

Paper D2

Governors of Westminster College
Appointment of Tutor



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Governors of Westminster College, Cambridge

Appointment of Tutor in Church History and Doctrine

Basic Information

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Appointment process

1. After some 10 years in post as Tutor in Church History and Doctrine at Westminster College, Cambridge, the Revd Dr John Bradbury accepted the call of Emmanuel, Cambridge, Duxford and Whittlesford United Reformed Churches to be their minister with effect from the summer of 2017. There is much appreciation of Dr Bradbury's

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Basic Information

Contact name and email address	John Ellis, Treasurer john.ellis@urc.org.uk
Action required	Decision
Draft resolution	Mission Council resolves to amend 2(a)(iii) of the URC Investment Committee's Terms of Reference to read: 'the Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer of the United Reformed Church'.

Summary of Content

Subject and aim(s)	a) To inform Mission Council of the planned division of work between the incoming Treasurer and Deputy Treasurer. b) To ask Mission Council to make an enabling amendment of the Terms of Reference of the Investment Committee.
Main points	With the post of Deputy Treasurer becoming a permanent part of the structure of the Church, the role will become more of a job share with the Treasurer than a general cover for the Treasurer.
Previous relevant documents	None
Consultation has taken place with...	Convenor of the Investment Committee

Summary of Impact

Financial	None
External (e.g. ecumenical)	None

New Treasurer arrangements

A job share

1. Mission Council will recall that from 1 July 2017 Mr Ian Hardie will be the Treasurer and the Revd John Piper Deputy Treasurer.
2. With the post of Deputy Treasurer now being consolidated as a permanent position within our denominational structures, Ian and John intend to divide the traditional role of the Treasurer between them in a different way from previously. The most visible aspect of this will relate to the 18 internal committees and other groups that the Treasurer has normally attended. The basic model is that the Treasurer and Deputy Treasurer intend to divide the lead role in the Treasurers' relationship with individual committees between them.
3. While nothing is intended to be rigid, the typical pattern will be that for each committee either Ian or John will be the regular occupant of the Treasurer's seat after July 2017. This will provide continuity for each committee while sharing the Treasurer workload between the Treasurer and the Deputy. The allocation of committees between them will be based on expertise, geography and other factors and is in no way an attempt to imply that some committees are more important than others.
4. As an illustration for Mission Council's information, the initial division of committees from July 2017 is as follows.

Normally attended by the Treasurer:

- URC Trust
- Remuneration Committee
- Mission Council Advisory Group
- Assembly Committee Convenors Meeting
- Retired Ministers' Housing Society Committee of Management
- Retired Ministers' Housing Sub-committee
- Education and Learning Finance Sub-committee
- Westminster College Board of Governors

Normally attended by the Deputy Treasurer:

- Pensions Executive
- Ministers' Pension Fund Trust Board
- Investment Committee
- Pastoral Reference and Welfare Committee
- Maintenance of the Ministry Sub-committee

Normally attended by both the Treasurer and the Deputy Treasurer:

- General Assembly
- Mission Council
- Finance Committee
- Annual Consultation of Synod Treasurers
- Inter-Synod Resource Sharing Task Group

5. Changing circumstances and needs may require changes to this division of responsibilities over time. Such changes would be made only after discussion with the relevant committees and after approval by the Finance Committee. Any major

change in the pattern of working would be reported to General Assembly or Mission Council as appropriate.

6. Under this new arrangement, the Treasurer and Deputy Treasurer will work in close collaboration with each other on all major issues. However the Treasurer remains the person who is the Officer of General Assembly and is accountable to General Assembly and Mission Council, though on occasions he may ask his Deputy to speak on his behalf.

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7. While most of these plans can be implemented without further action by Mission Council, for the Deputy Treasurer to be able to function as a full voting member of the

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Mission Committee

The 2017 General Election

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a) Support for Refugees and Asylum Seekers

The Syrian War continues to wreak havoc on the lives of innocent civilians, and the wider humanitarian crises taking place in countries like South Sudan, Somalia and Yemen have not abated. But if they feel forced to leave their countries, refugees and asylum seekers continue to face immense challenges in attempting to rebuild their lives in a new country. **While the UK has donated generously to affected regions, is there also a larger role for the UK to play in hosting displaced persons? What sort of treatment should we provide for asylum seekers when they arrive in the UK?**

b) Poverty and Economic Inequality in the UK

The face of UK poverty has changed over the past two decades. Poverty in the past was tightly linked to unemployment and old-age. Today pensioners are the age-group least likely to experience poverty, and the majority of poor families are in work. Brexit will have a huge effect on the UK economy. For those in poverty the most important questions are around how wealth within the country will be distributed. An incoming government could choose to emphasise post-Brexit policies that target money on poorer areas and on the least wealthy. **Many adults are unable to work full-time or at all due to illness or care responsibilities. How should a new Government ensure that they and their children can avoid poverty?**

c) The UK's Role in the World

After leaving the European Union, the UK will want to develop further positive relationships with European and other nations. A key national interest will be the UK's trade relations with other nations. But at what cost should these trade relations be pursued? **How can the UK ensure that its achievements in the areas of human rights, climate change and international development will not be eroded by new trade agreements with large, powerful economies?**

d) The Future of the Welfare State

Doctors, nurses and teachers report finding it increasingly difficult to perform their duties amidst shrinking budgets. The rapid growth of food banks over the past five years is also raising questions about the role of the Welfare State in the UK. **How**

5.2 Charities, which include church groups, are regulated under the Charities Acts and may not support or oppose a particular political party, candidate or group of candidates, but are allowed to work and campaign in order to bring about changes in the law or government policy. During periods of campaigning, charities a

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Nominations Committee Supplementary report

Basic Information

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Action required	Decision.

Nominations Committee

Supplementary report

1. Assessment Board: Mrs Bridget Akinyombo [2017-2022]
The Revd Jamie Kissack [2017-2022]
2. Communications Committee: Ms Lesley Caddy [2017 -2021]
3. Mission Committee: The Revd Sue Fender representing the National Synod of Wales
4. Disciplinary Commission Panel Secretary Mr Philip Laws [2017-2023]
 Member Mrs Mary Kelly [2017-2023]
5. Maintenance of the Ministry Sub-committee Convenor
The Revd Pamela Ward to extend her appointment until General Assembly

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General Secretary

Marriage of same sex couples
in Guernsey



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