



The Methodist/URC Liaison Group

To: All Methodist/URC Ecumenical Areas

During the course of 2018, members of the Methodist/URC Liaison Group have been working on a model constitution for a Methodist/URC Ecumenical Area. Inevitably drafting such a document is a lengthy process and we are very grateful for those who have been involved in the detailed work of drawing up a workable document.

The model constitution has now been agreed by the Methodist/URC Liaison Group and has been approved by the Law and Polity Groups from both denominations. It is now the only constitution for Methodist/URC Ecumenical Areas which is approved and can be signed off by the Methodist Church and the United Reformed Church.

As yet the constitution has not been presented to the Charity Commission. The Methodist/URC Liaison Group took the decision that the Charity Commission may take a considerable time to approve a generic document. Because we are very aware of the pressures on Ecumenical Areas to produce a working constitution, we wanted you to have access to the document at the earliest opportunity. Additionally, we considered it may speed the process to submit the constitution in the name of a specific Ecumenical Area as a test case.

With this in mind, when you have agreed the sections which require completing on the document, we would be grateful if you could contact Ruth Gee and Philip Brooks, so that we can discuss the next steps.

Thank you for your co-operation

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