

REPRESENTATIVE SESSION

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Presentation and final reading of the Stations

Daily Record for Wednesday 4 July

Written Portion of the Daily Record

Daily Record for Thursday 5 July

Administration and appreciations

The Journal Resolution

The Adjournment Resolution

The Blessing

13:00 Adjourn

THIRD REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE FINANCIAL COMMITTEE

The Conference Financial Committee is conscious that the Conference has agreed four notices of motion which are judged to have both direct financial effects and consequences on Connexional Team staff time and priorities (Notices of Motion 106, 109, 201 and 204).

There are three further notices of motion with similar consequences which have not, at the time of meeting, been considered by the Conference (202B, 206, 207).

Further detailed work will need to be done to consider the full cost and effect of these additional pieces of work.

The Conference is therefore advised that, to ensure that existing work is not delayed any more than is necessary, it is likely that the expenditure detailed in the Connexional Central Services Budget (Agenda item 24) will be exceeded, and, in particular it is likely that the actual

expenditure will be greater than the income, with a consequential net deficit on the Methodist Church Fund annual budget for 2018/19.

*****RESOLUTION**

F/3. The Conference receives the Report.

ADDITIONS AND CORRECTIONS TO THE CONFERENCE AGENDA

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

Substitute the following for the text at p37 of the Order Paper.

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 Trusts 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 Trusts as Connexional Property with the Methodist Council acting as Managing Trustees pursuant to SO 907.

AGENDA ITEM 46: COMMITTEE ON METHODIST LAW AND POLITY (2) (Pages 556-563)

Pages 558-560, Standing Order 1155A

Substitute the following:

1155A Repetitive Complainants. (1) In this Standing Order:

- (i) *“a repeated complaint” means a complaint which is the same or substantially similar to another complaint made by the same complainant against the same person or a different person or persons in respect of which consideration is being given or has been given in accordance with this Part and which is not a complaint of the type referred to in Standing Order 1155;*
- (ii) *“a multiple complainant” means a person who has made two or more repeated complaints;*
- (iii) *“a repetitive complainant” means a multiple complainant in respect of whom a declaration has been made under clause (6) below to the effect set out in that clause;*

(iv) *“the referee” means the person to whom a matter has been referred under clause (4) below.*

(2) *This Standing Order shall apply when the relevant connexional Team member is aware or is informed that a person is or may be a multiple complainant.*

(3) *Any person receiving a complaint which he or she believes may be a repeated complaint shall, before taking any steps in respect of such complaint, inform the relevant connexional Team member of the details of the complaint and the grounds on which he or she believes it to be a repeated complaint.*

(4) *If the relevant connexional Team member considers that the complainant may be a multiple complainant he or she may refer the matter to a person falling within Standing Order 231(3) for consideration whether the complainant should be declared to be a repetitive complainant.*

(5)(a) *The relevant connexional Team member makes a reference under clause (4) above by writing to the referee setting out the reasons for which the reference is being made and supplying him or her with the relevant documents.*

(b) *If the relevant connexional Team member refers a matter to a referee, he or she must inform the complainant that the reference has been made and what would be the effect (as set out in clause (8) below) if the complainant is declared to be a repetitive complainant. A copy of the reference must be sent to the complainant, together with a list of the documents supplied. The relevant connexional Team member must also state that until the referee has reached a decision he or she will not communicate further with the complainant in relation to the complaints made.*

(c) *The relevant connexional Team member must further inform the complainant that if he or she wishes to make representations to the referee, those representations must be sent in writing to the relevant connexional Team member within 14 days from the day on which the complainant is so informed.*

(d) *The relevant connexional Team member must pass any representations received to the referee, who must not make a decision until the time for making representations has expired.*

(6) *The referee must consider the documentary material supplied to him or her and decide whether to make a declaration that the complainant is a repetitive complainant. Any such declaration must be made on the ground specified in clause (7) below and will have the effect set out in clause (8) below. The referee must record the decision in writing, giving reasons, and send the record to the relevant connexional Team member for safe custody,*

(7) *The ground on which it may be declared that a complainant is a repetitive complainant is that the referee is satisfied that there is such a risk that the complainant will make one or more further repeated complaints that fairness requires that all his or her future complaints must be referred immediately to a team, convened from the connexional Complaints Panel, which is aware of the history of the complainant as respects the complaints and discipline process and which must, before taking any further steps, consider whether in all the circumstances of the case, including the apparent merits of the particular complaint, that complaint should or should not be allowed to proceed and must give a direction accordingly.*

