

# Paper J2

Westminster College, Cambridge

Nominations Committee

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### Basic Information

<b>Contact name and email address</b>	John Proctor Jp225@cam.ac.uk
<b>Action required</b>	Decision
<b>Draft resolution(s)</b>	<b>Mission Council appoints the Revd Dr John Bradbury as Director of Studies in Theology and Church History at Westminster College for a further seven years from 1st September 2014.</b>
<b>Alternative options to consider, if any</b>	

### Summary of Content

<b>Subject and aim(s)</b>	Reappointment of Westminster College's Director of Studies in Theology and Church History
<b>Main points</b>	
<b>Previous relevant documents</b>	
<b>Consultation has taken place with...</b>	A review process took place at the request of the Westminster Governors.

### Summary of Impact

<b>Financial</b>	
<b>External (e.g. ecumenical)</b>	

# Westminster College, Cambridge

Revd Dr John Bradbury

## Review of Tenure, 8th October 2013

John Bradbury was appointed by the United Reformed Church at the 2007 General Assembly, to serve as Director of Studies in Theology and Church History at Westminster College, Cambridge. The initial term of appointment was for seven years, to 31st August 2014.

As the seven-year term approaches, the Governors of the college set up a review group. Its remit was to meet John Bradbury, to review with him the work he had been doing, and – if this was indicated by the process – to forward to Mission Council an appropriate recommendation.

The review group was made up as follows:

- Prof Sir Anthony Bottoms (Convener of Governors; chair of group)
- Revd John Proctor (Acting Principal; clerk of group)
- Revd Dr Cindy Wesley (Cambridge Theological Federation)
- Prof Janet Soskice (University of Cambridge)
- Revd David Grosch-Miller (nominated by URC Secretary for Education and Learning)

The group met John Bradbury on 8th October 2013. It first sought papers from John, describing his service and reflecting on it, and received letters from two referees he had nominated. The group then spoke with John for about an hour, and was able to discuss with him all the issues that they and he wished to address.

The unanimous conviction of the group was that John had served with diligence and indeed with excellence in these six years, and that his tenure should be renewed. In the college, in the Cambridge Theological Federation and its partner universities, in the wider life of the URC, and in international ecumenical work, he had contributed with energy, imagination, care and insight to a broad range of church and educational duty. As teacher, tutor, colleague and theologian he is greatly valued and highly regarded. He continues to research actively in ways that not only earn him academic respect, but which also inform and support the life of the church.

The group therefore resolved to recommend that Dr Bradbury be reappointed for a further seven years, and their recommendation comes in the name of the Governors of Westminster College.

Further recommendations were addressed to John himself, and to those who work regularly with him.

## Resolution

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