

## Ecumenical Partnerships, Sharing Agreements, and Ecumenical Areas

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Standing Order (SO) 334(5) now requires all new schemes approved by the Synods under SO 412(2) and all Sharing Agreements authorised by the Ecumenical Officer (EO) to be reported to the Methodist Council; previously, the report was made to the Conference.

### Key

B	Baptist
CLED	Committee for Local Ecumenical Development
CCP	Congregations in Covenanted Partnership
CE	Church of England
CM	Circuit Meeting
CS	Church of Scotland
JLtd	Joint ownership, vested in a Limited Company
LEP	Local Ecumenical Partnership
Local	Named trustees appointed before the Methodist Church Act 1976
MC	Methodist Church
MCC	Methodist Church Council
Mor	Moravian Church
URC	United Reformed Church

### A: SCHEMES APPROVED BY THE DISTRICT SYNODS UNDER SO 412(2)

#### 1 Ecumenical Partnerships in Extended Areas

The following list records those ecumenical partnerships in extended areas established by the Synods and reported to the Ecumenical Officer. It indicates the names of the Partnerships, which Synod(s) established them, which local Methodist churches are involved (and whether they are also party to a LEP), and which other churches are involved.

Name of Partnership	Synod(s) establishing the Partnership	Churches in the Partnership	
		Methodist (Circuit Number)	Others
Ecumenical County of Cumbria	Cumbria	All the Methodist churches in the following circuits: 9/1, 9/3, 9/4, 9/5, 9/6, 9/7, 9/8, 9/9, 9/12, 9/13, 9/14, 9/16.	All the Church of England churches in the Diocese of Carlisle, except five parishes.  All the Salvation Army Citadels in the Cumbria District of the North West England and North Wales Division of the Salvation Army.  All the churches of the URC

			in the Cumbria Area of the North West Synod.
Sheffield City	Sheffield	The Methodist churches of the Sheffield Circuit within the Sheffield City boundary identified by the combined area of the four Sheffield Deaneries of Attercliffe, Ecclesfield, Ecclesall, and Hallam in the Diocese of Sheffield (25/1).	The Church of England churches and mission initiatives in the four Sheffield Deaneries in the Diocese of Sheffield.

**\*\*\*RESOLUTION**

**102/1. The Council adopts the report.**

**2 Local Ecumenical Partnerships**

The following list records those schemes approved by the Synods and reported to the Ecumenical Officer since the 2016 Conference or too late to be included in the 2016 Conference Agenda. It indicates which other Churches are involved and the nature of the Partnership. It also records those Partnerships in which a new constitution has been adopted and whether the Synod has issued or revoked a direction under SO 611. Some Synods are in a process of clarifying whether the Church Councils of local Methodist churches in single congregation LEPs are constituted in accordance with SO 610 or SO 611; those directions marked with an asterisk in the table below give the current position but the previous position cannot be implied from it.

Circuit No	Trustee Body	Other Church(es)	Single Congregation Partnership (SCP) or Congregations in Covenanted Partnership (CCP)	New Partnership (NP) or New Constitution (NC)	Direction issued (DI) or revoked (DR) under S O 611
6/3 <sup>1</sup>	Kearsley Mount MCC	URC	SCP	NP	–
9/14	Lake Road MCC	URC	SCP	NP	DI
10/1	Sark MCC	CE	CCP	NP	n/a
14/1	St Peter's MCC	URC	SCP	NP	DI
14/5	Red Lodge MCC	URC	SCP	NC	DI
18/5	Halewood MCC	CE	SCP	NC	DI
18/17	Wesley MCC	CE	SCP	–	DI
19/1	Edge Lane MCC	CE, URC	SCP	–	DI*
19/1	Gorton MCC	CE	SCP	–	DI*
19/3	Emmanuel MCC	CE	SCP	–	DI*
19/13	Christchurch MCC	URC	SCP	–	DI*

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19/13	Edgeley MCC	URC	SCP	–	DI*
19/13	Heaton Moor MCC	URC	SCP	–	DI*
19/15	Trinity Cheadle MCC	URC	SCP	–	DI*
19/15	Christ Church, Colshaw MCC	CE	SCP	–	DI*
19/17	Whaley Bridge Uniting MCC	B, URC	SCP	–	DI*
19/23	Audenshaw MCC	URC	SCP	NC	DI*
24/1	Wesley MCC (Sherwell)	URC	SCP	NC <sup>2</sup>	DI
26/1	Trinity, Totton MCC	URC	SCP	–	DI*
26/2	St Francis, Valley Park MCC	CE, URC	SCP	–	DI*
26/2	Winchester MCC	URC	SCP	–	DI*
26/4	Caversham Park Village MCC	B, CE, URC	SCP	–	DI*
26/4	Christ Church, Chineham MCC	B, CE, URC	SCP	–	DI*
26/4	Christ Church, Woodley MCC	URC	SCP	–	DI*
26/4	Trinity, Lower Earley MCC	CE, URC	SCP	–	DI*
26/4	Woodley Airfield MCC	CE, URC	SCP	–	DI*
26/5	Bell Street, Shaftesbury MCC	URC	SCP	–	DI*
26/5	Sherborne (Cheap Street) MCC	URC	SCP	–	DI*
26/7	Drayton MCC	URC	SCP	–	DI*
26/7	Hart Plain MCC	CE	SCP	–	DI*
26/7	Bordon (St Mark's) MCC	CE, URC	SCP	–	DI*
26/10	Trinity, Ringwood MCC	URC	SCP	–	DI*
26/20	Bridport MCC	URC	SCP	–	DI*
26/20	Dorchester MCC	URC	SCP	–	DI*
34/1	Putnoe Heights MCC	CE	SCP	NC	DI

