



Northern Synod

March – October 2017

Acting on behalf of Synod, the Synod Executive Committee agreed the following resolution on 25 April 2017:

17/45 LAY PRESIDENCY

Synod Executive agreed, for the avoidance of doubt, to confirm the Synod resolution to grant authorisation **to Meg Thomas and Ian Smith subject to satisfactory training (except for those who have already completed it), to preside at the sacraments within their own mission partnerships in cases of pastoral necessity in the coming year:** Ian Smith within the Teesside South East Mission Partnership.

Acting on behalf of Synod, the Synod Executive Committee agreed the following resolution on 10 May 2017:

17/46 ST ANDREW'S, NUNTHORPE & MARTON

Synod concurs with the decision of St Andrew's Church Meeting to sell to the sitting tenant at market value, and approves the sale of the manse at 10 Farington Drive, Marton-in-Cleveland, Middlesbrough, under the United Reformed Church Act 1972, Schedule 2, Part II, paragraph 2(c), and instructs the trustees to allocate the net proceeds of sale in accordance with Synod policy in the following order: (1) to settling any loans and outstanding debts owed by St Andrew's United Reformed Church, Nunthorpe & Marton, (2) to a separately identified fund to be applied towards the purchase, construction, repair or redevelopment of suitable replacement premises within the same formally-declared joint pastorate, and (3) any balance remaining thereafter (or after a period of 5 years from the date of sale, whichever is the sooner) in the following proportions: 50% to the general funds of St Andrew's United Reformed Church, Nunthorpe & Marton, 10% to the Synod General Fund, 15% to the Synod Mission Fund, and 25% to the Synod Property Fund.

(Trustees: URC (NP) Trust Ltd)

Acting on behalf of Synod, the Synod Executive Committee agreed the following resolutions on 3 July 2017:

17/47 STOCKTON

Subject to the concurrence of Stockton Church Meeting, Synod approves the letting of the manse at 40 Crooks Barn Lane, Stockton-on-Tees, under the United Reformed Church Act 1972, Schedule 2, Part II, paragraph 2(e), on condition that: (1) the terms of the letting should be the best reasonably obtainable, (2) a reputable estate agent should be used, and should certify to the trustees that the letting complies with the law, and (3) the net income from the letting must be

paid into a manse maintenance fund and used in the first instance for maintaining that property or other manses for the time being within the same formally-declared joint pastorate, with any balance above £5,000 at the end of each year being available for general church purposes.

(Trustees: URC (NP) Trust Ltd)

17/48 STOCKTON ROAD, SUNDERLAND

Synod rescinds resolution 15/02, and (noting that the church no longer needs nor is able to sustain two buildings) concurs with the recommendation of the North East District Council, and resolves that the West Park Church Centre at Stockton Road, Sunderland, is no longer useful, and instructs the trustees to sell the property under the United Reformed Church Act 1972, Schedule 2, Part I, paragraph 2(c), and to allocate the net proceeds of sale in accordance with Synod policy in the following order: (1) to settling any loans and outstanding debts owed by Stockton Road United Reformed Church, (2) to a separately identified fund to be applied towards any major repairs or refurbishment works at St George's Church Centre, Belvedere Road, Sunderland, and (3) any balance remaining thereafter (or after a period of 5 years from the date of sale, whichever is the sooner) in the following proportions: 50% to the general funds of Stockton Road United Reformed Church, 10% to the Synod General Fund, 15% to the Synod Mission Fund, and 25% to the Synod Property Fund.

(Trustees: URC (NP) Trust Ltd)

17/49 LINGDALE

Synod rescinds resolution 15/51, and (noting that the church has now closed) concurs with the recommendation of the North East District Council, and resolves that the church at Stanghow Road, Lingdale, Saltburn-by-the-Sea, is no longer useful, and instructs the trustees to sell the property under the United Reformed Church Act 1972, Schedule 2, Part I, paragraph 5, and to allocate the net proceeds of sale in accordance with Synod policy in the following order: (1) to settling any loans and outstanding debts owed by Lingdale United Reformed Church, and (2) any balance remaining thereafter in the following proportions: 20% to the Synod General Fund, 30% to the Synod Mission Fund, and 50% to the Synod Property Fund.

