

REPRESENTATIVE SESSION

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18:15 Evening prayers

ANNOUNCEMENTS

To attest the Daily Record:

John Heard
Hope Wild

To attest the Journal:

The Revd David M Goodall
Anna Malnutt

ADDITIONS AND CORRECTIONS TO THE CONFERENCE AGENDA

AGENDA ITEM 3: METHODIST COUNCIL, PART 1

SECTION C: COMPOSITION AND MODIFIED CONSTITUTIONS OF DISTRICTS (Pages 21-28)

Page 24, SO 48A1(2)

Line 3, for ~~two three~~ months read **two** ~~three~~-months

Amend SO 48A1(1) and (7) to read:

(1) Subject to the further provisions of this Section, a District may at any Synod pass a resolution that this Section shall apply to that District, **or to a District to be formed by amalgamation under Standing Order 401 of which it will become a part**, with effect from ...

(7) If a draft modified constitution ~~provides as set out in clause (3) above, the Districts which have passed the relevant adoption resolution shall form one new District from the date on which the adoption resolution takes effect~~ **relates to a District to be formed by amalgamation under Standing Order 401, the resolution under clause (1), if validly passed under clause (5), will take effect on the date specified in the resolution (or the later date resulting from the operation of clause (6)) only if that date is approved by the Connexional Council and otherwise will take effect on the alternative date which the council specifies.** ~~and~~†The form in which the constitution and enumeration of the Districts is set out pursuant to Standing Order 400 shall reflect that change **the amalgamation from the date so approved or specified.**

AGENDA ITEM 8: FAITH AND ORDER COMMITTEE (Pages 37-42)

Page 38, Paragraph 2.3

Renumber the second paragraph 2.3 to 2.4 and amend subsequent paragraph numbers accordingly.

Page 42, Paragraph 5.4

Renumber the second paragraph 5.4 to 5.5, and the following paragraph to 5.6

AGENDA ITEM 16: UNIFIED STATEMENT OF CONNEXIONAL FINANCES (Pages 79-91)

Section 5, Page 81

Paragraph 2, for (2020: £12.0m losses) read (2022: £12.0m losses)

AGENDA ITEM 18: METHODIST MEMBERSHIP IN THE 21ST CENTURY: FURTHER ISSUES (Pages 101-114)

Paragraph 6.7, Page 112

Line 2, *for* seen in by newer, growing churches *read* seen in newer, growing churches

Paragraph 6.12, Page 113

Last line on page, *for* there may questions *read* there may be questions

AGENDA ITEM 19: CONNEXIONAL ALLOWANCES COMMITTEE (Pages 115-126)

Page 118, Table

For All other ministers in appointments as defined in paragraph 1.15 of the annual report

Read All other ministers in appointments as defined in paragraph 1.14 of the annual report

Paragraph 1.17

Line 1, *for* 801(1)(a) *read* 801(1)(b)

The Conference is asked to note the view of the Law and Polity Committee Conference Sub-committee that it is already sufficiently clear that Standing Order 801(1)(b) encompasses local allowances payable to ministers in district appointment and no amendment is required. It is proposed that the point be addressed in an editorial note.

Page 126, Resolutions

*****AMENDED RESOLUTION**

19/2. The Conference adopts the recommendations in Sections 1, 2 and 3, noting advice from the Law and Polity Conference Sub-committee that no amendment is required to Standing Order 801(1)(b).

**AGENDA ITEM 22, METHODIST COUNCIL, PART 2
SECTION K: MINISTRIES COMMITTEE (Pages 221-242)**

Paragraph 72, Page 238

first line, *for* 2003 *read* 2023

Paragraph 77, Page 239

Amend to read:

The Council concurred with the recommendation of the Ministries Committee that changes be made in Standing Orders 013(11) and 1105(10) and that an additional cross-reference be included in Standing Order 365(7).

Standing Order 365, Page 240

Amend to read:

(7) Payment may also be made out of the fund at the discretion of the council or of any committee or officer to which the council may delegate this discretion:

- (i) to reimburse any person or body... where an application is made under Standing Order 013(11) **or Standing Order 1105(10)**; or...