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34/14	North Watford MCC	URC	SCP	NP	DI
36/1	Church on the Heath MCC	B, CE, URC	SCP	NC	
36/6	Godalming MCC	URC	SCP	NC	
36/13	Seaford MCC	URC	SCP	NC	DI
36/13	Uckfield MCC	URC	SCP	NP	DI

<sup>1</sup> At the time of designation, the Methodist partner was Cleggs Lane MC and the Synod gave a direction under SO 611, but its members have since become a class of Kearsley Mount MC.

<sup>2</sup> This amended constitution was approved by the District Synod in May 2011.

### \*\*\*RESOLUTION

#### 102/2. The Council adopts the report.

#### B: SHARING AGREEMENTS

The consent of the Ecumenical Officer is required for the making or amendment of any Sharing Agreement (SA) under the Sharing of Church Buildings Acts 1969 and to its termination (SO 334(3)).

The first list in section 1 below reports the Sharing Agreements authorised by the Ecumenical Officer and not previously reported to the Conference. Since not all Sharing Agreements so authorised come into effect, and some of those that do take a considerable time to reach that stage, further lists are provided to indicate those Sharing Agreements that have come into effect since the last Conference.

The list in Section 2 reports those Sharing Agreements to whose termination the Ecumenical Officer has given consent during the past year and where notice to terminate has been received.

#### 1 Consents

Circuit No	Local or Circuit Trustee Body	Building(s) to be shared and other details (including owner)	Other Church(es) party to the SA	Date of EO consent	Date of SA	Registered No	Date SA registered
5/1 <sup>1</sup>	Birmingham City Centre MCC	The Church at Carrs Lane Carrs Lane Birmingham B4 7SX (Church: URC)	URC	22/9/17			
5/1 <sup>1</sup>	Hall Green MCC	609 Reddings Lane Hall Green Birmingham B28 8TE (Church: MC)	Mor, URC	2/8/17			

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9/1	Longtown MCC	Albert Street Longtown Carlisle CA6 5SF (Church: MC)	CS	7/12/16	16/6/17	39/296	3/7/17
9/14	Lake Road MCC	Carver Memorial Lake Road Windermere LA23 2DB (Church: URC)	URC	29/6/16	18/1/17	39/293	24/1/17
11/4 <sup>1</sup>	Weaverham MCC	St Mary's Parish Church House Weaverham Northwich CW8 1TA (Church Hall: CE)	CE	9/12/16			
14/9	Harleston MCC	London Road Harleston IP20 9BH (Church: MC)	URC	27/10/16			
21/3 <sup>1</sup>	Great Harwood MCC	King Street Great Harwood Blackburn BB6 7JN (Church: MC)	URC	16/2/17			
22/14	Wirksworth MCC	23 Nether Gardens Wirksworth DE4 4DW (Residential property: B)	B	14/3/17			
22/14	Wirksworth MCC	17 Yeoman Street Bonsall Matlock DE4 2AA (Residential property: B)	B	14/3/17			
27/31 <sup>1</sup>	Eldwick MCC	St Lawrence's Church Otley Road Eldwick Bingley BD16 3DE (Church: CE)	CE	23/2/17	18/5/17	39/294	31/5/17
29/33	Trinity MCC	Trinity MC 43 Monkgate York YO31 7PB (Church: MC)	Ark (Ground Level)	18/10/16	13/12/16	39/292	13/12/16
36/6 <sup>1</sup>	Sheerwater MCC	St Michael's Shared Church Dartmouth Avenue Sheerwater Woking GU21 5PJ (Church: JLtd)	CE	26/7/16	2/8/16	39/288	3/8/16

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36/6 <sup>1</sup>	CM	288 Albert Drive Woking GU21 5TX (Manse: JLtd)	CE	26/7/16	2/8/16	39/289	3/8/16

<sup>1</sup> These consents relate to the amendment of existing sharing agreements.

