

## 59. Relief and Extension Fund for Methodism in Scotland

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<b>Resolutions</b>	59/1. The Conference receives the Report.0 59/2. The Conference approves the actions proposed in paragraphs 6.5 and 6.6 of the Report.

### 1. Legal

The fund is governed by a Deed of Trust registered in the books of the Lords and Council and Session at Edinburgh on 4 November 1869. The Deed narrates resolutions of the Conference of 1869 as to the raising, administration and purposes of the Fund. (See Standing Order 476 for further information.)

**The purposes of the said Relief and Extension Fund for Methodism in Scotland should be as follows: -**

- (1) The liquidation of debts yet remaining on Methodist Churches, Chapels or Manses in Scotland or debts that may yet be contracted with the sanction of the connexional property committee,
- (2) The purchase or erection of new or additional places of worship and of sites for such objects, and
- (3) The acquisition of manses or investment of money to meet house rents thus making provision for the residences of ordained ministers where at present only probationers are stationed and from time to time in other places as occasion may arise.

### 2. Administration

2.1 The means of aid is by way of Grants and/or interest free loans but no funds can be allocated unless the Project requires approval under the Methodist Church Property Consents Procedure, sanctioned and approved by the District Consents Panel and, where appropriate, the Connexional Conservation Officer. A grant that has been made remains refundable if the property is subsequently sold.

2.2 The present Trustees are:

OFFICIAL: The Revd S Mark Slaney – Synod Chair; The Revd Dr Helen E Jenkins – Ministerial Synod Secretary; The Revd Allan Y Loudon – District Ministerial Property

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Secretary and The Revd Nicholas B Baker – District Home Mission.

NON-OFFICIAL: Dr Alan J Hayes; Mr David A Easson; Mr Edward A L Wallace (General Secretary and Treasurer); and Miss Maureen G Anderson.

The General Committee consists of the Trustees, General Secretary and Treasurer, the District Lay Property Secretary – Mr Phillip A Haggis, the Superintendent Ministers of every Circuit and Mrs Margaret Brown, Mrs Jenny Easson and Mr Peter Mills as the present Synod-nominated lay members.

### 3. Financial

- 3.1 The incoming resources of the Fund for the year ended 31 December 2019 were £22,388 (2018 £35,746). The decrease over the previous year was due to no grant repayments from the proceeds of sale of grant-aided properties.
- 3.2 The net of incoming resources for the year after deducting grants paid and expenses was an increase of £8,210 (2018 £14,427).
- 3.3 During the year two new applications for Aid were considered by the General Committee of which one was refused on the grounds that it did not meet the criteria of the Fund.
- 3.4 Grants previously approved paid out totalling £5,250 (2018 £14,794).
- 3.5 Grants approved and paid out this year totalled £4,875 (2018 £nil).
- 3.6 Loans previously approved paid out totalling £1,750 (2018 £5,932).
- 3.7 Loans approved and paid out this year totalled £1,625 (2018 £nil)
- 3.8 Investments in the CFB Mixed Managed Fund have been stated in the accounts under review at 31 December 2019 with a market value of £237,946 (2018 £211,599). There was an unrealised gain of £26,347 (2018 loss of £13,060). The accumulated unrealised gain at 31 December 2019 was £180,638 (2018 £154,291).
- 3.9 Balances at 31 December 2019 (2018 figures in brackets):  
General Fund £24,075 (£12,335),  
Grant Fund £47,493 (£56,659), recoverable grants £388,256 (£378,131), and  
Loan Account £27,925 (£22,290), outstanding loans £23,900 (£29,491).  
The overall Fund balance at 31 December 2019 was £337,440 (£302,825).

### 4. Grants

4.1 The following Grant, approved in a previous year, has been paid:  
Kilsyth Methodist Church £5,250

4.2 One Grant was approved and paid during the year:  
Pollokshaws Methodist Church £4,875

### 5. Loans

5.1 The following loan, approved in a previous year, has been paid:  
Kilsyth Methodist Church £1,750

5.2 One loan was approved and paid during the year:  
Pollokshaws Methodist Church £1,625

### 6. General

6.1 In 2016 after a review of the methodology surrounding the allocation of circuit subscriptions [which replaced the previous subscription and annual church collection scheme at their request] it was proposed by the Trustees and agreed by the General Committee that future calculations would be based on circuit membership and number of model trust properties in the District.

6.2 After due consideration of the General Committee, Notice of Subscriptions for the connexional year 2019/2020 were despatched to Circuit Treasurers on 15 March 2019 using the new methodology with an overall increase in the total subscriptions collected of 2.2 %.

6.3 Loan instalments are collected half-yearly in May and November.

6.4 Although, in the event it did not again materialise this year, the General Committee proposes, that if there are insufficient immediate funds to satisfy approved applications for aid then sufficient funds be transferred from the Capital Fund, excluding funds attributed to the 'endowment' section of the Capital Fund, to meet that need from the sale of Units in the Investment Trust held on behalf of the Fund by TMCP.

6.5 After consideration by the Trustees and General Committee, the Synod noted the proposal in respect of the allocation of the 2019 part of the General Fund balance (£11,740.16) as at 31 December 2019, that the whole amount be allocated to the Loan Account. This requires the consent of the Conference.

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- 6.6 As an extra measure, the General Committee proposes that a moratorium on the requirements of Standing Order 476 (2) in respect of Annual Sunday collections and subscriptions be instituted for the connexional year 2020/2021.

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

**59/1. The Conference receives the Report.**

**59/2. The Conference gives its consent to the actions proposed in paragraphs 6.5 and 6.6 of the Report.**