Standing Order 1105(9), Page 240

Amend formatting to read:

(9) When a person within the scope of Standing Order 801(1) is suspended under clause (1) or (3) above, the Circuit or other body responsible for provision of the stipend must continue to

provide that stipend and pay all expense allowances which are of a continuing nature (except those for expenses which cease during suspension) until:

- (i) the suspension ceases; or
- (ii) the expiration of the quarter during which the initial hearing of any charge occurs; or
- (iii) the expiration of the quarter during which a complaints team decides not to bring a charge

whichever is the earlier. The person suspended is entitled to continue residing in the manse for the same period.

AGENDA ITEM 24: SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS (pages 300-302)

Report from the Law and Polity Conference Sub-committee

1. At the time item 24 was included in the Agenda it was believed that, as stated in paragraph 3, the proposed Model Trust amendments referred to in the report had been submitted to the Channel Islands, Isle of Man, Scotland and Shetland Synods for consideration as required by Standing Order 126(1)(a). Unfortunately it transpired that, through illness, that had not been done and the omission had not been appreciated until after the relevant spring Synods. The Law and Polity Conference Sub-committee has considered how best to deal with the situation which has therefore arisen.

2. The Sub-committee's advice is that, in the light of that omission, it would not be appropriate to bring the proposed amendments to the Conference for confirmation this year. The Sub-committee therefore proposes to seek the permission of the Conference to withdraw the resolution in Agenda item 24. Instead it proposes that alternative steps should be taken, as follows.

3. The Model Trust amendments set out in paragraph 9(A) and (B) of item 24 were proposed as consequential upon the decisions taken by the Conference relating to the establishment of the Connexional Council. The amendments in (A) effectively replace the definition of "Methodist Council" with a definition of "Connexional Council" and then substitute "Connexional Council" for "Methodist Council" in the specified paragraphs of the Model Trusts. If the amendments are not confirmed this year, the definition of "Methodist Council" will remain in place and the substitutions will not be made. The Methodist Council, however, is defined as "the body of persons of that name for the time being constituted by the Conference under the Deed of Union and Standing Orders for the despatch of connexional business ...". As from 1 September 2024 the Deed of Union will not itself constitute any body as the Methodist Council and, if resolution 50/5 is passed and the relevant Standing Orders are revoked, there will be no body so constituted. This has some similarities with the situation resulting from the abolition of the Property Division and the office of Property Secretary, which was addressed by Standing Order 331. It is suggested that in the present case there should be a new Standing Order to the effect that the functions, duties and responsibilities assigned to the Methodist Council by the Model Trusts shall be exercised and performed by the Connexional Council.

4. If the amendments in (B) on page 302 are not made, the Conference will continue to appoint the Conference trustees of Conference property, but could delegate the exercise of its power to the Connexional Council under clause 21 of the Deed of Union with effect from 1 September 2024. (The Conference is already being invited to exercise its power of appointment this year by resolutions 46/22 and 46/23.) The definition of "Connexional Trustees" will continue to refer to the persons constituting the connexional trustees for the relevant property in accordance with Standing Orders. The Sub-committee suggests that SO 904 should be amended to identify the Connexional Council as the connexional trustees. (The

new Standing Order proposed in 3 above could appear here also, under a revised heading.) This would be consistent with the work which has been done on references to the Connexional Council in Part 9 and which appears elsewhere on the Order Paper.

5. The issue arising in relation to resolution 42/5 amending Model Trust 26 is obviously much less significant. The Sub-committee thinks, however, that since MT 26(1) does not oblige anyone to execute a memorandum of consent and (3) and (4) are on the basis that there will be a memorandum, the Conference could direct that, since such memoranda no longer serve a useful purpose under the law of England and Wales, no further memoranda should be executed in that jurisdiction. That should remove the administrative burden without requiring an amendment to the Model Trusts.

6. The Sub-committee suggests that the relevant business be brought again this year in the form in which it was brought in 2023, so that the two year period starts running again. The definition of "special resolution" in section 2 of the Methodist Church Act 1976 makes clear that confirmation must take place in the year following the year in which the resolution making the amendment was first passed, so it is not possible simply to bring the resolutions of 2023 to the Conference of 2025 for confirmation.

