

Southlands College Annual Report

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Resolutions	52/1. The Council receives the report.

Summary of Content

Subject and Aims	To inform the Council of the work of the College, the Liaison Group, and the Methodist Trust
Main Points	The annual report from Southlands College. In addition, the following reports are available upon request: a) the annual report from the university to the Church through the Liaison Group; b) the document "Glimpses of Faith", which summarises the work of the chaplaincy on campus; c) the annual review of the Trustees; Paper copies of all of these reports can be provided. Please contact Christopher Stephens, Head of Southlands College, should you wish to receive them. Alternatively, electronic versions are available from Jane Bates, batesj@methodistchurch.org.uk

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1.0 Preamble

- 1.1 Southlands College was founded in 1876 as a teacher training college for women intending to teach in Methodist schools. The college moved from Battersea to Wimbledon and from Wimbledon to Roehampton – its present location – and became progressively closer associated with three sister colleges (including Anglican and Roman Catholic colleges), first as part of the Roehampton Institute and, more recently, as a constituent college of the University of Roehampton. The university has recently celebrated its 175th anniversary of educating women to be teachers.
- 1.2 In 2010 the Methodist Conference granted a 125-year lease of the college to the University of Roehampton, which manages the majority of the buildings and estate, as well as the day-to-day functioning of the college. As part of that arrangement, a series of commitments to the activities and ethos of the college was made by the university, and a body called the Southlands Liaison Group was established, which has responsibility for ensuring those commitments are honoured and that the relationship between the Church and the university is developed and sustained for the benefit of both. Members of the Liaison Group are nominated members of university committees, including its Council (governing body). The Methodist Conference stations a chaplain to the college, the appointment of which is made in collaboration with the college and wider university chaplaincy team. The university also employs a Head of College through a process conducted in partnership with the Church and the college (through the Liaison Group). The chaplain and Head of College live on site and have responsibilities for oversight of the college community. The Head of College represents the college's interests within the wider structures of the institution.
- 1.3 When the college lease was granted, a range of assets was kept under the direct management of the Church. This includes the college's historical archives, a range of paintings and sculptures, musical instruments, funds from alumni bequests, and a separate property, also in Roehampton. These assets and the income received from them are administered by the Southlands Methodist Trust, a registered charity, the trustees of which have responsibility for ensuring their good management, maintenance and use within the terms of the Trust's charitable purposes.

2.0 Additional Reports

- 2.1 Three additional documents are available upon request, between them offering a glimpse into the life of Southlands College and the work of the Trust. These reports are a) the annual report from the university to the Church through the Liaison Group, b) the document "Glimpses of Faith", which summarises the work of the chaplaincy on campus, and c) the annual review of the Trustees.
- 2.2 The Southlands College staff team and the trustees of the Southlands Methodist Trust are always keen to hear from others in the Church with questions, suggestions, reflections or ideas about how the Church's mission might be further developed through the work we do here. Should any member of Council wish to discuss this with us, please contact Christopher Stephens, Head of Southlands College on the email address provided above.

3.0 Membership

Richard Reeves offered his resignation from the board at their meeting in March 2018. The resulting composition of the groups is therefore as follows:

Southlands Methodist Trust:

- The Revd Margaret Jones (Chair)
- Dr Clive Norris
- Mr John Logan
- The Revd Michaela Youngson
- The Revd Colin Smith
- The Revd Stan Brown
- The Revd Dr Joanne Cox-Darling
- Dr Christopher Stephens (in attendance)
- Ms Jude Levermore (in attendance)

Southlands Liaison Group:

- The Revd Margaret Jones (Chair)
- Dr Clive Norris
- Mr John Logan (local circuit representative)
- The Revd Michaela Youngson (District Chair)
- The Revd Colin Smith
- The Revd Stan Brown
- The Revd Dr Joanne Cox Darling
- Ms Jude Levermore
- Head of College ex officio: Dr Christopher Stephens
- College Chaplain ex officio: Rev Nicola Morrison
- Student College President ex officio: Mr Shaalin Patel
- Senior University Academic: Dr Lourdes Melcion

*****RESOLUTION**

52/1. The Council receives the report.