

REPRESENTATIVE SESSION

ORDER OF BUSINESS

09:15 Service of Holy Communion

11:00 Coffee Break

11:30 Administration

Agenda Item 20: Methodist Council part 2: The response to the Training Review
(Agenda pages 169-183)
Resolution 20/1 (page 183)

Memorial M2
Notice of Motion 106: M2

Agenda Item 30: Safeguarding Committee (Agenda pages 355-359)
Resolution 30/1 (page 359)

Agenda Item 31: Faith and Order Committee Report (Agenda pages 360-365)
Resolutions 31/1, 31/2 (page 365)

Agenda Item 35: A Response to The Call to Holiness: From Glory to Glory (Agenda pages 486-499)
Resolutions 35/1, 35/2 (page 499)

12:30 **Agenda Item 9: All We Can – Methodist Relief and Development** (Agenda pages 64-71)
Resolution 9/1 (page 70)

12:45 Lunch

14:15 **Agenda Item 27A: Additional Report from the Marriage and Relationships Task Group** (Order Paper pages 35-36)
Resolution 27A/1, 27A/2 (Order Paper page 36)

Agenda Item 27: Marriage and Relationships Task Group: interim report (Agenda pages 337-347 and Order Paper page 18)
Resolutions 27/1, 27/2 (page 347)
Notice of Motion 112: Resolution 27/2

Memorial M12

Notice of Motion 203: 'Direction of travel'

Notice of Motion 204: Trans stakeholder group

- 16:15 Tea Break
- 16:45 Notice of Motion 201 (as amended): Models of Trusteeship
- Notice of Motion 210: Fasting
- Reaffirming *Our Calling*: Presentation and Discussion**
- 18:30 Evening prayers
- 18:45 Adjourn
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SECOND REPORT FROM THE CONFERENCE FINANCIAL COMMITTEE

The Conference Financial Committee has considered the following notices of motion and makes the following comments:

In relation to Notice of Motion 2018/112: Marriage and Relationships:
There are potentially significant costs both in terms of third party legal costs and the time required by the Connexional Team to fulfil the consequences of the notice of motion.

In relation to Notice of Motion 2018/210: Fasting:
Although in theory the Conference would only be donating monies which would otherwise be spent on meals, there would be some cost in administering this.

*****RESOLUTION**

F/2. The Conference receives the Report.

AGENDA ITEM 27A: ADDITIONAL REPORT FROM THE MARRIAGE AND RELATIONSHIPS TASK GROUP

1. The Task Group would like to thank the Conference for its reception of the Task Group's Presentation on Monday afternoon. It is also grateful for the quality of the conferring in the workshops, and the responses that it has received.
2. In addition, it has engaged in conversations with the Faith and Order Committee about how to facilitate the Task Group's work in bringing material to the 2019 Conference. Paragraph 9 of the Interim Report talked of inherent difficulties in the task that the group has been set. They are rooted in the distinction between a Report, on the one hand, and a draft Statement under Standing Order 129, on the other.
3. Paragraph 10 of our interim report describes the nature of a formal Statement of the Conference in accordance with Standing Order 129. As it says there, "such documents are by their very nature long, and often cannot be made easily accessible to the majority of the Methodist people". Such Statements are very complex, and hard to produce. Moreover, they are often theoretical rather than practical. For example, Item 32 in the Agenda includes a draft Statement which the Conference has now commended to the Connexion for study, discussion and response. It then includes a long report on matters, including practical matters, which flow out of it.

4. As Paragraph 9 of the Interim Report states, policy matters which have major practical implications are normally dealt with by means of “a report containing recommendations” with such recommendations “based on prayerful discernment; careful reading, interpretation and application of the Scriptures; and rigorous thinking” and “grounded in an agreed framework of the Methodist Church’s theological understanding and teaching (“our doctrines”)”.
5. Of the matters referred to the Task Group the most pressing issues concern the Church’s understanding of relationships and marriage. Such matters could be dealt with by a report to the Conference that sets out a number of theological arguments. A report would not be as detailed as a Conference Statement, but would enable the Conference to reach a view on how the church defines marriage and for that view to be the subject of connexion wide consultation. The same report could include any changes to standing orders were the definition of marriage to change. Such a report would be treated as provisional resolution under SO 122. It would be submitted to the Synods and the Law and Polity Committee for approval, disapproval, or approval with amendments. This would take place during the year 2019-2020. The Conference of 2020 would then be in a position to make a final decision with any provisions implemented with immediate effect. None of this prevents a Statement of the Conference being presented at a later stage.
6. Nothing would prevent Local Churches, Circuits and individual members of the Methodist Church feeding in opinions through their Synods. This process would allow for proper consultation, but also meet the sense of urgency being expressed by many in these matters. It would also make it easier for the Task Group to produce material of the highest quality.
7. The Task Group has promised to fulfil its obligations of bringing a draft Statement under Standing Order 129 to the Conference in 2019. That it will do, so far as it lies in its powers, if that is what the Conference requires. But the Conference may wish to change the Task Group’s remit to that set out in paragraph 5 above. To test the mind of the Conference, the Group brings resolutions 27A/1 and 27A/2 as set out below. If they are approved, 27/1 and 27/2 in the Interim Report will be withdrawn. If they fall, the Group will present 27/1 and 27/2 in their original form.

