

Ministerial Code of Conduct

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Background Context	The 2017 Conference Report 3. Methodist Council, Section I Ministerial Code of Conduct

1. The 2017 Conference received the report of the Code of Conduct Working Party with the draft of a Ministerial Code of Conduct. The Conference debated the Code in both Sessions and received the Report, commending the draft Code for wide consultation across the Connexion. Whilst the Conference set no date by which a revised Code was to be offered to it, the Working Party intended to report to the Conference of 2019 and therefore asked that responses be received by 30 November 2018
2. Responses were received from 7 circuits, 10 districts, and 21 individuals as well as from the Law and Polity Committee. Prior to the 2017 Conference, the Diaconal Order engaged in conversation around the Draft Code; during 2017-19 members of the Working Party have presented the Code for discussion at a number of Synods.
3. A small number of members of the Working Party have considered the feedback received and propose amendments to the draft Code in the light of the comments. It is envisaged that the Working Party will meet later in 2019 to agree a revised version which will then be sent for review to the Faith and Order and the Law and Polity Committee. The Working Party will report to the Council in January 2020 with the intention that a final version of the Code might be proposed to the Conference for adoption in 2020.

***RESOLUTION

55/1. The Council receives the report.