7. The special resolutions passed by the Conference of 2023 are also the subject of Section E of Agenda item 49, partly by way of cross-reference to Agenda item 24 and partly by way of inadvertent duplication. The Sub-committee proposes to seek the permission of the Conference to withdraw the resolutions in Section E.

8. The resolutions set out below are intended to give effect to the foregoing.

*****RESOLUTION**

LP/1. The Conference receives the report and grants permission to withdraw resolution 24/1 as printed in the Agenda and resolutions 49/11 and 49/12.

The additional resolutions brought to the Conference are as follows:

*****RESOLUTION**

24/2. The Conference amends Standing Orders as follows:

904 ~~Connexional Trustees. Trusteeship Provisions consequent on the establishment of the Connexional Council.~~

With effect from 1 September 2024:

- (i) ~~Unless otherwise provided in the Standing Orders relating to the connexional organisation concerned~~ ***the Connexional Council shall constitute*** the connexional trustees for any connexional property or part or category of such property ~~shall be the persons, being church members, annually appointed as such by the parent body; and~~
- (ii) ***the Connexional Council shall perform and exercise the functions, powers, duties and responsibilities assigned to the Methodist Council in the Model Trusts and for this purpose only is the body of persons of that name constituted by the Conference.***

24/3. Pursuant to the provisions of clause 21 of the Deed of Union, the Conference resolves to delegate to the Connexional Council with effect from 1 September 2024 its power of appointment of the Conference trustees contained in paragraph 1 of the Model Trusts.

24/4. The Conference, noting that the execution of a memorandum of consent under paragraph 26 of the Model Trusts no longer serves a useful purpose in England and Wales and that in practice the preparation and execution of such memoranda is burdensome and time-consuming, directs that no further such memoranda in respect of property in England and Wales shall be executed.

24/5. (Three quarters majority) **The Conference, by special resolution, amends the Model Trusts as follows:**

[A. Amendments relating to the Connexional Council]

1 Interpretation In this Schedule [*i.e. the Model Trusts*], unless the subject or context otherwise requires –

...

~~‘Methodist Council’~~ **‘Connexional Council’** means the body of persons of that name for the time being constituted by the Conference under the Deed of Union and Standing Orders for the despatch of connexional business in relation to (inter alia) property affairs or other the body of persons constituted for the time being under Standing Orders to discharge the responsibilities of the Property Division, and includes, where appropriate, any person or persons **or other body of persons** to whom any functions of such body under any provision of this Schedule may have been delegated by such body in accordance with any Standing Order made pursuant to paragraph 11 of this Schedule, and ‘board of the Property Division’ has the same meaning;

...

Replace “Methodist Council” by “Connexional Council” in the following instances:

3(2)(a)
3(3)
4(1)
5(2)
6(1)
6(2)
8(3)
11 (title and text)
11A
18(1)
19(2)
19(3)
21A(c)
26(1)

[B. Amendments relating to Connexional and Conference property]

1. Interpretation

...

'Conference trustees' means, in relation to any Conference property or any part of such property, the persons or body of persons, being members of the Church, annually appointed by the ~~Conference~~ **Connexional Council** to be the managing trustees of such property or part property;

'Connexional Trustees' means, in relation to any Connexional property or any part of such property, ~~the Connexional Council the person or persons for the time being constituting, in accordance with Standing Orders, the Connexional Trustees for that property or part property;~~

2. (1) [specifying who are the managing trustees]

...
(d) Connexional property: the Connexional **Council** Trustees;

(dA) Conference property: the Conference Trustees;

24/6. (Three quarters majority) **The Conference, by special resolution, amends Model Trust 26 by deleting the definition of "memorandum of consent" in sub-paragraph (1) and deleting sub-paragraphs (3) and (4).**

AGENDA ITEM 26: ONLINE CHURCH AND ONLINE COMMUNION (Pages 318-330)

Paragraph 4.6, page 324

Line 4, *for* The way in which pastoral care is exercised may a different approach

Read The way in which pastoral care is exercised may mean a different approach

Paragraph 4.9, page 324

First sentence, *for* in relation occasional offices

Read in relation to occasional offices

*****AMENDED RESOLUTION**

26/3. The Conference directs the Secretary of the Conference, in consultation with the Faith and Order Committee, to establish a task group to consider the recommendations of this report and to bring appropriate proposals to the Conference of 2026.

