

## Appointment of members of the Methodist Council in between Conferences

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<b>Resolutions</b>	45/1. The Council receives the report.  45/2. The Council approves the principle set out in the report and directs that work is undertaken to draft a Standing Order to give effect to it.

1. At present only the Conference is permitted to appoint voting members of the Methodist Council, unless there is a particular delegation for a specific purpose. This enables the Conference to exercise its oversight responsibility and to maintain an overview of the membership of the Council in any given year.
2. There are times, however, when it would seem appropriate for the Council to be able to make an appointment of a voting member of the Council. It does not seem reasonable for a District, for example, to lose their vote on the Council because their appointed representative finds that they are unable to continue on the Council part way through the year.
3. It is envisaged that this provision would only apply where a replacement was needed owing to a resignation from the Council (perhaps for reasons of ill health or a change of circumstances) between the close of the Conference and the start of the second meeting of the Council in a connexional year.
4. Such appointments would apply to the particular connexional year only, and would be reported to the next Conference.
5. It would still be the case that a substitute who attended meetings during the year on an ad hoc basis would have the right to speak but not vote.

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