

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 the Revd John N Bates to a panel of the Ministerial Candidates' Selection Committee (MCSC), which met in July 2017 to consider applications to be granted the status of 'Recognised and Regarded' (RR).
- 1.2 The Council:
 - (a) approved the appointment of the Revd Ashley Cooper as Principal of Cliff College from a date to be confirmed following consultation with the Cliff College Management Committee and the Circuit to which Mr Cooper is currently stationed, but no later than 1st September 2018.
 - (b) agreed to invite the President to exercise the powers of clause 29(b) of the Deed of Union to station Mr Cooper to Cliff College if it should be practical to do so in between meetings of the Conference.
- 1.3 The Council appointed the Supervision Reference Group.
- 1.4 Under Standing Order 315(2), the Council:
 - (a) recommended the extension of the Revd Richard M Andrew's appointment as Director of Pathways for a period of one year from 1 September 2018.
 - (b) recommended the extension of the Revd Graham Jones's appointment as Learning and Development Officer (Ministries) for a period of one year from 1 September 2018.

2. Documents signed and consent given

- 2.1 **The Methodist Modern Art Collection – Letter of Authority**
The Secretary of the Conference signed a Letter of Authority agreeing to revised terms of Agreement as set out in a letter dated 5 July 2017 from the Chair of the Westminster College Oxford Trust (WCOT) and confirming that the Methodist Council agree to WCOT entering into the proposed Deed of Variation Agreement on behalf of the Methodist Council as managing trustees of the collection.
- 2.2 **The Methodist Church House Art Collection – Letter of Authority**
The Secretary of the Conference signed, on behalf of the Methodist Council, a Letter of Authority agreeing to revised terms of Agreement as set out in a letter dated 5 July 2017 from the Chair of the Westminster College Oxford Trust.
- 2.3 **Methodist Missionary Society (MMS) Archive on microfiche**
The Secretary of the Conference signed, on behalf of the Methodist Council, a Loan Agreement with The Liverpool Hope University dated 30 August 2017 for the removal of the stored MMS Archive to the Sheppard-Worlock Library located at Hope Park where it will be made available for public access on the basis of the provision of this Loan Agreement.
- 2.4 **Due Diligence Checking Limited – Contract for the provision of an online DBS checking service (Disclosure and Barring Service)** - The Secretary of the Conference and the Connexional Secretary signed documents on 28 August 2017, on behalf of the Council, comprising a Scope of Service Requirements Document and a Terms and Conditions for the Supply of Services document including a Service Level Agreement.

3. Action taken

The Chair of the Council appointed the Revd Anne E Ellis, Mrs Jacqueline Gaitley and Mr Michael J Noble as members of the appeals committee under SO 011(3).

*****RESOLUTION**

100/1. The Council receives the report.