

The current rate is £75 per day.

Indicative changes to the Standing Order are shown below:

202 Expenses and Loss of Earnings. (1) This Standing Order applies to *the Conference, the Methodist Council, and* all boards and committees appointed by the Conference (in this Standing Order called 'parent bodies') and to all subordinate committees, sub-committees and working parties appointed by or on the authority of a parent body.

(2) All sums payable under this Standing Order shall be paid out of the funds administered by the relevant body, or if none out of the Methodist Church Fund.

As to the Methodist Church Fund see S.O. 361.

(3) The expenses of the members of all bodies to which this Standing Order applies (including sums necessarily paid to carers), incurred in attending the meetings or doing the work of the relevant body, shall be reimbursed, if desired.

(4) A loss of earnings allowance shall be paid, if desired, in accordance with clauses (5) and (6) below, to all members of the *Conference*, Methodist Council and of any other bodies to which this Standing Order applies and which are specified for this purpose under clause (7) below.

(5) The amount of any such allowance shall be the amount of the loss of earnings actually sustained by attending a meeting of the relevant body, or the maximum determined under clause (6) below, whichever is the less.

(6) The Methodist Council shall determine annually for the next connexional year the maximum daily allowance for loss of earnings.

(7) Each parent body shall specify annually for the next connexional year which bodies, if any, from among that parent body and its subordinate bodies, shall qualify for loss of earnings allowances.

***RESOLUTIONS

37/1. The Council receives the report.

37/2. The Council approves the change in policy regarding loss of earnings provision for members of the Conference and directs that the change in Standing Order is brought to the Conference.