(8) *The effect of a declaration that the complainant is a repetitive complainant is that:*

- (i) a team must be convened from the Complaints Panel to consider the complaint referred to in clause (3) and to direct whether or not the complaint should be allowed to proceed. If the complaint does proceed, the provisions of this Part apply as if the complainant had referred the complaint to the connexional Complaints Panel and the team convened from the Complaints Panel had decided that the complaint was to be fully considered;*
- (ii) any future complaint by the complainant must be referred immediately to a team convened from the Complaints Panel to act as set out in paragraph (i) above.*

(9) The relevant connexional Team member must inform the complainant of the decision of the referee made under clause (6) above. If the decision is that the complainant should be declared a repetitive complainant, the relevant connexional Team member must also inform the Chair of the District and the Superintendent or other person who is the local complaints officer of the Circuit in which the complainant is stationed or a member or with which he or she (if not a member) appears to have the closest connection.

(10) Any person who becomes aware that a repetitive complainant is making a complaint under this Part must take all necessary steps to ensure that the complaint is dealt with in accordance with the provisions of this Standing Order.

(11) No appeal lies against a decision under clause (6) above to declare that a complainant is a repetitive complainant or a direction of a complaints team given under clause (8) above.

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

Resolution 51/12, Methodist Council (Pages 592-593)

(ix) The Revd Stephen J Poxon, Jarel A Robinson-Brown

Jarel Robinson-Brown is nominated to the Council by the Equalities, Diversity and Inclusion Committee.

REPORT FROM THE LAW AND POLITY CONFERENCE SUB-COMMITTEE

Under Standing Order 131(25) the Law and Polity Conference Sub-Committee may move a resolution for any purpose considered by the Conference to be within the scope of the functions of the Law and Polity Committee. Following the debate yesterday on Notice of Motion 2018/203, when clarification of the intention of the proposers was sought and given, it has emerged that the printed text inadvertently did not reflect the text that had previously been circulated amongst those that had been supporting the Notice of Motion.

The Law and Polity Conference Sub-Committee, having been provided with the original version, takes the view that it usefully explains the intention of the proposers as subsequently explained to the Conference. The Sub-Committee therefore proposes the following resolution.

***RESOLUTION

LP/1. For the purpose of formally recording the clarification of Notice of Motion 2018/203 which was given by the proposer and seconder to the Conference the Notice of Motion should be read as if it were in the following form:-

Given the difficulties that the current Task Group has faced, the Conference now wishes to offer guidance about the direction of travel it seeks for the Methodist Church. The Conference, therefore,

- i)
- ii) directs the Task Group to ensure that proposals are brought before the Conference ~~on~~ **including** a way forward that is consistent with the existing commitment to live with contradictory convictions, namely **enabling**:
 - a) People with contradictory convictions to continue in fellowship and dialogue together;
 - b) Those who feel called by God to solemnise same sex marriages to do so;
 - c) Protection for ministers, probationers, members and churches prevented by conscience from participation in such services;
 - d) The Conference to receive reports on emerging practice which will inform ongoing theological reflection.

*** RESOLUTION

LP/2. The Conference delegates 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 2018, and directs that any such actions be reported to the Conference of 2019.

ALLOCATION OF DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES TO THE CONFERENCE OF 2019

The allocation of District Representatives to the Conference of 2019 will be as follows:

	District	Presbyters or Deacons	Deacons
1	Synod Cymru	2	1 *
2	Wales Synod	3	*
5	Birmingham	3	1
6	Bolton and Rochdale	2	
7	Bristol	3	
9	Cumbria	2	1
10	Channel Islands	1	
11	Chester and Stoke	3	
12	Cornwall	3	
13	Darlington	3	
14	East Anglia	3	*
15	Isle of Man	1	
16	Leeds		
17	Lincolnshire	2	
18	Liverpool	2	1
19	Manchester and Stockport	3	
20	Newcastle upon Tyne	3	1
21	Lancashire	3	1
22	Nottingham and Derby	3	*
23	Northampton	5	1 *
24	Plymouth and Exeter	3	1 *
25	Sheffield	3	
26	Southampton	4	1
27	Yorkshire West	5	1 *
28	Wolverhampton and Shrewsbury	3	
29	Yorkshire North and East	4	*
31	Scotland	3	
32	Shetland (include with Scotland)		
34	Bedfordshire, Essex & Herts	3	
35	London	8	1
36	South East	4 *	1
	Totals	90	12

Asterisks denote changes from the 2018 allocation.