AGENDA ITEM 49: COMMITTEE ON METHODIST LAW AND POLITY (Pages 526-560)

SO 654(4)(ii), Page 528

line 3 to read "... most closely to.."

Paragraph 11, Page 534

Final word, *for* Council *read* Conference

Resolution 49/6, Page 541

SO 132(3) should be in bold italics throughout.

Section D, Page 541

Paragraph 1, line 2, *for* category *read* Conference

Page 542, line 2

For there read therefore

Page 543

Clause numbers 17 and 43 should not appear in italics.

Page 543, clause 17(a)(ii)

For of that **Synod** read of that Synod

Page 544, SO 102(1)

The numbers (i) to (viii) should be in bold italics.

Page 545, SO 129

The clause to be amended is clause (4) not clause (1)

Page 545, SO 336(4)

For Standing Order 102(1)(vii)(g) read Standing Order 102(1)(vii)(g)

Page 547, Deed of Union clause 14(2)

For (ix) read (x)

Page 549, paragraph 4

Final line for as a apart read as a part

Pages 551-552

amend SO 581(1) and (7) to read:

(1) Subject to the further provisions of this Section, a Circuit may at any Circuit Meeting pass a resolution that this Section shall apply to that Circuit, **or to a Circuit to be formed by amalgamation under Section 501 of which it will become a part**, with effect from ...

(7)(a) **The district Policy Committee shall report to the Synod and to the Conference Office the passing of any resolution under clause (1) above which relates to an existing Circuit and the date on which, subject to the provisions of clause (6) above, the modified constitution is to take effect.**

(b) ~~If a draft modified constitution provides as set out in clause (3) above, the Circuits which have passed the relevant adoption shall form one new Circuit from the date on which the adoption resolution takes effect~~ **relates to a Circuit to be formed by amalgamation under Standing Order 501 the Synod, when making its recommendation to the Conference under that Standing Order, shall also state whether or not it approves the draft modified constitution and the Conference shall consider the draft amended constitution in making any directions or passing any resolutions in connection with the proposed amalgamation. If the Conference decides to give effect to the proposed amalgamation, the relevant resolution under clause (1), if validly passed under clause (5), will take effect on the date specified in the resolution (or the later date resulting from the operation of clause (6)) only if that date is approved by the Conference and otherwise will take effect on the alternative date which the Conference specifies.** ~~and t~~**The form in which the constitution and enumeration of the Circuits is set out pursuant to Standing Order 501(1) shall reflect that change the amalgamation from the date so approved or specified.**

Pages 557-558

718(1) **Any** student minister seeking to change order of ministry shall complete an application form. ~~If A student~~ **A student** requesting to move into diaconal ministry, ~~the student~~ shall have an

interview with the diaconal tutor of the training institution and the Warden, who shall jointly write a report. ~~If A student~~ requesting to move into presbyteral ministry, ~~the student shall have an interview with their~~ ~~student's~~ personal tutor ...

1. ...
2. Recommending a suspension of their current training whilst they ~~do~~ **student does** [or "undertakes"?] further guided discernment ...
3. ...

718(2) Any probationer seeking to change order of ministry shall have a vocational conversation with the Chair of District and complete an application form. ~~If A probationer~~ requesting to move into diaconal ministry, ~~they shall have a formal interview with the Warden, who shall write a report.~~ ~~If A probationer~~ requesting to move into presbyteral ministry, ~~they shall have a formal interview with their~~ Chair of District ...

718(3) Any ordained minister wishing to change order of ministry shall have a vocational conversation with the Chair of District and shall complete an application form. Any presbyter requesting to move into diaconal ministry shall have a formal interview with the Warden, who shall write a report. Any deacon requesting to move into presbyteral ministry ...

AGENDA ITEM 50: OVERSIGHT AND TRUSTEESHIP (Pages 561-655)

Page 564

1.9, line 4 *read*: report to them **has been established**, the work ...

