

## Decisions made, Documents Signed and Action taken by the Council since its last meeting

### 1. Decisions made by the Council

*None to report.*

### 2. Documents signed and consent given

2.1 The Secretary of the Conference has signed, on behalf of the Methodist Council, documents approving a Base Rate Term loan of £2,685,000 to **Methodist International Centre (MIC)** with Fixed Rate Option. Documents signed on 28.11.16.

2.2 The Secretary of the Conference has signed, on behalf of the Methodist Council, BRJ Partners' Letter of Engagement for the Audit of the Methodist Church of Uganda for the Year Ended 30.06.16. Letter from BRJ dated 21.10.16 signed by the Secretary of the Conference on 09.11.16.

#### 2.3 Trust 91 - Kirkcaldy Methodist Church

Kirkcaldy Methodist Church, in the Edinburgh and Forth Circuit, hold an historic fund which is no longer required for its original purpose. The trust deed provides the local trustees (Church Council) with the power to direct how the remaining funds should be utilised but requires the consent of the Methodist Council. The local church requested that the total remaining in the fund, being £35.31, be transferred to the local church general fund. The Chair of the Council gave consent on behalf of the Council.

#### 2.4 Trust 316 - Ground Rent Trust

This trust fund, being held for the Gorse Hill Methodist Church in the Stretford and Urmston Circuit, is no longer required for its original purposes. The remaining funds are £430.60 and the now former Church Council asked for consent from the Methodist Council as required by the trust deed to be transferred to the local church general fund. The local church has ceased to meet and therefore the funds will be used to settle outstanding bills following closure. The Chair of the Council gave consent on behalf of the Council.

2.5 A Trust Fund, established for the purpose of purchasing the yearly rent charge of the Paddock Methodist Church, is no longer required as the Paddock Church has now closed.

The Huddersfield Circuit Meeting, as successor trustees, have requested through TMCP that the trust capital of be transferred to the Circuit Model Trust Fund.

The trust deed provides that, even if the local church were to be sold, the Wesleyan Chapel Committee would direct how the funds should be utilised. This committee is now the Methodist Council. The Chair of the Council gave consent to the transfer of funds on behalf of the Council.

2.6 The Model Trust 20 group agreed an exception to the application of the 5 year rule for the classification of a replacement project under SO 973(4) in respect of a project in the Newquay, Perranporth and St Agnes Circuit (12/5).

2.7 The Secretary of the Conference signed a contract on 16 December 2016, on behalf of the Council, to engage 2buy2 to undertake the work of identifying a replacement for the Churches' Agency for Safeguarding.

### 3. Action taken

3.1 The following corrections were approved by the Chair on 27.10.16.

**MC/16/85 Methodist Council Appointments (October 2016 paper)**

**(1) All We Can**

*For* Ms Diola Bijlhout (Honorary Treasurer); Ms Caroline Blower

*Read* Ms Diola Bijlhout; Ms Caroline Blower (Honorary Treasurer)

*Delete* Mr Jim Marr, Mrs Sian Arulantham, Mrs Karen Lawson

3.2 **Membership of the Global Relationships Strategic Oversight Sub-Committee (GRSOSC)**

The Chair of the Council has approved the change from six to seven members of the Sub Committee by the inclusion of a representative from the Methodist Church in Ireland. The Chair also approved the change in the representative from All We Can.

The two new members are as follows:

**Methodist Conference in Ireland (MCI):** The MCI will be a new member of GRSOSC and the Revd William D Mullally (President) will be their representative.

**All We Can (AWC):** Mr David Fletcher (Finance Director) will replace Mr Simeon Mitchell (former Deputy Chief Executive) as the representative of AWC.

### \*\*\*RESOLUTION

1/1. The Council receives the report.