

## Authorisations and Delegations

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<b>Status of Paper</b>	Final
<b>Action Required</b>	Decision
<b>Resolutions</b>	29/1. The Council receives the report.  29/2. The Council approves the list of authorisations and delegations with effect from 30 January 2020.

### Summary of Content

<b>Subject and Aims</b>	This is a regularly updated list of authorisations and delegations to clarify the discharge of consents required by Standing Orders and Model Trusts.
<b>Main Points</b>	SO 331(1) stipulates that the Methodist Council must appoint a Team member to fulfil the duties assigned in the Model Trusts and Standing Orders to the Property Secretary or General Secretary of the Property Division.  SO 909 defines the appropriate connexional authority in respect of property matters as the Methodist Council or any persons to whom it may delegate its powers.  This report seeks to confirm to whom the Council has delegated its duties and responsibilities as the appropriate connexional authority and who has been appointed as the Team member for the purposes of SO 331(1).
<b>Background Context</b>	MC/12/25, MC/12/91, MC/13/17, MC/14/17, MC/14/97, MC/15/108, MC/16/88, MC/17/105, MC/18/84, MC/19/83.
<b>Consultations</b>	Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes

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1. The Model Trusts and Standing Orders contain many references to the responsibilities and duties of the Property Secretary or the General Secretary of the Property Division. However the roles of Property Secretary and General Secretary of the Property Division ceased to exist a number of years ago. Under SO 331(1) the Methodist Council annually appoints a member of the Connexional Team to fulfil the duties assigned to these roles.
2. Part 9 of CPD also provides that the appropriate connexional authority will undertake certain duties and responsibilities in respect of property matters. SO 909 defines the appropriate connexional authority as the Methodist Council or any persons to whom it may delegate its powers. This report therefore seeks to confirm to whom the Council has delegated its responsibilities as the appropriate connexional authority.
3. The Council will however want to note that the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes (TMCP) act on behalf of the Connexional Team in inspecting and approving contracts before they are signed. This has been a longstanding arrangement with TMCP and TMCP are paid from central funds for providing this service to the Connexional Team.
4. The Council will also want to note that even where TMCP approve a contract, it is still necessary for the Property Secretary or authorised connexional authority to sign a memorandum of consent before any disposition of Model Trust land can be completed.
5. The Council is also asked to approve the list of authorisations and delegations which relate to the Council's responsibilities as the appropriate connexional authority.

## List of Authorisations and Delegations

<u>Issue</u>	<u>Model Trust</u>	<u>Standing Order</u>	<u>TMCP Action</u>	<u>Methodist Council/Connexional Action</u>	<u>Delegated to</u>
Capitalisation of sum in revenue reserve accounts		915(6)	Ensure consent obtained prior to capitalisation	Consent of the appropriate connexional authority	Timothy A Swindell and Edward Awty being the Connexional Treasurers
Application of Capital Money for payment of liabilities		916(1)(ii)	Ensure consent obtained prior to payment	Consent of the appropriate connexional authority	Ruth M Gee Richard Hood
Classification of property as a conference centre to permit supply, sale or use of alcoholic drinks		922(3B)	Ensure consent obtained	Consent of the appropriate connexional authority	E Jill Baker and Jonathan R Hustler being respectively the Chair and Secretary of the Council
Consent to scheme referred by appropriate district authority		930(5)(c)		Decision by the appropriate connexional authority	The Strategy and Resources Committee
Consent to scheme concerning district, connexional or general property		SO 930(6)		Consent of the appropriate connexional authority	The Strategy and Resources Committee
Legal Charge – Mortgages	16(a)	931(1)(vi)	Draft Memo of Consent	Consent of the appropriate connexional authority	Ruth M Gee Richard Hood
Sharing Agreements	13(l)	931(1)(viii)	Approve Sharing Agreement	Consent of the appropriate connexional authority	Ruth M Gee R F Leão-Neto
Shared Projects under Sharing of Church Buildings Act 1969		934(1-2)	Ensure consent obtained	Consent of the appropriate connexional authority	Ruth M Gee R F Leão-Neto – joint consent required
Classification of a project as a replacement project		973(1) 931(1)(ix)	Ensure consent obtained prior to CPF levy being refunded	Consent of the appropriate connexional authority	Ruth M Gee Richard Hood

Schedule 14(2A) (use by other congregations)	14(2A)	920(3)	Approve Legal Docs	Consent of appropriate connexional authority	Ruth M Gee R F Leão-Neto
Authorised Uses of Dwellings		929(4)(iii)	Ensure consent obtained	Consent of appropriate connexional authority	Ruth M Gee Richard Hood
Listed Building Works		931(1)(x)	None normally required	To fulfil responsibilities and functions as set out in SO 980-984	Joanne Balmforth Stephen Hetherington
Listed Buildings Advisory Committee		332(3)	None required	To convene the Listed Buildings Advisory Committee	Joanne Balmforth Stephen Hetherington
Listed Building Works – Advice and Consultation		982	None required	Consent of the appropriate connexional authority	Stephen Hetherington Joanne Balmforth
Listed Building Works – Requirements		983	None required	Consent of the appropriate connexional authority	Stephen Hetherington Joanne Balmforth
Listed Building Works – Review and Appeal		983A(5) & (9)	None required	Appropriate connexional authority	Stephen Hetherington and Joanne Balmforth
Listed Buildings – Records		984(3)	None required	Consent of the appropriate connexional authority	Stephen Hetherington Joanne Balmforth
Listed Buildings – Enforcement		985(1)	None required	Appropriate connexional authority	Stephen Hetherington Richard Hood

### Authorisations under the Methodist Church Act 1976

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Paragraphs of the Methodist Church Act	Description	Authorised	Period
15(2)	Model Trust Direction	Ruth M Gee Richard Hood	Until further Resolution
3(2)	All functions	Richard Hood under SO 331(1) or Ruth M Gee	Until further Resolution
Designation of category of property			
4(1)	All functions	Richard Hood under SO 331(1) Ruth M Gee	Until further Resolution
(Appointment of temporary managing trustees)			
5(2)	All functions	Richard Hood under SO 331(1) Ruth M Gee	Until further Resolution
(Declaration of a management issue)			
6(l)	All functions	Richard Hood under SO 331(1) Ruth M Gee	Until further Resolution
(Certificate of category after a management issue has arisen)			
8(3)	All functions	Richard Hood under SO 331(1) Ruth M Gee	Until further Resolution
(Division of management after appropriate consultation when there has been local failure to agree to the terms of management)			
20	All functions	Richard Hood under SO 331(1) or Ruth M Gee – upon the agreement of two members of the Methodist Council	Until further Resolution
(Transferring property within the Methodist Church, for a purpose of the Church either for no consideration or a less consideration than might otherwise have been obtained)			
20(2)	All functions	Richard Hood under SO 331(1) Ruth M Gee	Until further Resolution
(Authority to impose covenants)			
21 A(c)	All functions	Richard Hood under SO 331(1) Ruth M Gee	Until further Resolution
(Power to take proceedings for enforcement of Model Trusts or breaches of Standing Orders)			
26(1) and (3)	All functions	Richard Hood under SO 331(1) Ruth M Gee	Until further Resolution
(Signature to the Memorandum of Consent)			

### \*\*\*RESOLUTIONS

**29/1. The Council receives the report.**

**29/2. The Council approves the list of authorisations and delegations with effect from 30 January 2020.**