Page 568 Resolution 50/7

For Conference Officer for Legal and Constitutional Practice read Law and Polity Committee

Page 568 Resolution 50/8

For Conference Officer for Legal and Constitutional Practice read Law and Polity Committee

Page 568

Add the following resolution to ensure the continuing effect of the listing by the Methodist Council of the relevant categories in relation to qualification for appointment, and of the authority given to the Methodist Council to require disclosures (CPD pp 797-799)

***ADDITIONAL RESOLUTION

50/8A. The Conference further resolves:

- (a) that the list of categories of persons disqualified from appointment, as previously specified by the Methodist Council by virtue of Standing Order 010(3)(vi) and appearing in Book VI Part 1 of *Constitutional Practice and Discipline* (at pages 797-8), shall have effect from 1 September 2024 as if specified by the Connexional Council; and
- (b) that the authority conferred by the Conference on the Methodist Council in 2003 to require other categories of person or office-holder, in addition to those then directed by the Conference, to obtain either an enhanced or a standard disclosure (referred to at page 799), shall be exercisable from 1 September 2024 by the Connexional Council.

Page 568

Add the following resolution to make transitional arrangements for any appointments made by the Methodist Council to continue beyond 31 August.

***ADDITIONAL RESOLUTION

50/9A. For the avoidance of doubt, the Conference resolves that:

- (1) where the Methodist Council made an appointment of a person to membership of any committee or other body, that appointment shall not cease to be effective from

1 September 2024 by reason of the fact that the Methodist Council then ceases to exist;

- (2) where any such appointment was made for a fixed term, it shall continue to have effect after 31 August 2024 until the date specified in the relevant resolution of appointment unless validly brought to an end on some other ground;
- (3) if no such date was specified, the appointment shall continue to have effect after 31 August 2024 until validly brought to an end on some other ground;
- (4) for the purposes of this resolution, an appointment may validly be brought to an end if the body which has the authority to make such appointments at the relevant time so determines or if the appointment is an ex officio appointment and the person ceases to hold the relevant office or by the resignation of the person appointed.

Page 577, SO 426(2)(iii)

Amend to read:

(iii) the appointment shall be for a specified period not exceeding ~~three~~**five** years in the first instance (but capable of extension for a further period or periods each of which shall not exceed three years,

Page 578, SO 426(6)(i)

*For ~~be in the active work stationed~~ read **be in the active work and stationed***

Page 582 SO 200

*Amend clause 200(1)(c) to read: **No person shall be a member of the council who is stationed (other than as President, Vice-President or Secretary of the Conference) to serve in or is employed in the Connexional Team.***

Page 583 SO 200

*Amend clause (4)(a)(i) to read: **... of the Methodist Church, or becomes stationed (other than as President, Vice-President or Secretary of the Conference) to serve in or becomes employed in the Connexional Team.***

Page 583 SO 200(2)(a)

*Amend line 2 to read: ... subject to the ~~final sentence of this~~**provisions of***

Pages 583-4, SO 200(4)(a)(iv)

align as follows:

(iv) if

(A) in the written opinion.... for more than three months; or

(B) a person so appointed ... without the consent of the council

and in either case the council has resolved that the relevant person shall cease to be a member of the council;

and renumber the second (iv) as (v).

Page 591 SO 211(6)

Line 3, *for secretary read convener*

Page 592, SO 220(4)

delete the Audit and Risk Assurance Committee

Page 592, SO 221(1)

Amend the proposed wording to read:

The Conference shall appoint a scrutiny group (“the JDS scrutiny group”) to provide strategic scrutiny of the implementation and embedding of the Justice, Dignity and Solidarity strategy and reports to the Conference, and assurance that **the strategy is implemented in** the work for which the Connexional Council is responsible to the Conference ~~is executed in accordance with the principles of that strategy.~~

Page 593, SO 222

Amend to read:

(2) The committee shall consist of no fewer than three persons, including one appointed by the Conference to chair the committee **and, if the Conference thinks fit, one appointed as deputy chair**, all of whom shall be members of the Methodist Church and all of whom shall normally serve for an initial term of four years and thereafter on an annual basis for a maximum of three years. ~~No person shall be eligible to be a member of the committee who is a member of the Connexional Team, or the Strategy and Resources Committee, or the council.~~

(3)(a) With the exception of the person appointed to serve ex officio on the Connexional Council by virtue of Standing Order 200(1)(b)(vii), no member of the council shall be eligible to be a member of the committee.

(b) No member of the Connexional Team shall be eligible to be a member of the committee.

