

## **66. Report of the Law and Polity Conference Sub-Committee**

The sub-committee proposed the following Resolutions under Standing Order 131(25):

### **\*\*\* RESOLUTIONS**

**66/1. By way of consequential provision the Conference amended Standing Order 417(5) by deleting the existing text and substituting the following:**

***(5) The district representatives shall meet the Chair at least once before the date of the Conference at a briefing meeting which shall:***

***(i) cover the procedures and ways of working of the Conference;***  
***(ii) include agenda information on major items of business; and***  
***the meeting shall be held sufficiently in advance of the Conference to facilitate attendance and other members of the Conference resident or stationed in the District shall be invited to attend.***

**66/2. For the better achievement of its intention the Conference amended the new Standing Order 512B(10) by deleting the last sentence of the existing text at p37 of the Order Paper and substituting the following:**

***The old Circuit Meeting shall be treated as remaining in existence solely for the purpose of holding such a meeting and deciding whether or not to apply to withdraw the direction. The membership of the old Circuit Meeting for this purpose shall consist of the persons who constituted the members of the Circuit Meeting immediately prior to the making of the direction.***

**66/3. For the better achievement of its intention the Conference amended the new Standing Order 611A(10) by deleting the last sentence of the existing text at p38 of the Order Paper and substituting the following:**

***The old Church Council shall be treated as remaining in existence solely for the purpose of holding such a meeting and deciding whether or not to apply to withdraw the direction. The membership of the old Church Council for this purpose shall consist of the persons who constituted the members of the Church Council immediately prior to the making of the direction.***

**66/4. For the better achievement of its intention the Conference amended the following new Standing Orders:**

***806(8) The provisions in Standing Order 807A, 807B, 807C and 807D are intended to reflect as closely as possible the statutory provisions for maternity and paternity leave, shared parental leave and adoption leave applicable to employed person and should be interpreted to reflect this intention.***

SO 512B(6)(i) replacing **(9)** with **(10)**

512B(7) replacing **'consist of the members'** with **'consist of the persons'**

512B(11) replacing **'members who constituted the membership of the Circuit Meeting prior to the making of the direction and so that any members'** with **'persons who constituted the membership of the Circuit Meeting prior to the making of the direction and so that any persons'**

SO 611A(6)(i) replacing **(9)** with **(10)**

611A(7) replacing **'consist of the members'** with **'consist of the persons'**

SO 611A(11) replacing *'members who constituted the membership of the Church Council prior to the making of the direction and so that any members'* with *'persons who constituted the membership of the Church Council prior to the making of the direction and so that any persons'*

**66/5.** The Conference delegated to the Methodist Council the making of any outstanding appointments and the completing of any outstanding business required to be made or done by the Conference of 2015, and directed that any such actions be reported to the Conference of 2016.