

## 10. Wesley House, Cambridge

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<b>Resolutions</b>	<p>10/1. The Conference receives the Report.</p> <p>10/2. The Conference ratifies the appointment of the Revds Stephen J Burgess and Colin A Smith and Mr David Scahill as trustee directors of Wesley House, Cambridge.</p> <p>10/3. The Conference thanks the Revd Dr Michael P Wilson for his many years of service as a trustee of the old Wesley House Trust and as a trustee director of Wesley House, Cambridge.</p> <p>10/4. The Conference thanks Professor Judith Lieu for her years of service as Chair of the Trustees of the old Wesley House Trust and of the trustee directors of Wesley House, Cambridge and notes with gratitude that she continues to serve as a trustee director.</p>
<b>Summary of Content</b>	The report requests the ratification by the Conference, in accordance with the Articles of Association of Wesley House, Cambridge, of the appointment of three co-opted directors. It invites the Conference to express its thanks to a retiring director and to the chair, who is stepping down from the office of chair while remaining a director.

1. As reported to the 2015 Conference, the Articles of Association of Wesley House, Cambridge maintain connexional involvement in the process for appointing trustee directors. In general, the process is that the Conference will be invited to approve a list of nominated new trustee directors. There is, however, a power of co-option exercisable by the trustees. If that power is exercised, the names of the co-opted trustee directors are to be brought to the next Conference for ratification.
2. During the last connexional year the trustee directors have exercised that power to co-opt the Revds Stephen J Burgess and Colin A Smith and Mr David Scahill and their names are therefore brought to the Conference for ratification.
3. There have also been other changes in the trustee body. The Revd Dr Michael P Wilson, who has served as a trustee and then trustee director for many years, will cease to be a director at the end of the present connexional year. Professor Judith Lieu, who has held the office of chair through the demanding period during which Wesley House has developed its new vision for the future and has undertaken substantial works of renovation to its buildings and the implementation of a new business model, is stepping down as chair. The directors are very grateful to her for her willingness to remain as a director, so that Wesley House can continue to benefit from the gifts she brings. The Revd Dr Stuart Jordan now holds the office of chair.

4. Finally, the directors are pleased to have the opportunity, in making this report, of informing the Conference of the completion of the substantial renovations at Wesley House and of the formal rededication on 27 April 2017.

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### Reasoned statements

The Revd Stephen J Burgess has served as Chair of the York and Hull District. He brings to the Trustees experience of the Connexion at all levels, of ecumenical collaboration at district level, and of working within and with Methodist educational institutions.

The Revd Colin A Smith is the superintendent minister of the Cambridge Circuit, with which Wesley House has an integral relationship of long standing. He brings to the Trustees legal experience, including experience in the polity of the Methodist Church, and experience of trusteeship and of the supervision of students placed within the Circuit.

Mr David Scahill is a retired engineer who worked for GEC for many years and then as a consultant involved in turning companies round. He has served on the board of governors of Staffordshire University. He and his wife are involved in church life in local (not Methodist) churches and he brings further ecumenical experience.