Renumber clauses (3) to (7) as (4) to (8).

Page 599, SO 232(6)

Amend to read: ... the panel must consider the reason for ~~his or her~~ **the** absence ...

Page 607, SO 260(2)

Amend to read: ... in the first instance ~~for six years~~...

Page 617, SO 293(1)

Amend to read: ... in the exercise of ~~his or her~~ **the** particular responsibilities **of the office**, ...

Page 625, SO 330(2)(v)

Amend to read: ... the committee’s ~~ee~~ chair **or deputy chair**...

Page 630, SO 350(1)

for council read Connexional Council

Page 631, SO 362(2)

for council read Connexional Council

Page 632 SO 362

Delete clause (7) [as it is covered by the general provision in clause (5)] and renumber clauses (8) and (9) as (7) and (8).

Page 636, SO 375(1)(vii)

align as follows:

... who, in any such case, are in need;

and to make such grants or payments as appear in clauses (2) and (3).

Page 637, SO 367(5)

Amend to read: Payment shall be made out of the Methodist Church Fund ...

Page 638, SO 378

Amend to read: ... or any charity connected with the work of the Church, ~~and~~

Page 638, SO 380(1)

*Amend to read: ... to provide a ~~coherent~~ **an efficient** ...*

Page 639, SO 381(4)

*for council read **Connexional Council***

Page 639 SO 382

*Amend the title to read: **The Connexional Team: other specific responsibilities.***

Page 639, SO 383(1)

*Amend to read: ... in the execution of his or her **the** overall responsibilities...*

Page 641, SO 385(4)(ii)

For clause (8) below read clause (9) below

Page 643, SO 387(1)

Amend to read: ... within the control of the ~~Methodist C~~ council ...

Page 645

delete 755(1) from the list under section 1 [see instead amendment on p 652]

Page 646, SO 565(1)

make the replacement twice

Page 646 SO 803(1)(c)

*amend further as follows: ... or other body or person to whom the ~~council~~ **committee** may delegate ...*

Page 647, SO 137

the amendment relates to clause (2) of the Standing Order

Page 648, SO 974(3)

*Amend to read: All grants shall be at the discretion of the ~~committee~~ **Connexional Council***

Page 648, SO 136(1)

*Amend to read: and the ~~connexional Treasurer~~ and the connexional Press Officer shall attend as ~~consultants~~ **a consultant** when required*

Page 649, new SO 110(3A)

Delete: Chairing of Committees.

Page 651, SO 190(5)

*Amend to read: ... shall be supported by ~~brief particulars (up to fifteen words)~~ of **a reasoned statement (up to 25 words)** about the nominee.*

Page 651 4. Memorials Committee

Insert the following as the second sentence of the explanatory introduction: However, in two instances it would be helpful to clarify the processes for identifying the membership of the committee.

and further amend SO 138 as follows:

- (2)(i) a former President or Vice-President, **also appointed by the previous Conference**, who shall chair the committee;
- (2)(viii) ... according to a rota **maintained by the Secretary of the Conference**.

Page 651, SO 138(2)(vii)

delete this amendment [already dealt with at section 7, page 646]

Page 652, SO 755(3)(ii)

amend the reference to 755(3)(ii) to read 755(4)(ii)
and amend to read: ... for consulting the Methodist Diaconal Order on matters referred to it by the Conference or the ~~Council~~ **Ministries Committee**.

Page 653, SO 013A(1)(iii)

Amend to read: ...to exercise ~~his or her~~ **the** ...

Page 653, SO 013A(1)(iv)

for **Standing Orders** read **Standing Order**

Page 654, SO 761(4)

Amend to read: The interviewing committee shall include as voting members the President or the Vice-President or an ex-President or ex-Vice-President as chair, the convener as secretary and up to five ~~other~~ persons chosen from a panel appointed by the Methodist Council **for that purpose from the panel constituted under Standing Order 291 by a convener of that panel ...**

Supplementary report

As a result of the further consultation and consideration referred to in Section 7, three areas have been addressed:

1) The definition of “parent body”: it is proposed that the Connexional Council be excluded from the definition in SO 907, as the provisions relating to parent bodies are not appropriate for application to the council in its trustee body role. The amendment to SO 907 and the consequential amendments in Section 91 below deal with this point.