*****RESOLUTIONS**

27A/1. The Conference receives the Report.

27A/2. The Conference adopts the way of proceeding set out in paragraph 5 of this Additional Report.

ADDITIONS AND CORRECTIONS TO THE CONFERENCE AGENDA

AGENDA ITEM 5: CONFERENCE ARRANGEMENTS (Pages 54-56)

Page 56, Resolution 5/7

For Synod Cymru, Birmingham, Liverpool, Newcastle upon Tyne, Lancashire, Northampton, Plymouth and Exeter, Southampton, London, South East.

Reserves: Yorkshire West, Nottingham and Derby, East Anglia

Read Synod Cymru, Birmingham, Cumbria, Liverpool, Newcastle upon Tyne, Lancashire, Northampton, Plymouth and Exeter, Southampton, Yorkshire West, London, South East.

Reserves: Nottingham and Derby, East Anglia

AGENDA ITEM 38: TRUSTEES FOR METHODIST CHURCH PURPOSES (Pages 508-520)

PART C, Page 520

Amend to read:

Declarations under the Methodist Church Trust Deed 1939

From time to time property is bequeathed to the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes where no express or special trusts are declared by the legatee or where those terms are uncertain or are wishes only. In such cases clause 2 of the Trust Deed of 1939 adopted by the Conference further to Section 11 of the 1939 Act empowers the Conference to declare the trusts upon which the Board is to hold the property.

Derek George Phillips Deceased

Derek George Phillips, by his Will bequeathed:

“To the Trustees for METHODIST CHURCH PURPOSES of Central Buildings Oldham Street Manchester M1 1JQ the sum of One Hundred Thousand Pounds (£100,000) with the recommendation that it be invested in the Central Finance Board Mixed Fund Units and that the income arising therefore be paid in The General Fund account of Wesley Memorial Church New Hall Street Oxford” (Bequest 1)

“MY TRUSTEES shall hold my Residuary Estate upon trust for OXFAM of 274 Banbury Road Oxford OX2 7DZ and the Trustees for METHODIST CHURCH PURPOSES in equal shares absolutely” (Bequest 2)

With Bequest 2, the Board has received an interim distribution of £1,700,000. ***It is preferable that the bequest from the estate of the late Derek George Phillips is available for the widest possible purposes. Therefore it is proposed that the Conference direct that the bequest be held upon the Model Trust as Connexional Property. Such property is then the responsibility of the Methodist Council as the appropriate Managing Trustees pursuant to SO 907.*** ~~The Board agreed at its meeting on 28 February 2018 that the share of the residue of the estate left to TMCP should be held upon trust by the Board with the capital and income used in providing grants to viable Methodist projects.~~

As no special or express trusts have been declared, the Conference, pursuant to clause 2 of the Trust Deed of 1939 adopted by the Conference further to Section 11 of the Methodist Church Act 1939, need to declare the trusts upon which the Board may hold Bequest 2.

*****AMENDED RESOLUTION**

38/3. The Conference, pursuant to clause 2 of the Trust Deed dated 4th September 1939, directs that the bequest from the residuary estate of the late Derek George Phillips be held upon the Model Trust as Connexional Property with the Methodist Council acting as Managing Trustees pursuant to SO 907.

