

APPOINTMENT OF MISSION PARTNERS

Potential Mission Partners are recommended for service by the Overseas Service Group following an interview with an Overseas Service Panel. Following a period of preparation, the Overseas Service Group later designates the people concerned to serve in a particular Church or Organisation once an invitation has been received from that Church or Organisation. For lay people, the Methodist Council acts as the employing body and then seconds them to serve with the overseas Church or Organisation. Their contract of employment with the Council contains specific clauses relating to their specific employment as Mission Partners and, wherever possible, includes a formal secondment agreement between them, the Methodist Church in Britain and the receiving Church or Organisation.

In the light of all due procedures outlined above having been carried out, **the Methodist Council**

- (a) appoints Drs Graham and Jenny Longbottom as Mission Partners employed by the Council; and**
- (b) seconds them to serve with the United Church in the Solomon Islands in response to an invitation from that Church for an initial period of two years nine months from July 2009.**

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