(Trustees: URC (NP) Trust Ltd)

17/50 FALSTONE & KIELDER

Synod rescinds resolution 15/58, and (noting that the building is no longer used) concurs with the recommendation of the North East District Council, and resolves that the Kielder Church at Deadwater Road, Kielder, Hexham, is no longer useful, and instructs the trustees to sell the property under the United Reformed Church Act 1972, Schedule 2, Part I, paragraph 5, and to allocate the net proceeds of sale in accordance with Synod policy in the following order: (1) to settling any loans and outstanding debts owed by Falstone & Kielder United Reformed Church, (2) to a separately identified fund to be applied towards any major repairs or refurbishment works at Falstone Church, The Croft, Falstone, Hexham, and (3) any balance remaining thereafter (or after a period of 5 years from the date of sale, whichever is the sooner) in the following proportions: 50% to the general funds of Falstone & Kielder United Reformed Church, 10% to the Synod General Fund, 15% to the Synod Mission Fund, and 25% to the Synod Property Fund.

(Trustees: URC (NP) Trust Ltd)

17/51 FELTON

Synod rescinds resolution 16/1, and (noting that the church has now closed) concurs with the recommendation of the North East District Council, and resolves that the church and hall at Felton United Reformed Church, West Thirston, Morpeth, is no longer useful, and instructs the trustees to sell the property under the United Reformed Church Act 1972, Schedule 2, Part I, paragraph 5, and to allocate the net proceeds of sale in accordance with Synod policy in the following order: (1) to settling any loans and outstanding debts owed by Barnard Castle United Reformed Church, and (2) any balance remaining thereafter in the following proportions: 20% to the Synod General Fund, 30% to the Synod Mission Fund, and 50% to the Synod Property Fund.

(Trustees: URC (NP) Trust Ltd)

17/52 BARNARD CASTLE

Synod rescinds resolution 16/43, and (noting that the church has now closed) concurs with the recommendation of the North East District Council, and resolves that the church, hall and caretaker's cottage at 12 Hall Street, Barnard Castle, is no longer useful, and instructs the trustees to sell the property under the United Reformed Church Act 1972, Schedule 2, Part I, paragraph 5, and to allocate the net proceeds of sale in accordance with Synod policy in the following order: (1) to settling any loans and outstanding debts owed by Barnard Castle United Reformed Church, and (2) any balance remaining thereafter in the following proportions: 20% to the Synod General Fund, 30% to the Synod Mission Fund, and 50% to the Synod Property Fund.

(Trustees: URC (NP) Trust Ltd)

17/53 LINGDALE

Synod rescinds resolution 16/82, and (noting that the church in Lingdale has closed) concurs with the recommendation of the North East District Council, and resolves that the manse at 2 Stanghow Road, Lingdale, Saltburn-by-the-Sea, is no longer useful, and instructs the trustees to sell the property under the United Reformed Church Act 1972, Schedule 2, Part II, paragraph 5, and to allocate the net proceeds of sale in accordance with Synod policy in the following order: (1) to settling any loans and outstanding debts owed by Lingdale United Reformed Church, (2) to a separately identified fund to be applied towards the purchase, construction, repair or redevelopment of suitable replacement premises within the East Cleveland Group, and (3) any balance remaining thereafter (or after a period of 5 years from the date of sale, whichever is the sooner) in the following proportions: 30% to the United Reformed Church Retired Ministers' Housing Society Limited, and 70% to the Synod Manse Fund.

(Trustees: URC (NP) Trust Ltd)

17/54 NORTHGATE, DARLINGTON

Synod rescinds resolution 16/83, and (noting that the church at Union Street is to be demolished owing to fire damage) concurs with the recommendation of the North East District Council, and resolves that the former Bethel United Reformed Church, hall and house at 10-12 Union Street, Darlington are no longer useful, and instructs the trustees to sell the property under the United Reformed Church Act 1972, Schedule 2, Part I, paragraph 5, and to allocate the net proceeds of

sale in accordance with Synod policy in the following order: (1) to settling any loans and outstanding debts owed by Northgate United Reformed Church, Darlington, (2) to a separately identified fund to be applied towards any major repairs or refurbishment works at Northgate United Reformed Church, and (3) any balance remaining thereafter (or after a period of 5 years from the date of sale, whichever is the sooner) in the following proportions: 50% to the general funds of Northgate United Reformed Church, 10% to the Synod General Fund, 15% to the Synod Mission Fund, and 25% to the Synod Property Fund. (Trustees: Union Street Trustees)

