

# NOTICES OF MOTION

## Tuesday, 8 July 2008

### **Notice of Motion 112: World Church Relationships (relating to the Methodist Council Report, agenda item 38)**

In the light of:

- the celebration of World Church relationships on Saturday afternoon;
- the themes of hospitality and grace at the heart of the President's Address;
- the appointment of a new Secretary for External Relationships;
- the ongoing developments of Team Focus and the Companion Scheme;
- and as a natural extension of our Ecumenical Review:

Conference:

1. acknowledges and welcomes the grace gift of our World Church Partners and seeks to express our profound gratitude to our sisters and brothers in Christ for their continued love and support for the British Methodist Connexion;
2. resolves to take this God-given opportunity to ensure that our interconnection with the world-wide family of Methodists is adequately-resourced, appropriately-supported and well-managed;
3. invites the Secretary for External Relationships to report on progress on these issues over the coming Connexional year to the Methodist Council and to the Methodist Conference 2009 and where necessary to bring proposals for refinement or review of existing processes in the light of 1 and 2 above.

Proposed: The Revd Dr Peter Phillips

Seconded: The Revd Donald Ker

(signed by 8 other members of the Conference)

### **Notice of Motion 113: Candidating Portfolios**

Conference recognises the value of the process of requiring those who are to candidate for our ministry to produce 'a portfolio of experience'.

Conference resolves that 'the portfolio' being produced under guidance and being marked connexionally, should then be used at District and Connexional Committees as a candidate is examined.

In order for this process to proceed with immediate effect, Conference resolves that Standing Order 710(2)(ii) be suspended for one year, and the new Standing Order should be brought to Conference 2009.

Proposed: The Revd W H Anderson  
Seconded: The Revd John Howard  
(signed by 8 other members of the Conference)

**Notice of Motion 114: Stationing Review Group**

The Conference withdraws recommendation 21 from the list in paragraph c, Order Paper page 30, referring to agenda item 48, and amends it as follows (page 597):  
After 'rural area' add 'city or significant town centre'.

Proposed: The Revd Martin Turner  
Seconded: The Revd Paul Smith  
(signed by 4 other members of the Conference)

**Notice of Motion 115: Stationing Review Group**

Conference amends the Report of the Conference Business Committee reference the Stationing Review Group, page 30, item 48:-

1. In (a) delete no. 30
2. In (c) add no. 30.

Proposed: The Revd Martin Turner  
Seconded: The Revd Paul Flowers  
(signed by 4 other members of the Conference)

**Notice of Motion 116: Use of Renewable Fuels in the Methodist Church (Memorial M29)**

Conference amends the reply as follows:

Conference deletes all the reply following the end of the first sentence and substitutes:  
*'In view of (i) the considerable development in the renewable energy market since the Methodist Connexional Environmental Policy was adopted, (ii) the current debate about the benefits or otherwise of biofuels and (iii) the experience of the Leeds District, Conference refers the memorial to the Methodist Council for further work by the Connexional Team along the lines suggested in the memorial particularly in relation to Church Buildings for report to Conference no later than 2010.'*

Proposed: The Revd John Howard  
Seconded: The Revd Andrew Farrington  
(signed by 8 other members of the Conference)

**Notice of Motion 117: Candidating Process**

The Conference deletes the replies to M7-M14 and replaces them with the following:  
*'The Conference thanks the Woking and Walton-on-Thames Circuit and South East Synod for the concern about the candidating process expressed in the memorial. The contents of the memorial are referred to the Methodist Council and the Training*

*Strategy and Resources Executive for further consideration and report to Conference 2009.'*

Proposed: The Revd Nicholas A Oborski  
Seconded: The Revd John Hellyer

**Notice of Motion 118: Law and Polity Committee (agenda item 43),  
Section F – Lay Employees**

Conference recognises the need to simplify and clarify Standing Orders relating to lay employment. It regrets, however, that an unintended consequence of this is the removal of the recognition and encouragement of the role of the Lay Evangelist (SO 405, SO 410, SO 570) from CPD and directs the Methodist Council and the Law and Polity Committee to explore ways that this recognition and encouragement might be achieved.

Proposed: The Revd Graham Horsley  
Seconded: The Revd Peter Whittaker

*The Law and Polity Committee would not resist this.*