2) The appropriate requirements to apply to the Connexional Council where the council proposes to carry out projects on connexional property of which it has the managing trusteeship: it is recommended that the council be exempted from the normal consent requirements in SO 930, again because of its particular trustee role in our governance structures, but that there be a new SO 931A which lays upon the council some requirements as to consultation as set out below.

The exception to this exemption is where the project involves work being undertaken which falls within the compass of Section 98 (“Listed Building Works”). In this case, it is essential that the church is able to demonstrate, for the purpose of retaining its ecclesiastical exemption from local planning authority control, that there is a robust consent system (including provision for reviews and appeals). The new SO 986 lays down how this system, working through the Listed Building Committee, shall apply to the council.

3) A very minor amendment of the Model Trust Consultation Regulations is proposed to reflect the constitution of the Connexional Council.

Further amendments to Part 9 appear elsewhere in the Order Paper in relation to the Special Resolutions, but the adoption of those amendments does not affect the proposals set out here.

All the amendments set out below form part of Appendix B, proposed for adoption in Resolution 50/6 and accordingly are to be understood as appearing in Section 7 on page 655 of the Agenda.

Resolution 50/6 will therefore be moved in this amended form:

*****AMENDED RESOLUTION**

50/6. The Conference receives the Supplementary Report to Section 7 and makes the consequential amendments to the remainder of Standing Orders set out in Appendix B of the Report.

The proposed amendments

907 Interpretation – Parent Bodies. In this Part, unless the context otherwise requires, “parent body” means in relation to district property or district trustees the relevant Synod or Synods, *and* in relation to conference property the Conference, ~~and in relation to connexional property or connexional trustees the council, board, general committee or other body administering the affairs of the relevant connexional organisation.~~

910 Proceedings of Trustees.

...

(2) The proceedings of conference trustees, ~~connexional trustees~~ and district trustees ...

(3) Subject to clauses (1) and (2) above *and (3A) below*, the determination ...

(3A) The Connexional Council acting as managing trustees may not make any determination within clause (3) above unless any quorum requirement applicable to the relevant meeting is met.

(4) Subject to clauses (1), (2), ~~and~~ (3) *and (3A)* above ...

912 Committees and Officers. (1) The appointment and dismissal of committees, stewards, treasurers or other officers or servants by ~~connexional trustees or district trustees~~ ...

(2) Subject to clause (1) above and to the Standing Orders affecting appointments by *the Connexional Council*, Circuit Meetings and Church Councils ...

913 Accounts.

...

(2) All such accounts ... for connexional property ~~and~~ *shall be appointed by the Connexional Council. The auditors or examiners for* district property shall be appointed by the relevant parent ~~bodies~~ *body*. ...

915 Capital and Income.

...

(3) ...

(vi) in the case of connexional property, allocations from the general income administered by the ~~parent body~~ *Connexional Council*

...

916 Application of Capital Money. (1) Subject to clauses (2) and (3) below, ...

(ii) unless the ~~parent body (in the case of connexional property) or the appropriate connexional authority (in any other case)~~ otherwise permits ...

930 Consents generally.

...

(6) In the case of district, ~~connexional~~ and general property ...”

931A Connexional Trustees and Consultation. (1) *The following provisions apply to the exercise of its powers by the Connexional Council when acting as connexional trustees.*

(2) *In cases in which other trustees bodies are required pursuant to Standing Order 930(6) or Standing Order 931(1) to obtain the consent of the appropriate connexional authority to a step or matter, the council shall consult with the Connexional Team before taking any such action.*

(3) *Clause (3) of Standing Order 931 applies with the substitution of the word “comment” for the word “approval”.*

(4) *The council shall consult with the Team before making any application such as is referred to in Standing Order 931(4) and shall submit to the Team for comment any drafts such as are there referred to before they are accepted.*

(5) *Clause (5) of Standing Order 931 applies with the substitution of the words “prior consultation with” for the words “written consent of”.*

(6) *Except to the extent specified above, the provisions of Standing Order 930 do not apply to the council when acting as connexional trustees.*

986 Application to Connexional Trustees. (1) *The following provisions apply if the Connexional Council in exercise of its powers as connexional trustees wishes to take action which would constitute a project within the meaning of Standing Order 905 if the consent of the appropriate connexional authority were required.*