17/55 **STOCKTON**

Synod rescinds resolution 16/86, and (noting that the church no longer needs nor is able to sustain two buildings) concurs with the recommendation of the North East District Council, and resolves that the Queens Park Church at Alma Street, Stockton-on-Tees, is no longer useful, and instructs the trustees to sell the property under the United Reformed Church Act 1972, Schedule 2, Part I, paragraph 5, and to allocate the net proceeds of sale in accordance with Synod policy in the following order: (1) to settling any loans and outstanding debts owed by Stockton United Reformed Church, (2) to a separately identified fund to be applied towards any major repairs or refurbishment works at St Andrew & St George Church, Yarm Lane, Stockton-on-Tees, and (3) any balance remaining thereafter (or after a period of 5 years from the date of sale, whichever is the sooner) in the following proportions: 50% to the general funds of Stockton United Reformed Church, 10% to the Synod General Fund, 15% to the Synod Mission Fund, and 25% to the Synod Property Fund. (Trustees: URC (NP) Trust Ltd)

17/56 **WOOLER**

Synod rescinds resolution 10/04, and concurs with the request of the Wooler Church Meeting, and approves the letting of the manse at 51 Glendale Road, Wooler, under the United Reformed Church Act 1972, Schedule 2, Part II, paragraph 2(e), on condition that: (1) the terms of the letting should be the best reasonably obtainable, (2) a reputable estate agent should be used, and should certify to the trustees that the letting complies with the law, and (3) the net income from the letting must be paid into a manse maintenance fund and used in the first instance for maintaining that property or other manses for the time being within the same formally-declared joint pastorate, with any balance above £5,000 at the end of each year being available for general church purposes. (Trustees: URC (NP) Trust Ltd)

17/57 **NORTH WEST DURHAM GROUP**

Synod rescinds resolution 10/50, and concurs with the decisions of St Andrew's, Bethel and Christ Church Church Meetings, and approves the letting of the manse at 24 Badgers Wood, Kip Hill, Stanley, under the United Reformed Church Act 1972, Schedule 2, Part II, paragraph 2(e), on condition that: (1) the terms of the letting should be the best reasonably obtainable, (2) a reputable estate agent should be used, and should certify to the trustees that the letting complies with the law, and (3) the net income from the letting must be paid into a manse maintenance fund and used in the first instance for maintaining that property or other manses for the time being

within the same formally-declared joint pastorate, with any balance above £5,000 at the end of each year being available for general church purposes. (Trustees: URC (NP) Trust Ltd)

17/58 WADDINGTON STREET, DURHAM

Synod rescinds resolution 10/54, and concurs with the request of Waddington Street Church Meeting, and approves the letting of the manse at 10 Ellam Avenue, Nevilles Cross, Durham, under the United Reformed Church Act 1972, Schedule 2, Part II, paragraph 2(e), on condition that: (1) the terms of the letting should be the best reasonably obtainable, (2) a reputable estate agent should be used, and should certify to the trustees that the letting complies with the law, and (3) the net income from the letting must be paid into a manse maintenance fund and used in the first instance for maintaining that property or other manses for the time being within the same formally-declared joint pastorate, with any balance above £5,000 at the end of each year being available for general church purposes. (Trustees: URC (NP) Trust Ltd)

17/59 ST ANDREW'S, GLANTON

Synod rescinds resolution 11/37, and concurs with the request of St Andrew's Church Meeting, and approves the letting of the manse at 9 West Turnpike, Glanton, Alnwick, under the United Reformed Church Act 1972, Schedule 2, Part II, paragraph 2(e), on condition that: (1) the terms of the letting should be the best reasonably obtainable, (2) a reputable estate agent should be used, and should certify to the trustees that the letting complies with the law, and (3) the net income from the letting must be paid into a manse maintenance fund and used in the first instance for maintaining that property or other manses for the time being within the same formally-declared joint pastorate, with any balance above £5,000 at the end of each year being available for general church purposes. (Trustees: URC (NP) Trust Ltd)

17/60 ST GEORGE'S, HIGH HEATON

Synod rescinds resolution 12/38, and concurs with the request of St George's Church Meeting, and approves the letting of the manse at 2 Boundary Gardens, High Heaton, Newcastle upon Tyne, under the United Reformed Church Act 1972, Schedule 2, Part II, paragraph 2(e), on condition that: (1) the terms of the letting should be the best reasonably obtainable, (2) a reputable estate agent should be used, and should certify to the trustees that the letting complies with the law, and (3) the net income from the letting must be paid into a manse maintenance fund and used in the first instance for maintaining that property or other manses for the time being within the same formally-declared joint pastorate, with any balance above £5,000 at the end of each year being available for general church purposes. (Trustees: URC (NP) Trust Ltd)