AGENDA ITEM 43: AUTHORISATIONS COMMITTEE (Pages 541-552)

Page 546, List A

<i>Add</i>	5/1	Birmingham	Adam Sanders	M
<i>Add</i>	31/2	Strathclyde	Laurent R Vernet	P
<i>Delete</i>	31/2	Strathclyde	Susan B Taylor	P
<i>Add</i>	36/8	West Sussex Coast and Downs	Daniel J Balsdon	P

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<i>For</i>	27/2	Leeds (North and East)	Rebecca Stennett	P
<i>Read</i>	27/2	Leeds (North and East)	Rebekah J Stennett	P

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<i>Add</i>	28/2	Brownhills and Willenhall	Michael Smith	L
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Page 550, List C

<i>Delete</i>	2/3	Bangor and Holyhead	Royce Warner	L
<i>Delete</i>	2/3	Bangor and Holyhead	Howard Jackson	L

AGENDA ITEM 51: COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS (Pages 588- 598)

Resolution 51/5, Ministerial Candidates' Selection Committee

Delete the Revd Alan Combes

Resolution 51/7, Faith and Order Committee

Add The Revd Lionel E Osborn

Leo Osborn is a past President of the Conference, currently stationed in the Stamford Circuit.

NOTICE OF MOTION 2018/209: UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Amend point 2 to read:

2. Following the example of our brothers and sisters in the UMC, the Conference commits to challenging ourselves, our ecumenical partners and our World Church partners to ensure that we do not use Scripture to justify the implementation of unethical or immoral policies.

PRESBYTERS, DEACONS AND LAY PEOPLE WHO HAVE ENTERED INTO REST 2018

Presbyters

John Michael Adams	Graham Leaman
Alan Ashton	Ivor Frank Mann
Eric Ball	Kenneth Mondon Marsh
James Bamford Bates	Margaret Amy Elizabeth Meakin-Collins
Malcolm John Beech	James Mills
Eric Blennerhassett	Robinson Alansworth Milwood
Peter Harold Bolt	John Edward Minor
Howard Booth	Colin Manley Morris
Carol Leslie Braithwaite	Keith Ivor Munns
Victoria Oluremilekun Oluwaropo Bravette	John Charles Peak
Michael David Burch	Ross Peart
Alan Stanley Burgess	Anthony Thomas Pepper
Joyce Butcher	John Arthur Perkins
Eric Gordon Capstack	Carrol Ann Popley
Richard Hubert Chapple	Eric Clifford Prichard
Ronald Stanley Charlton	Sheila Purdy
David Alfred Clarkson	Brian Ridley
Geoffrey Cooke	Derek Brian Russell
John Darrel Davies	Douglas Frank Savill
David Eric Robert Deacon	William James Brian Skinner
Robert Delap	Alan Skipsey
Tom Duerden	Thomas Mervyn Smith
James William Errington	Gordon Spittlehouse
John Reginald Girling	Gordon Squire
John Beverley Glover	John Spratt Stephens
William Hewison	Derek Thorpe
Philip Hodgson	Alan James Triffitt
Stuart Holmes	Charles Watson
Michael Frederick Hucker	Brian White
Allan Hughes	Edna Wicks
Harry Johnson	John Yuk-Lun Wong
Eric Jones	David Andrew Woosley
Christopher Kirkman	Eileen Muriel Wragg
Lawrence Richard Lambrick	George Hatton Yates
Pamela Rita Le Poidevin	Ian Dexter Young

Deacons

Brenda Fuller	Joan Mary Stockley
Susan Mary Jackson	Greta Marion Wainwright
Linda Judith Ireland	Helen Merle Wilde

Lay People

Mark Westhead

A member of the Disability Stakeholder Forum of the Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Committee, and a member of the group who prepared the EDI Tool Kit

Those who have served as Mission Partners and have died since the last Conference:

Miss Gwen Cushing	India
Mr Geoffrey Crawford	Sierra Leone
Mrs Ellen Denny	Jamaica
Miss Joy Fletcher	Nigeria
Dr David Goodall	India
Mrs Constance Hall	Sierra Leone
Mrs Enid Johnson	Nigeria
Mrs Margaret Jones	China
The Revd Lawrence Lambrick	Kenya
Sister Christine M MacQueen	India
Mr Robert Mann	The Gambia
The Revd Dr Colin Morris	Zambia
The Revd John Newton	Kenya
The Revd Tony Pepper	Burma
Mrs Moira Robinson	Nigeria
Mrs Jo Snaith	West Africa
Sister Merle Wilde	India
The Revd Eileen Wragg	Nigeria

352 accredited Local Preachers; the names reported by the Districts are recorded in a Book of Thanksgiving held at Methodist Church House.

And many others whose service is known to others and to God.