(2) *The functions of the appropriate connexional authority set out in this Section, including its function of giving consent, shall be exercised by the Listed Buildings Advisory Committee, subject to any necessary modifications.*

(3) *The provisions of Standing Order 983A as to reviews and appeals shall apply for the benefit of the council as they apply to other trustee bodies.*

(4) *The powers of the council under Standing Order 985(4) to require restoration and reinstatement shall be exercisable by the Listed Buildings Advisory Committee.*

Book IV Part 2 Model Trusts – Consultation Regulations (CPD pp 800)

(3) (i) ~~a connexional organisation or its~~ *the connexional trustees: the chair of the Connexional Council and one other member* ~~the secretary or other principal officer and a treasurer;~~

ADDITIONAL REPORT OF THE REVIEW OF THE RESOURCING OF LEARNING FOR MINISTRY

see Methodist Council report, Section E, paragraph 1.1 (page 195)

As reported to the Conference, the Methodist Council in April accepted and referred to the Ministries Committee a recommendation from the Strategy and Resources Committee that there be a review of the provision for learning for ministry.

The Ministries Committee in May agreed terms of reference for the review:

To note the criteria and competencies which have been agreed by the Conference.

To review, and assess the efficacy of, the Connexion’s work at Cliff College and the Queen’s Foundation, in the light of the budgetary constraints, the changes in the HE sector since the 2017 HE Act, the priorities for training set by the Conference, especially in the 2021 reports *Ministry in the Methodist Church* and *Changing Patterns of Ministry*, and the circumstances in which ministry is exercised in the mid-21st century.

To review any agreements that the Council has made with other institutions, both in the delivery of learning for ministry and in the generation of revenue.

To note the role of the newly introduced Connexional Learning Forum.

To review the collaboration between the institutions and the Connexional Team (principally but not solely the Learning Network) in the delivery of training for lay and ordained ministry.

To make recommendations to the Ministries Committee for report to the Connexional Council and the Conference.

The Committee also discussed how this work should be reported. Noting that this is primarily a review of the resourcing of the provision (and that finance and governance have been the key factors in its initiation), the committee agreed that the Connexional Council would need to receive regular reports and that the Conference should be kept informed. The committee therefore directed that the review be directed to report to the committee in February of next year (which would subsequently be reported to the Connexional Council) and to ask that the 2025 Conference receive a progress report including such recommendations as might have emerged at that point.

Members of the Conference might be aware that the Team is currently in the process of recruiting to the post of Director of Learning for Ministry (DLM); the process of and support for the review will be agreed with the appointee and the Ministries Committee will keep the Council updated on progress. The committee agreed to the appointment of a consultant for this work but the detail of this will need to be worked out by the new DLM.

The Conference is assured that those responsible for the review will be directed to ensure that there is full consultation with all the institutions involved.

*****RESOLUTION**

TR/1. The Conference receives the report and authorises the review to provide an interim report to the Conference of 2025.

BIBLE STUDY

Objective: what's going on in terms of political economy - the causes of poverty - the cult of individualism and its antidote

Deuteronomy 15: 7, 8, 11

⁷ If there is among you anyone in need, a member of your community in any of your towns within the land that the LORD your God is giving you, do not be hard-hearted or tight-fisted towards your needy neighbour. ⁸ You should rather open your hand, willingly lending enough to meet the need, whatever it may be. ¹¹ Since there will never cease to be some in need on the earth, I therefore command you, 'Open your hand to the poor and needy neighbour in your land.'

Exodus 5:6-8

⁶ That same day Pharaoh commanded the taskmasters of the people, as well as their supervisors, ⁷ 'You shall no longer give the people straw to make bricks, as before; let them go and gather straw for themselves. ⁸ But you shall require of them the same quantity of bricks as they have made previously; do not diminish it, for they are lazy; that is why they cry, "Let us go and offer sacrifice to our God."'

Exodus 16:2-3

² The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. ³ The Israelites said to them, 'If only we had died by the hand of the LORD in the

land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.'

Exodus 20:2-3

²I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; ³you shall have no other gods before me.

Question: Who are the modern pharoahs?