

## Delegation of oversight of the Auxiliary Special Purposes Fund to the Connexional Allowances Committee

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<b>Status of Paper</b>	Final
<b>Action Required</b>	Decision
<b>Resolution</b>	103/1. The Council delegates oversight of the Auxiliary Special Purposes Fund to the Connexional Allowances Committee with immediate effect.

### Summary of Content

<b>Subject and Aims</b>	Oversight of the Auxiliary Special Purposes Fund (ASPF)
<b>Main Points</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The ASPF is a designated fund under the managing trusteeship of the Methodist Council.</li> <li>• It is used to provide assistance in cases of ministerial marriage/civil partnership breakdown.</li> <li>• Its oversight has rested informally with the Secretary/Assistant Secretary of the Conference.</li> <li>• It is proposed that it is overseen by the Connexional Allowances Committee (CAC).</li> </ul>
<b>Consultations</b>	Conference Office and Connexional Allowances Committee

### Summary of Impact

<b>Financial</b>	As per paper. No impact on the use or balance of the fund is anticipated.
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1. The Methodist Council is the managing trustee body of the Auxiliary Special Purposes Fund, which is administered alongside other connexional funds by the Connexional Team Finance Office. It is a restricted fund with an unaudited balance as at 31 August 2017 of £557k. Its income is derived from investments, which generally speaking provides sufficient cover from year-to-year to meet the demands upon it. The annual unaudited expenditure in 2016/17 was just under £35k.
2. The fund provides financial assistance when marriages or civil partnerships involving ministers have broken down. It is particularly used when a spouse/partner and/or children have to leave the manse and become temporarily homeless as a result.
3. Because of the rare and sensitive nature of such cases, the fund has been overseen informally by the Secretary or Assistant Secretary of the Conference; generally used after advice from a person appointed by the current President to offer support in such cases and the Chair of the Connexional Allowances Committee (CAC).
4. There are overlaps between the use of this fund and the Fund for the Support of Presbyters and Deacons (FSPD) and the work in general of the CAC, much of which is sensitive and confidential. It is therefore proposed that with immediate effect oversight of this fund is delegated to the CAC, this will not however effect the ability of the Secretary of the Conference to use the fund for the purposes of as set out in paragraph 2 above.

### **\*\*\*RESOLUTION**

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