

TMCP working party

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Status of Paper	Decision
Action Required	Appointment of two members of the TMCP working party
Resolution	93/1. The Council appoints the Revd Jennifer M Dyer and the Revd Richard W Oldroyd to the TMCP working party.

Summary of Content

Subject and Aims / Main Points	The 2016 Conference received four memorials relating to the work of TMCP and the level of support and advice available to Managing Trustees and directed that a working party should be established. The Council is asked to appoint two members of this working party.
Background Context and Relevant Documents (with function)	Memorials M26 – M29 to the 2016 Conference (and replies) Memorial M22 to the 2015 Conference (and reply)

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1.0 Introduction

1.1 The 2016 Conference received four memorials (M26 – M29) relating to the work of TMCP and the level of support and advice available to Managing Trustees. In response, and recognising the need to be faithful in the use of the resources of the whole Connexion, the Conference directed the Methodist Council and invited the Board of TMCP to appoint a joint working party to:

(a) Clarify the extent of the application of SO 931(3) and the role and responsibility of the custodian trustee under the Methodist Church Act 1939 and charity law.

(b) Clarify the need for SO 931(3) in its current form and where appropriate suggest amendments.

(c) Assess what steps are necessary to ensure that the Connexional Team has available to it an appropriate level of resource so as to fulfil the terms of SO 931(3).

(d) Clarify the requirements placed upon Managing Trustees in respect of disposals and contracts and identify ways to speed up transactions, taking into account the views of the Law and Polity Committee on the role of the custodian.

(e) Clarify and define respective areas of responsibility so as to resource the mission and ministry of the whole Connexion most effectively.

(f) Establish a full review of the needs of Managing Trustees in terms of property and legal advice and consider the benefit of professional legal services being provided by the Connexional Team.

1.2 The Conference directed the Council to bring a report on progress in this area to the 2017 Conference.

1.3 The Conference appointed Mrs Susan R Howdle to chair the working party and invited the Board of TMCP to appoint two of its members. The Conference delegated responsibility to the Council for appointing two further members.

1.4 The Council is asked to appoint as members of the TMCP working party:

The Revd Jennifer M Dyer: Before training for ordained ministry, Jennifer was a solicitor with a firm specialising in charity law. She has served in four circuits and is currently Superintendent of the Derby Circuit. She is a member of the Law and Polity Committee and the Conference Journal Secretary.

The Revd Richard W Oldroyd: Currently a presbyter serving in the Bradford South Circuit, Richard has previously served as a superintendent minister and has extensive experience of property schemes.

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