



MISSION COUNCIL

13 – 15 MAY 2013

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Nominations Committee

Supplementary Report

1 United Reformed Church Trust

Towards the end of 2012 a resignation from the United Reformed Trust was received from Mrs Rachel Wakeman, the West Midlands Synod Trust and Property Officer, who had been reappointed in 2010 to serve until 2014. Although normally appointments coincide with General Assembly years, the Chair to the Trust, Revd Professor David Thompson, asked that the vacancy be filled as soon as possible at Mission Council in May 2013 rather than delay the appointment until 2014. It was also requested that Mission Council be asked to make an appointment for one year until 2014 and that the new member be eligible for reappointment in 2014 for the normal four years.

As time was limited it was agreed that only Synods within Group 2 be consulted ie West Midlands, South Western, Wessex and Wales and that the search should concentrate on Mrs Wakeman's area of expertise of finance and property. In addition, following the considerable concern expressed at General Assembly 2012 by the Convener of Equal Opportunities Committee, Synods were asked to make strenuous efforts to address the current gender imbalance of the Trust membership.

Two nominations were received, both male. However, as both were considered to be excellent candidates, it was agreed that they be forwarded to the Trust to consider who would be the more appropriate to replace Mrs Wakeman.

A recommendation will be submitted verbally to Mission Council.

2 Appointment of Deputy Treasurer

Following the decision to appoint a Deputy Treasurer, Nominations Committee was requested by the Human Resources Advisory Group to recruit a search committee to identify suitable candidates. This committee, made up of members with financial expertise and knowledge of relevant networks from which possible candidates might be drawn, is currently being recruited and Miss Margaret Atkinson has agreed to act as convener.

To avoid any delay in the appointment Mission Council is requested to give this search committee the right of appointment, similar to that given to a Review/Appointments Group. It is suggested that the new appointee be confirmed "subject to Mission Council approval" and could start work in anticipation of this being forthcoming at the November Mission Council.

Resolution:

Mission Council agrees to give the search committee for the post of Deputy Treasurer the right of appointment, subject to Mission Council approval in November.

{Note: the Clerk to the Assembly will wish to advise Mission Council concerning the admissibility of this resolution.}

3 Amendments to main report

3.1 Ministries Committee

Add: Revd Peter Meek** (Synod Moderator) [2017]

4.6.1 Panel for General Assembly Appointments

Delete: 4 vacancies Add: Revd Dr Irene John** (13), Revd Michele Jarmany** (2)

2 vacancies

4.7 Pastoral Reference and Welfare Committee

Delete: Secretary: Deputy General Secretary Add: Secretary: Revd Howard Sharp**

Delete: Revd Howard Sharp (Synod Moderator) Add: Revd Clare Downing** (Synod Moderator)

(This is a temporary measure)

4.8 Disciplinary Process Commission Panel

Add: Mrs Mary Slater**(11) [2018]

4.9 Standing Panel for the Incapacity Procedure

Delete: Vacancy. Add: Revd Roy Lowes** (Synod Moderator) [2018]

4 Change of Secretary

At our March meeting warm thanks were expressed to our Secretary, Sarah Dodds, for her indefatigable work for us over the past four years. I myself am keenly aware of just how much information Sarah has had at her fingertips, and how efficiently and graciously she has carried out this demanding role. After June her email count should drop considerably, and deservedly so – but we shall then be welcoming in her place Carol Rogers, and we are confident that the committee's business will remain in good hands.

John Durell