17/61 ST JOHN'S, WIDEOPEN

Synod rescinds resolution 12/50, and concurs with the request of St John's Church Meeting, and approves the letting of the manse at 33 Halton Drive, Woodlands Park, Wideopen, Newcastle upon Tyne, under the United Reformed Church Act 1972, Schedule 2, Part II, paragraph 2(e), on condition that: (1) the terms of the letting should be the best reasonably obtainable, (2) a

reputable estate agent should be used, and should certify to the trustees that the letting complies with the law, and (3) the net income from the letting must be paid into a manse maintenance fund and used in the first instance for maintaining that property or other manses for the time being within the same formally-declared joint pastorate, with any balance above £5,000 at the end of each year being available for general church purposes. (Trustees: URC (NP) Trust Ltd)

17/62 TRINITY, GOSFORTH

Synod rescinds resolution 12/51, and concurs with the request of Trinity Church Meeting, and approves the letting of the manse at Hope House, 2 Elmfield Grove, Gosforth, Newcastle upon Tyne, under the United Reformed Church Act 1972, Schedule 2, Part II, paragraph 2(e), on condition that: (1) the terms of the letting should be the best reasonably obtainable, (2) a reputable estate agent should be used, and should certify to the trustees that the letting complies with the law, and (3) the net income from the letting must be paid into a manse maintenance fund and used in the first instance for maintaining that property or other manses for the time being within the same formally-declared joint pastorate or paying housing allowances to ministers and lay workers within the pastorate, with any balance above £5,000 at the end of each year being available for general church purposes. (Trustees: URC (NP) Trust Ltd)

17/63 ZION, NORTHALLERTON

Synod rescinds resolution 13/50, and concurs with the request of the Zion Church Meeting, and approves the letting of the manse at 2a Hatfield Road, Northallerton, under the United Reformed Church Act 1972, Schedule 2, Part II, paragraph 2(e), on condition that: (1) the terms of the letting should be the best reasonably obtainable, (2) a reputable estate agent should be used, and should certify to the trustees that the letting complies with the law, and (3) the net income from the letting must be paid into a manse maintenance fund and used in the first instance for maintaining that property or other manses for the time being within the same formally-declared joint pastorate, with any balance above £5,000 at the end of each year being available for general church purposes. (Trustees: URC (NP) Trust Ltd)

17/64 JESMOND

Synod rescinds resolutions 08/40 and 13/57, and concurs with the request of the Jesmond Church Meeting, and approves the letting of the manse and flat at Haldane House, 51 and 51a Burdon Terrace, Jesmond, Newcastle upon Tyne, under the United Reformed Church Act 1972, Schedule 2, Part II, paragraph 2(e), on condition that: (1) the terms of the letting should be the best reasonably obtainable, (2) a reputable estate agent should be used, and should certify to the trustees that the letting complies with the law, and (3) the net income from the letting must be paid into a manse maintenance fund and used in the first instance for maintaining that property or other manses for the time being within the same formally-declared joint pastorate, with any balance above £5,000 at the end of each year being available for general church purposes.

(Trustees: URC (NP) Trust Ltd)

17/65 STOCKTON ROAD, SUNDERLAND

Synod rescinds resolution 13/97, and concurs with the request of the Sunderland & Boldon Partnership, and approves the letting of the manse at 138 Queen Alexandra Road, Sunderland, under the United Reformed Church Act 1972, Schedule 2, Part II, paragraph 2(e), on condition that: (1) the terms of the letting should be the best reasonably obtainable, (2) a reputable estate agent should be used, and should certify to the trustees that the letting complies with the law, and (3) the net income from the letting must be paid into a manse maintenance fund and used in the first instance for maintaining that property or other manses for the time being within the same formally-declared joint pastorate, with any balance above £5,000 at the end of each year being available for general church purposes. (Trustees: URC (NP) Trust Ltd)

