

## Ecumenical Partnerships, Sharing Agreements, and Ecumenical Areas

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Standing Order (SO) 334(5) requires all new schemes approved by the Synods under SO 412(2) and all Sharing Agreements authorised by the Ecumenical Officer (EO) to be reported to the Methodist Council.

### Key

B	Baptist
CCP	Congregations in Covenanted Partnership
CE	Church of England
CM	Circuit Meeting
LEP	Local Ecumenical Partnership
MC	Methodist Church
MCC	Methodist Church Council
Mor	Moravian Church
URC	United Reformed Church

### A: SCHEMES APPROVED BY THE DISTRICT SYNODS UNDER SO 412(2)

#### 1 Ecumenical Partnerships in Extended Areas

The Ecumenical Officer has not received any reports of Synods establishing ecumenical partnerships in extended areas since the October 2018 Methodist Council.

#### 2 Local Ecumenical Partnerships

The following list records those schemes approved by the Synods and reported to the Ecumenical Officer between the October 2018 and March 2020 meetings of the Methodist Council. It indicates which other Churches are involved and the nature of the Partnership. It also records those Partnerships in which a new constitution has been adopted and current information as to whether the Synod has issued or revoked a direction under SO 611.

Circuit No	Trustee Body	Other Church(es)	Single Congregation Partnership (SCP) or Congregations in Covenanted Partnership (CCP)	New Partnership (NP) or New Constitution (NC)	Direction issued (DI) or revoked (DR) under S. O. 611
21/15	Knott End Methodist Church Council	URC	SCP The Lighthouse Project	NC	
12/19	Riverside MCC	URC	SCP	NC	DI
36/18	Valley Royal Methodist CC	URC	SCP	NP	

### \*\*\*RESOLUTION

**57/1. The Council adopts the report.**

## B: SHARING AGREEMENTS

The consent of the Ecumenical Officer is required for the making or amendment of any Sharing Agreement (SA) under the Sharing of Church Buildings Acts 1969 and to its termination (SO 334(3)).

The first list in section 1 below reports the Sharing Agreements authorised by the Ecumenical Officer and not previously reported to the Council or the Conference. Since not all Sharing Agreements so authorised come into effect, and some of those that do take a considerable time to reach that stage, further lists are provided to indicate those Sharing Agreements that have come into effect since the October 2018 Methodist Council. In future Sharing Agreements will be notified to the Council only when the process is complete and they have been registered.

The list in Section 2 reports those Sharing Agreements to whose termination the Ecumenical Officer has given consent during the past year and where notice to terminate has been received.

### 1 Consents

Circuit No	Local or Circuit Trustee Body	Building(s) to be shared and other details (including owner)	Other Church(es) party to the SA	Date of EO consent	Date of SA	Registered No	Date SA registered
36/13		Emmanuel Church Eastbourne	URC		18/12/18	39/309	02/01/19
11/1		Garden Lane Methodist Church Chester Ch1 4EW	URC		15/01/19	39/310	15/01/19
9/16		Dalton in Furness URC LA15 8RQ	URC		10/04/19	39/311	10/04/19
21/3 <sup>1</sup>		Trinity (Formerly Central Methodist Church) King Street Great Harwood	U		18/07/19	39/313	18/07/19
14/20		North Lynn Methodist Church Losinga Road	CE		27/08/19	39/314	27/08/19
24/20		St Gregory's Parish Church Goodleigh N Devon	CE		15/08/19	39/315	03/09/19
22/14 <sup>1</sup>		Wirksworth Methodist Church Matlock DE4 4DS	B		22/10/19	39/316	22/10/19
6/3		Kearsley Mount Methodist Church Cleggs Lane M38 8RW	URC		24/10/19	39/317	24/10/19

Circuit No	Local or Circuit Trustee Body	Building(s) to be shared and other details (including owner)	Other Church(es) party to the SA	Date of EO consent	Date of SA	Registered No	Date SA registered
36/18		United Emmanuel Church Tunbridge Wells TN4 8AE	URC		6/11/19	39/318	6/11/19

<sup>1</sup> This relates to the amendment of an existing sharing agreement.

**Sharing Agreements registered since the October 2018 Methodist Council to which EO consent was reported to that Council:**

6/4	St Andrew's MCC	St Andrew's URC Entwistle Road Rochdale OL16 2HZ (Church: URC)	URC	8/5/18	25/04/19	39/312	25/04/19
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**2 Terminations of and Retirements from Sharing Agreements**

Circuit No	Local or Circuit Trustee Body	Building(s) shared and other details (including owner)	Other Church(es) party to the SA	Date of notice given by EO	Date of SA	Registered number	Date of termination
2/9	Fairwater MCC	Christchurch Fairwater	URC	05/02/20	20/04/83	38/297	13/02/20
7/23	Upper Thames Circuit	73 Tattershall, Toothill Swindon	URC	-	21/3/97	39/045	tbc
7/7	Leonard Stanley	St Swithun's Church Leonard Stanley (CE)	Gloucester shire Circuit (M)	3/8/19	29/9/94	38/983	03/08/19
9/1	Longtown Methodist Church Council	Longtown Heights Methodist Church	Church of Scotland	7/2/19	3/7/17	39/296	17/2/19
13/3	St Paul's Newtown	St Paul's Stockton CE Durham Diocese	CE	-	2/10/04	39/165	28/02/19

<b>Circuit No</b>	<b>Local or Circuit Trustee Body</b>	<b>Building(s) shared and other details (including owner)</b>	<b>Other Church(es) party to the SA</b>	<b>Date of notice given by EO</b>	<b>Date of SA</b>	<b>Registered number</b>	<b>Date of termination</b>
21/16	North Lancashire Methodist Circuit	Over Kellet Methodist Church	CE	3/10/18	17/2/93	38/972	18/10/18
27/05	Girlington Methodist Church, Bradford North Circuit	Heaton St Andrews URC / Little Lane, Bradford	URC	-	1/8/07	39/197	31/8/19
27/05	Girlington Methodist Church, Bradford North Circuit	96 Leylands Lane Bradford	URC	-	1/8/07	39/197	31/8/19
29/31	Staitondale Methodist Church	St Johns' Church Staitondale, St Hilda's Church Ravenscar, Staitondale Methodist Church	CE	-	4/5/06	39/186	28/12/18
34/1	Putnoe Heights	Putnoe Heights Methodist Church	CE	1/2/19	18/3/76	37/239	15/2/19
14/10 <sup>2</sup>	Norfolk Broads Methodist Circuit	Christchurch Great Yarmouth (Deneside Central Hall)	URC	24/05/19	1/2/90	38/780	24/05/19

<sup>2</sup> Termination of the SA on 52 Deneside by amendment of the SA on Christchurch Great Yarmouth

**\*\*\*RESOLUTION**

**57/2. The Council adopts the Report.**