**Sharing Agreements registered since the 2016 Conference to which CLED consent was reported to the Conference in 2004:**

17/11	Kirton Lindsey MCC	St Andrew's Parish Church St Andrew's Street Kirton in Lindsey Gainsborough DN21 4PJ (Church: CE)	B, CE	22/2/04 (CLED)	28/6/16	39/286	28/6/16
17/11	Kirton Lindsey MCC	Kirton in Lindsey Baptist Church St Andrew's Street Kirton in Lindsey Gainsborough DN21 4PJ (Church: B)	B, CE	22/2/04 (CLED)	28/6/16	39/287	28/6/16

**Sharing Agreements registered since the 2016 Conference to which CLED consent was reported to the Conference in 2011:**

34/1	Lidlington MCC	Lidlington Church and Hall Church Street Lidlington MK43 0RJ (Church and hall: MC)	B, CE	13/12/09 (CLED)	30/7/16	39/291	28/6/16
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**Sharing Agreements registered since the 2016 Conference to which EO consent was reported to the Conference in 2014:**

22/3	Burton Joyce MCC	Burton Joyce MC Meadow Lane Burton Joyce Nottingham NG14 5EX (Church: M)	URC	12/5/14	16/8/16	39/290	17/8/16
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**Sharing Agreements registered since the 2016 Conference to which EO consent was reported to the Conference in 2016:**

2/24	Sketty MCC	Sketty MC Dillwyn Road Sketty Swansea SA2 9AE (Church: MC)	URC	30/7/14	23/5/17	39/295	31/5/17
2/24	Sketty MCC	Bethel URC Sketty Park Road Sketty Swansea SA2 9AS (Church: URC)	URC	30/7/14	13/7/17	39/299	14/9/17
7/16	Somerton MCC	West Street Somerton TA11 7PR (Church: MC)	URC	26/4/16	1/6/16	39/285	2/6/16
25/19	North Wheatley MCC	Low Street North Wheatley Retford DN22 9DS (Church: MC)	CE	13/2/15	14/6/17	39/298	14/9/17
25/19	North Wheatley MCC	Church of St Peter and St Paul Middlefield Road North Wheatley Retford DN22 9DA (Church: CE)	CE	13/2/15	14/6/17	39/298	14/9/17
36/1	CM	45 Scarlett's Road Wellesley Aldershot GU11 4AD (Manse: MC)	CE	16/6/15	28/6/17	39/297	3/7/17

## 2 Terminations of and Retirements from Sharing Agreements

Circuit No	Local or Circuit Trustee Body	Building(s) shared and other details (including owner)	Other Church(es) party to the SA	Date of notice given by EO	Date of SA	Registered number	Date of termination
5/10	CM	Keresley 7-9 Rathbone Close Keresley CV7 8LD (Church: CE)	CE	7/12/16	1/10/04	39/163	18/6/17
7/17	CM	St Martin's Church Church Road Worle Weston-super- Mare BS22 9EJ (Church: CE)	CE	-	20/12/76	37/325	2/6/12

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7/20	Trowbridge United MCC	United Church Church Street Trowbridge BA14 8DY (Church: URC)	URC	–	24/8/76	37/289	14/3/17
11/24	Tean MCC	Tean MC Gorsty Hill Road Tean Stoke-on-Trent ST10 4EL (Church: MC)	URC	30/6/16	7/5/86	38/535A	31/8/16
19/1	Hope with Culcheth MCC	Church of the Holy Family Lord Lane Failsworth Manchester M35 0QS (Church: CE)	CE	18/7/17	26/5/88	38/691	30/7/17
23/19	Local	St Giles Parish Church Lower Street Desborough Kettering NN14 2NP (Church: CE)	CE	25/5/17	9/1/72	38/183	
23/19	Local	St Giles Community Centre Lower Street Desborough Kettering NN14 2NP (Hall: MC)	CE	25/5/17	9/1/72	38/183	
26/1	CM	The Church of Lords Hill Lordshill District Centre Southampton SO16 8HY (Church: CE)	B, CE, URC	–	29/6/86	38/621	27/10/16
27/36	Central Batley MCC	Batley MC The Market Place Commercial Street Batley WF17 5DS (Church: MC)	URC	–	17/2/89	38/719	8/12/00

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28/9	CM	3 Bowers Court Aston Lodge Stone ST15 8XJ (Manse: URC)	URC	–	12/9/01	39/102	18/3/16
34/1	CM	St Mark's, North Brickhill Calder Rise Bedford MK41 7UY (Church: CE)	CE	2/8/16	30/8/78	37/430	2/8/16
35/6	St Mary's Lambeth Mission MCC	Lambeth Road 3-5 Lambeth Road London SE1 7DQ (Church: MC)	CE	2/8/16	1/11/86	38/568	2/8/16
35/9	Bow Road MCC	Bow Road MC 1 Merchant Street London E3 4LY (Church: MC)	CE	16/5/17	2/2/94	38/961	16/5/17

The equivalent report to the Conference in 2016 mistakenly indicated that, in relation to Circuit 34/12, St Mary the Virgin is a Methodist Church; it is a Church of England place of worship.

**\*\*\*RESOLUTION**

**102/3. The Council adopts the report.**