

7. World Methodist Council Ministerial Exchanges

1. Approval of exchanges

The following presbyters have made application to participate in exchanges under the auspices of the World Methodist Council:

Stephen Caddy (29/8 Beverley) with Jacob Waybright (United Methodist Church, USA)

Lynda Coulthard (20/06 South East Northumberland Ecumenical Area) with Nina Fulford (United Church of Canada)

Timothy J Thorpe (20/2 Newcastle upon Tyne (West)) with Hubert F Jicha III (United Methodist Church, USA)

*****RESOLUTION**

7/1. The Conference, acting under the provision of SO 335(3A), approved the exchange of pastorates as listed.

2. Report

It is proposed to bring an amendment to SO 335(3) to the 2016 Conference, so that the approving body for such ministerial exchanges will in future be the Council rather than the Conference. This will enable the timetable to work more effectively, and give the participants greater certainty in planning for the exchange. It is further proposed that 2015/16 should be regarded as a transitional year, and therefore the Conference is asked to delegate the authority for approval of the exchanges during the connexional year 2015/16 to the Council.

*****RESOLUTIONS**

7/2. The Conference received the Report.

7/3. The Conference delegated the approval of exchanges to take place during the connexional year 2015/16 to the Methodist Council.