17/66 STOCKTON ROAD, SUNDERLAND

Synod rescinds resolution 14/02, and concurs with the request of the Stockton Road Church Meeting, and approves the letting of the manse at 108 Mount Road, Sunderland, under the United Reformed Church Act 1972, Schedule 2, Part II, paragraph 2(e), on condition that: (1) the terms of the letting should be the best reasonably obtainable, (2) a reputable estate agent should be used, and should certify to the trustees that the letting complies with the law, and (3) the net income from the letting must be paid into a manse maintenance fund and used in the first instance for maintaining that property or other manses for the time being within the same formally-declared joint pastorate, with any balance above £5,000 at the end of each year being available for general church purposes. (Trustees: URC (NP) Trust Ltd)

17/67 ST BEDE, SUNDERLAND

Synod rescinds resolution 14/03, and concurs with the request of the St Bede Church Meeting, and approves the letting of the manse at 12 Ewesley Road, Sunderland, under the United Reformed Church Act 1972, Schedule 2, Part II, paragraph 2(e), on condition that: (1) the terms of the letting should be the best reasonably obtainable, (2) a reputable estate agent should be used, and should certify to the trustees that the letting complies with the law, and (3) the net income from the letting must be paid into a manse maintenance fund and used in the first instance for maintaining that property or other manses for the time being within the same formally-declared joint pastorate, with any balance above £5,000 at the end of each year being available for general church purposes. (Trustees: URC (NP) Trust Ltd)

17/68 JESMOND

Synod rescinds resolution 14/05, and concurs with the request of the Jesmond Church Meeting, and approves the letting of any or all of that part of Haldane House known as 49 Burdon Terrace, Jesmond, Newcastle upon Tyne (comprising the ground floor, the front garden and car park, the rear yard, cellar, the outbuildings in the rear yard and the office above the garage), under the United Reformed Church Act 1972, Schedule 2, Part I, paragraph 2(e), on condition that: (1) the terms of the letting should be the best reasonably obtainable, (2) a reputable estate agent should be used, and should certify to the trustees that the letting complies with the law, and (3) the net

income from the letting must be paid into a church maintenance fund and used in the first instance for maintaining the church and any associated halls, with any balance at the end of each year being available for general church purposes. (Trustees: URC (NP) Trust Ltd)

17/69 ST COLUMBA'S, NORTH SHIELDS

Synod rescinds resolution 16/42, and concurs with the request of St Columba's Church Meeting, and approves the letting of the manse at 15 West Dene Drive, North Shields, under the United Reformed Church Act 1972, Schedule 2, Part II, paragraph 2(e), on condition that: (1) the terms of the letting should be the best reasonably obtainable, (2) a reputable estate agent should be used, and should certify to the trustees that the letting complies with the law, and (3) the net income from the letting must be paid into a manse maintenance fund and used in the first instance for maintaining that property or other manses for the time being within the same formally-declared joint pastorate, with any balance above £5,000 at the end of each year being available for general church purposes. (Trustees: URC (NP) Trust Ltd)

17/70 ERSKINE & ST CUTHBERT'S, BELFORD & NORTH SUNDERLAND

Synod rescinds resolution 16/84, and concurs with the request of Erskine & St Cuthbert's Church Meeting, and approves the letting of the manse at 5 Nursery Lane, Belford, under the United Reformed Church Act 1972, Schedule 2, Part II, paragraph 2(e), on condition that: (1) the terms of the letting should be the best reasonably obtainable, (2) a reputable estate agent should be used, and should certify to the trustees that the letting complies with the law, and (3) the net income from the letting must be paid into a manse maintenance fund and used in the first instance for maintaining that property or other manses for the time being within the same formally-declared joint pastorate, with any balance above £5,000 at the end of each year being available for general church purposes. (Trustees: URC (NP) Trust Ltd)

17/71 WIDDRINGTON

Synod rescinds resolution 16/85, and concurs with the request of Widdrington Church Meeting, and approves the letting of the manse at Widdrington, Morpeth, under the United Reformed Church Act 1972, Schedule 2, Part II, paragraph 2(e), on condition that: (1) the terms of the letting should be the best reasonably obtainable, (2) a reputable estate agent should be used, and should certify to the trustees that the letting complies with the law, and (3) the net income from the letting must be paid into a manse maintenance fund and used in the first instance for maintaining that property or other manses for the time being within the same formally-declared joint pastorate, with any balance above £5,000 at the end of each year being available for general church purposes. (Trustees: Widdrington URC Trustees)

