

Decisions made, Documents Signed and Action taken by the Council since its last meeting

1. Decisions made by the Council

- 1.1 The Council appointed Ms Ruby Beech as chair of the Connexional Allowances Committee with effect from 1 September 2019.
- 1.2 The Council agreed to recommend to the Conference that, pursuant to SO 315, the Revd Dr Andrew D Wood be stationed to the Connexional Team for a period of six years from 1 September 2019.
- 1.3 The Council agreed to nominate the Revd Marcus Torchon to the Conference as a member of the Strategy and Resources Committee with effect from 1 September 2019.
- 1.4 The Council agreed to nominate the Revd Dr Jonathan R Hustler to the Conference as Secretary of the Conference for the year 2019/2020.
- 1.5 The Council agreed to nominate the Revd Ruth M Gee to the Conference as Assistant Secretary of the Conference for the year 2019/2020.
- 1.6 The Council agreed to recommend to the President that, pursuant to clause 29(b) of the Deed of Union, the Revd Dr R F Leão-Neto be stationed to serve the Connexional Team from 1 November 2019 until the adoption of the stations at the 2020 Conference and to recommend to the Conference that, pursuant to SO 315(4), Dr Leão-Neto be stationed to continue in that appointment for a period of five years from 1 September 2020.

2. Documents signed and consent given

No case

3. Action taken

3.1 Declaration of Trust in respect of the Death in Service Benefit – Trustees of the Scheme

As part of the winding up of the pension scheme for lay employees, the Council was required to ensure that there continued to be provision of a death in service benefit. This is now being covered by an insurance policy and a group life assurance scheme is therefore being entered into by the Methodist Council as principal employer with the other participating employers. The death in service benefit to members of the scheme ensures that a lump sum payment is made to their beneficiaries if they die in service.

This insurance policy requires the Council and the participating employers to enter into a Declaration of Trust and to name trustees of the scheme. The trustees merely have to ensure that the payment of the benefit is made to the right beneficiary upon a death; as the sum itself will be paid from insurance there is no pension fund to be managed by them. Acting on behalf of the Council, the Chair of the Council has therefore appointed the following as trustees:

The Revd Timothy A Swindell
The Revd D Paul Wood
Mrs Louise C Wilkins

In the future a preferable solution will be sought to having named individuals as the trustees.

***RESOLUTION

82/1. The Council receives the report.