

Report from the Strategy and Resources Committee (SRC)

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| Status of Paper | Final |
| Resolution | 81/1. The Council receives the report. |

1. The SRC met on 27 April 2017. The committee reports the following matters to the Council.

The committee:

- 1.1 Was content with the proposed legal structure for a Methodist Property Company and noted that it would be presented to the Council (see MC/17/89).
- 1.2 Received a report on the initial work of the Property Development Committee (PDC) and noted that the committee had been able to provide advice to several circuits and was involved in a number of major initiatives. (see MC/17/87).
- 1.3 Agreed the text of a summary of the report of the Training Review Group for presentation to the Conference, as directed by the Council. As a preliminary to considering the recommendations in the report and how they might be implemented, the committee asked the Team to report on how current plans already in development would relate to the report's recommendations. It was expected that the Team would bring its suggestions to the SRC in the autumn, after hearing the response from the Conference.
- 1.4 Noted the high degree of staff satisfaction in the recent staff survey and thanked the senior staff for the careful way in which they managed staff.

2. The SRC met on 13 September 2017. The committee reports the following matters to the Council.

The committee:

- 2.1 Recommended to the Council a policy for awarding connexional grants towards Mission and Ministry in Britain projects (see MC/17/98).
- 2.2 Received an update on the work of the Connexional Team and expressed some concern about the amount of work required from the Team as a result of decisions of the 2017 Conference and asked the Secretary of the Conference to consider how this might be addressed.
- 2.3 Recommended to the Council that the Network Committee be disbanded since its responsibilities could be undertaken by other bodies (see MC/17/94).
- 2.4 Agreed plans and funding for completing the case work resulting from the Past Cases Review during this Connexional year.

- 2.5 Agreed the recommendations of the Global Relationships Strategic Oversight Sub-Committee and supported its report to the Council (see MC/17/110).
- 2.6 Agreed that the Methodist Church of Great Britain should become a partner in the 'Thy Kingdom Come' initiative, originally established by the Archbishops of Canterbury and York in 2016. This has rapidly become a global, ecumenical call to prayer and is an important missional initiative. The funding (£500K over 2years) to come from the Connexional Priority Fund reserve ear-marked for mission.
- 2.7 Received an update on the redevelopment of Camden Methodist Church.
- 2.8 Agreed changes to the eligibility criteria for membership of the Churches' Mutual Credit Union, thus increasing the potential membership via the Methodist Church.
- 2.9 Received a report on data protection within the Team and noted that significant changes in national regulations come into force in March 2018. The committee also noted that the Connexional Team is working on guidance to be produced for the connexion.
- 2.10 Approved the Terms of Reference for the Listed Buildings Advisory Committee.
- 2.11 Received an update on the Connexional Team Risk Register.

*****RESOLUTION**

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