

## Matters arising

Matters Outstanding		Action
<b>October 2019</b>		
19.3.11	The Council asked the Connexional Treasurers to review the ongoing costs of administering the Pension and Assurance Scheme for Lay Employees of the Methodist Church now that it has been closed to future accrual of pensions and report back to the Council.	<i>MC/20/4 indicated that discussions have begun.</i>
<b>January 2020</b>		
20.1.15	The Council directed the Secretary of the Conference and the Warden of the Methodist Diaconal Order to consider the further steps to be taken in consideration of the office of Vice-President and whether it should remain open to deacons.	<i>Consultations will be undertaken at the Convocation, in the light of the report from the Faith and Order Committee.</i>
<b>October 2020</b>		
20.4.33	The Council requested Synod Cymru and the Wales Synod, in consultation with the District Review Monitoring Group, to make proposals for the continuance of the Welsh language work in Wales and to report to the Council in October 2021 with outline arrangements.	<i>Since the report to the October 2020 meeting of the Council, conversations between the two Synods in Wales have continued through a steering Group facilitated by the Secretary of the Conference. These led to an outline proposal and accompanying principles for a new Wales Synod Cymru which were presented to both Synods in March/April 2021 and overwhelmingly approved. Further conversations led to more detailed proposals being presented to both Synods in September 2021 which were again strongly supported. However, in Synod Cymru the proposals were agreed in an amended form as regards language provision which the Wales Synod stated it could not accept, while also declaring itself willing to have further conversations to explore how this issue might be explored. Accordingly the next step will be to continue these conversations through the Synod Implementation Group approved as part of September 2021 proposals.</i>
<b>January 2021</b>		
21.1.8	The Council received an update report on the progress of the review of Part 11 of the Standing Orders.	<i>The draft report has been prepared and is being consulted on with relevant groups such as survivors and representatives of EDI concerns. The Law and Polity Committee will be considering it and it will be brought to the Council in January 2022.</i>
<b>March 2021</b>		
21.2.4	The Council established a scrutiny group to provide scrutiny and assurance on the implementation of the Strategy for Justice, Dignity and Solidarity.	<i>The September 2021 meeting of the Council agreed the composition of this group [minute 21.5.4].</i>

21.2.5	The Council directed the Connexional Team to continue to work on the alignment of the Model Trust 14(2A) policy and the Model Trust 20 policy relating to leases of Model Trust property and to bring updated proposals to the Council for approval in October 2021.	<i>The October 2021 meeting of the Council will discuss the principles of the policies.</i>
21.2.9	The Council agreed that a review group to undertake the review of Section 73 of Standing Orders be appointed, comprising the Secretary of the Faith and Order Committee, the Ministerial Coordinator for the Oversight of Ordained Ministries, the Assistant Secretary of the Conference, a deacon, and a person with Recognised and Regarded status. The Council directed the Secretary and Chair of the Council to approve the names of the deacon and the person with Recognised and Regarded status.	<i>The group has been formed, with the Revd Martin Beukes and Deacon Ian Murray being appointed to it.</i>

**\*\*\*RESOLUTION**

**88/1. The Council receives the report.**