

## Global Relationships Committee and the World Methodist Committee

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<b>Subject and Aims</b>	To propose that the purposes of the World Methodist Committee are incorporated within the terms of reference of the Global Relationships Committee, and that Standing Orders are amended accordingly.
<b>Background Context and Relevant Documents</b>	MC/19/6 which amended the terms of reference of the Global Relationships Committee

1. The Council, at its meeting in January 2019, agreed to amend the terms of reference of what is now the Global Relationships Strategic Oversight Sub-Committee, renaming it the Global Relationships Committee with the following terms of reference:

The Global Relationships Committee shall be appointed by the Council and report to the Council via the SRC, so that the SRC can continue to oversee the strategic use of funds.

The Committee shall be responsible for:

- development of new programmes and the balance between these and existing work;
- planning and monitoring of activities, budgets and programmes covered in relation to the aims set out in the strategy;
- overseeing the list of Partner Churches and organisations with which the Methodist Church works and supporting the regular refreshing of Partner Relationship Reviews;
- evaluating the implications of continuing dialogue with AWC and other worldwide ecumenical partners and developing how the Methodist Church relates to and works with these bodies now and in the future.
- taking some responsibility for activities and expenditure from the World Mission Fund to implement the strategic policy for global relationships in mission.
- the Membership of the Committee shall be as follows:
  - Chair
  - a Connexional Treasurer
  - The Connexional Secretary
  - One representative from each of the following: SRC, Council, AWC, Methodist Women in Britain (new), MCI
  - two others for their experience and expertise (one new)
  - Ex officio: The Connexional Ecumenical Officer, the Director of Global Relationships, a member of the senior staff of AWC and a member of the senior management group of the Connexional Team (currently the Head of Mission and Advocacy)
- the Committee will meet at least twice per year.

2. It was further noted that  
'Discussions are continuing as to whether the work of the World Methodist Committee of the Church (SO 335(1) and (3)) can be incorporated in the work of the GRC. This may also be brought into the terms of reference.'
3. The Council is now asked to agree that the work of the World Methodist Committee as defined in SO 335(3) be incorporated into the work of the Global Relationships Committee. This will enable a holistic overview to be held in the Global Relationships Committee, and will avoid similar pieces of work being duplicated by different bodies.

### **SO 335(3)**

The committee is responsible for:

- (i) keeping in review the Methodist Church's relationship with other member bodies of the World Methodist Council and advising the Methodist Council upon matters of concern;
  - (ii) overseeing arrangements for the participation of the Methodist Church in the World Methodist Council and its committees;
  - (iii) arranging international exchanges of pastorates under the auspices of the World Methodist Council, recommending them to the Methodist Council and appointing, if it thinks fit, a reference group to assist the secretary for the exchange of pastorates;
  - (iv) any other matter remitted to it by the Methodist Council.
4. The Global Relationships Committee is now the committee responsible for the work outlined in (i). Those who are nominated to represent the British Methodist Church for the quinquennium will continue to have some responsibility for (ii), but the Global Relationships Committee will receive reports from those nominated and will be the body which makes the decisions about the process for nominations in the future. Exchanges of pastorates are no longer in operation.
  5. The Council is asked to agree this addition to the terms of reference for the Global Relationships Committee (as set out in MC/19/6), and to direct that revised Standing Orders are drafted to give effect to it.

### **\*\*\*RESOLUTIONS**

**60/1. The Council receives the report.**

**60/2. The Council agrees that the work previously undertaken by the World Methodist Committee be incorporated into the terms of reference for the Global Relationships Committee and directs that Standing Orders be drafted to give effect to it.**