NEW ITEM 69. Report of the Law And Polity Conference Sub-Committee

The Law and Polity Conference Sub-Committee moved the following resolutions under Standing Order 131(25):

The Conference adopted as Resolution 69/1:

For the better achievement of the intention of the Conference:

(i) The amendments made by Resolution 11/1(xvi) are amended to read as follows:

In SO 300(2C): “…***in connexional policy and … public role, …***”;

(ii) The amendments made by Resolution 11/1(xxxiv) are amended to read as follows:

In SO 1145(1)(*c*): “***At a hearing by the Presbyteral Session*** …”;

(iii) The amendments made by Resolution 11/1(xl) are amended by substituting “***presbyter***” for “***minister***” in each case;

(iv) The amendments made by Resolution 30/5(b)(vi) are amended by requiring the amendment in SO 803(10) to be made once only;

(v) The amendments made by Resolution 30/5(d) are amended to read as follows:

In SO 732(3)(*d*): “… in the case of ministers to the Secretary …”

In the title to SO 734: “**Ministerial and Diaconal Probationers of other Conferences and Churches**”

**Consultation on special resolutions**

Special resolutions adopted by the Conference are required to be confirmed at the next Conference before coming into effect, with appropriate consultation in the intervening period. It is the Sub-Committee’s responsibility to advise the Conference on that consultation.

The substance of the Sub-Committee’s advice is set out in the following resolution:

The Conference adopted as Resolution 69/2:

The Conference, having considered the advice of the Law and Polity Conference Sub-Committee, directs in accordance with Standing Order 126 that the appropriate consultation in respect of special resolutions 20/3, 21/10 and 33/1 shall be by submission to the Methodist Council under Standing Order 126(1)(*c*).

The Conference, with the required majority, adopted as Resolution 69/3:

The Conference resolves to amend Resolutions 50/1, 50/2 and 50/6 *for* ‘minister’ *reading* ‘presbyter’ and *for* ‘ministers’ *reading* ‘presbyters’ each time they occur.