

Agenda for DPC – Trinity – 25th November 2021

7pm start

1) Devotions

2) Membership of the meeting and apologies

Current membership uncertain. I've added all the Circuit Stewards. Pat Costain, Harvey Garton, Gary Corlett, Eddie Teare, Sue Montgomery, Gareth Moore, Helen Norton, Richard Hooton, Bryan Yardy, Steve Ingrouille, davidquayle@manx.net, Elaine Christian

3) Items that need to be recommended to the District Synod

i) Trustees for Manx Methodist Church Purposes (TMMCP)

The above Trust acts as the custodian for all Methodist Church assets in the Isle of Man and was established by the Methodist Church Act, 1982. It provides that there should be an equal number of ministers and lay members with a maximum of 10 and minimum of six in total. With the retirement of Richard Hall, it is recommended that Synod appoint Rev Dr Janet Corlett as a Trustee of the TMMCP.

Recommendation to the District Synod – That Rev Dr Janet Corlett be appointed a trustee of the TMMCP.

ii) Panel Advocates

We are finding that it is necessary to seek legal advice, especially in relation to property matters. The regulations of Connexion are somewhat complex and the suggestion is that we nominate a single practice to act on behalf of all Methodist Churches, Circuit and District. This will build up an area of expertise in dealing with Methodist Matters and hopefully speedier and more cost effective responses. We have found Corlett, Bolton efficient in our dealings with them and they are currently working on Kerrowkeil and another property purchase on behalf of Connexion.

Recommendation to the District Synod – To approve the appointment of Corlett, Bolton to act as the panel Advocates for the Methodist Church in the Isle, of Man

Response to proposal from the Conference Officer for Legal and Constitutional Practice:

TMCP manages our panel of solicitors, but I don't see any need for Corlett Bolton to be formally adopted as 'Methodist panel lawyers'. You are free to instruct Corlett Bolton on all Methodist-related matters if you think that they can offer you the most appropriate advice. That could include preparing standard draft licences and leases which can be based on TMCP's standard templates but which have been adapted to comply with Manx law. Corlett Bolton could also produce written processes for trustees to follow when selling/leasing property. Again, TMCP would be able to work with Corlett Bolton to help streamline the process.

- 4) Approve draft accounts for the District**
- 5) Application for District Grant – Sulby**
- 6) Application for District Grant – Port Erin**
- 7) District Lay Employment - update**
- 8) Dispensations to officiate at Holy Communion**
- 9) Visit of the President and Vice-President of Conference 2022-23 (letter attached)**
- 10) Website and social media - update**