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To whom it may concern in connection with the registration of places of worship for marriage in England and Wales

### **The Methodist Conference's consent to same-sex marriage**

The Methodist Conference is the governing body of the Methodist Church in Great Britain pursuant to clause 11 of the Deed of Union 1932 and the provisions of the Methodist Church Act 1976.

I confirm that on 30 June 2021, at its annual meeting in Birmingham, the Methodist Conference passed a series of resolutions relating to the Methodist Church's understanding of marriage, including resolutions consenting in principle to the marriage of same-sex couples on Methodist premises and enabling trustees of Methodist premises to register their buildings for that purpose.

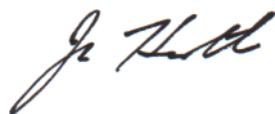
For marriages in England and Wales, the relevant resolutions are as follows:

- 59/8:** The Conference consents in principle to the marriage of same-sex couples on Methodist premises throughout the Connexion and by Methodist ministers, probationers or members in so far as the law of the relevant jurisdiction permits or requires and subject to compliance with such further requirements, if any, as that law imposes.
- 59/14A:** For the purposes of section 26A of the Marriage Act 1949 (as inserted by section 4(1) of the Marriage (Same Sex Couples) Act 2013) the Conference consents to the marriage of same-sex couples and accordingly, with effect from a date to be notified, authorises the managing trustees or, if none, the trustees, of any Methodist building in England and Wales capable of registration under section 43A of the Marriage Act 1949 (as amended by paragraph 1 of Schedule 1 to the Marriage (Same Sex Couples) Act 2013) to register that building under that section.
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By a further resolution 59/14C, it was agreed that the 'date to be notified' under Resolution 59/14A shall be no earlier than 1 September 2021, or such later date as may be appropriate having regard to the regulatory requirements which must be satisfied before a same-sex marriage may lawfully be solemnised on Methodist premises in England and Wales.

The 'date to be notified' has now been confirmed as 20 September 2021, meaning Methodist managing trustees have the Methodist Conference's authority to apply to register their buildings for same sex marriage on or any time after that date.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Hustler', written in a cursive style.

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