

## The Junction

### **Overall aim**

The Junction was established by the Hexthorpe Methodist Church (now The King's Cross Church) in 1994 "to encourage, support and enable local people to recover self esteem and self reliance and to help establish stable family life".

### **The Management Committee**

This will consist of not less than six members and include a chairperson, secretary and treasurer, these three will be elected annually from within the Committee. The Committee will consist of two members of the Hexthorpe community, two from The Junction volunteers and two from the Church Council of The King's Cross Church. The Committee will have the power to co-opt members, maintaining the balance.

The Committee will meet monthly, with extra meetings as necessary. At all meetings voting will be by a show of hands and a simple majority of those present. At least one half of the members must be present for there to be a quorum.

The funds of The Junction, donations and grants will be paid into an account in the name of The Junction. All cheques drawn on the account must be signed by at least two members of the Committee. Accounting records will be kept, annual statements prepared and also there will be an annual audit.

In furtherance of the overall aim, The Junction may:

- raise funds
- employ such staff as is necessary for the proper pursuit of the aim
- insure property and the organisation
- cooperate with other voluntary organisations and statutory authorities and exchange information and advice with them

The Junction is a community project of The King's Cross Church, therefore any property must be held under the Model Deed Trust as required by Charity Law. The King's Cross Church will delegate responsibility for property to The Junction Management Committee.

The Committee will be responsible for the overseeing of The Junction and also for the overseeing of the property.

The paid staff will report to The Junction Management Committee monthly.

The Junction Management Committee and the paid staff will report quarterly to the Church Council of The King's Cross Church.

## **Supporting information from the Methodist Constitutional Practice Volume 1**

### **Church Council (The Junction has delegated authority from this Council)**

**602. Its Government.** In the government of the Local Church the several responsibilities must be exercised without the loss of the unity of the one ministry. The Church Council is constituted to unite those who hold responsibility in the church in one working community. It has the authority to take decisions for the church and to manage its affairs to the same end. The General Church Meeting has a responsibility to consider the whole ministry of the church and every part of it and in making appointments to ensure the co-operation of the whole church in that ministry. This requires a proper representation of all the diversities present in the Local Church, including those who are newcomers to it.

**603. The Church Council.** The Church Council has authority and oversight over the whole area of the ministry of the church, including the management of its property. Aims and methods, the determination and pursuit of policy and the deployment of available resources are its proper responsibility. In many cases it will appoint committees which will have authority, in their own areas of responsibility, to initiate action, co-ordinate the work done in the church, advise the Church Council and report to it, being subject to its authority and oversight.

**604. The Committees.** The appointment of committees or officers is dictated by the need to express the variety of function in the ministry of the Local Church. The whole church family of all ages, whether members of the Church or not, needs pastoral care, worship, fellowship, training and opportunities for service. The church has a responsibility for its neighbourhood, involving evangelism, service, participation in the life of the community and co-operation with statutory, private sector and voluntary agencies serving human needs; where possible it engages in these activities ecumenically. The church is committed to the whole world, in service and mission, in prayer and giving and the help of those in need, at home and overseas. In the proper care of its property the church has to ensure that its work is neither hindered by inadequate or unworthy buildings nor embarrassed by the support of unnecessary ones, while its proper stewardship of finance means the right raising of money and the right spending of it, so that the one is seen as an invitation to Christian commitment and the other as an opportunity for real choice in the life of the Church.

## Model Trusts

**16. General powers of managing trustees.** Subject to any statutory restriction and to the provisions of this Schedule, the managing trustees may -

- a. borrow such sum or sums as they consider necessary or expedient for the execution of any purpose of or the exercise of any power or the performance of any duty conferred or imposed on them, under this Schedule or any other statutory or legal provision and may mortgage or charge the property or any part thereof to secure any sum borrowed by them;
- b. sell the property or any part thereof for the best price that can reasonably be obtained;
- c. grant or renew any licence for the use of the whole or any part of any land comprised in the property for such period and for such reasonable payment and otherwise subject to such conditions as the managing trustees shall think fit;
- d. build, repair, alter, enlarge, demolish or rebuild and furnish any building, structure or works of any description whatsoever and generally improve any part of any land comprised in the property, except where such land or any part thereof is in the actual possession of a mortgagee as such under a mortgage which contains a provision to the contrary;
- e. let or re-let at a rent, or on a lease for a premium, rent, royalty, share of profits or other consideration or any combination thereof, the whole or any part of the land comprised in the property or any timber, mineral or other rights therein;
- f. sell any timber, minerals or other products of or substance in or on any part of any land comprised in the property;
- g. provide facilities of any kind for any tenant or occupant of any land comprised in the property or any part of such land;
- h. dispose of the property or any part thereof for development under a building lease or other arrangement including or not including provisions for the acquisition by the trustees of a freehold or leasehold interest (to be held on the model trusts) in all or any part of any new premises to be comprised in such development;
- i. bring or defend any action relating to the property;
- j. refer or join in a reference to arbitration of any disagreement or dispute which may arise between the trustees and any other person in relation to the property;
- k. delegate all or any of their powers or duties under these trusts to the Conference or to any Connexional, District, Circuit or local body of the Church, or any Committee of

any such body;

l. appoint and dismiss such Committees, Stewards or Treasurers or other officers or servants as may be necessary and expedient in respect of the property or any part thereof;

m. determine what is necessary or expedient for the purposes of the management of the property.