17/72 STOCKTON

Synod extends resolution 16/46 and approves the letting of the manse at 9 Springfield Avenue, Hartburn, Stockton-on-Tees, under the United Reformed Church Act 1972, Schedule 2, Part II, paragraph 2(e), for up to 1 year from 31 July 2017, on condition that: (1) the terms of the letting

should be the best reasonably obtainable, (2) a reputable estate agent should be used, and should certify to the trustees that the letting complies with the law, and (3) the net income from the letting must be paid into a manse maintenance fund and used in the first instance for maintaining that property or other manses for the time being within the same formally-declared joint pastorate, with any balance above £5,000 at the end of each year being available for general church purposes. (Trustees: URC (NP) Trust Ltd)

Acting on behalf of Synod, the Synod Executive Committee agreed the following resolutions on 12 September 2017:

17/73 STOCKTON ROAD, SUNDERLAND

Synod rescinds resolutions 15/02 and 17/48, concurs with the decision of Stockton Road Church Meeting, and approves the sale of the West Park Church Centre at Stockton Road, Sunderland, under the United Reformed Church Act 1972, Schedule 2, Part I, paragraph 2(c), and to allocate the net proceeds of sale in accordance with Synod policy in the following order: (1) to settling any loans and outstanding debts owed by Stockton Road United Reformed Church, (2) to a separately identified fund to be applied (a) towards any major repairs or refurbishment works at St George's Church Centre, Belvedere Road, Sunderland, during a period of 5 years from the date of sale and (b) any balance remaining thereafter in the following proportions: 50% to the general funds of Stockton Road United Reformed Church, 10% to the Synod General Fund, 15% to the Synod Mission Fund, and 25% to the Synod Property Fund. (Trustees: URC (NP) Trust Ltd)

17/74 FALSTONE & KIELDER

Synod rescinds resolutions 15/58 and 17/50, and (noting that the building is no longer used) concurs with the recommendation of the North East District Council, and resolves that the Kielder Church at Deadwater Road, Kielder, Hexham, is no longer useful, and instructs the trustees to sell the property under the United Reformed Church Act 1972, Schedule 2, Part I, paragraph 5, and to allocate the net proceeds of sale in accordance with Synod policy in the following order: (1) to settling any loans and outstanding debts owed by Falstone & Kielder United Reformed Church, (2) to a separately identified fund to be applied (a) towards any major repairs or refurbishment works at Falstone Church, The Croft, Falstone, Hexham, during a period of 5 years from the date of sale and (b) any balance remaining thereafter in the following proportions: 50% to the general funds of Falstone & Kielder United Reformed Church, 10% to the Synod General Fund, 15% to the Synod Mission Fund, and 25% to the Synod Property Fund. (Trustees: URC (NP) Trust Ltd)

17/75 FELTON

Synod rescinds resolutions 16/1 and 17/51, and (noting that the church has now closed) concurs with the recommendation of the North East District Council, and resolves that the church and hall at Felton United Reformed Church, West Thirston, Morpeth, is no longer useful, and instructs the trustees to sell the property under the United Reformed Church Act 1972, Schedule 2, Part I, paragraph 5, and to allocate the net proceeds of sale in accordance with Synod policy in the following order: (1) to settling any loans and outstanding debts owed by Felton United Reformed

Church, and (2) any balance remaining thereafter in the following proportions: 20% to the Synod General Fund, 30% to the Synod Mission Fund, and 50% to the Synod Property Fund.

(Trustees: URC (NP) Trust Ltd)

17/76 LINGDALE

Synod rescinds resolutions 16/82 and 17/53, and (noting that the church in Lingdale has closed) concurs with the recommendation of the North East District Council, and resolves that the manse at 2 Stanghow Road, Lingdale, Saltburn-by-the-Sea, is no longer useful, and instructs the trustees to sell the property under the United Reformed Church Act 1972, Schedule 2, Part II, paragraph 5, and to allocate the net proceeds of sale in accordance with Synod policy in the following order: (1) to settling any loans and outstanding debts owed by Lingdale United Reformed Church, (2) to a separately identified fund to be applied (a) towards the purchase, construction, repair or redevelopment of suitable replacement premises within the East Cleveland Group, during a period of 5 years from the date of sale and (b) any balance remaining thereafter in the following proportions: 30% to the United Reformed Church Retired Ministers' Housing Society Limited, and 70% to the Synod Manse Fund.

(Trustees: URC (NP) Trust Ltd)

17/77 NORTHGATE, DARLINGTON

Synod rescinds resolutions 16/83 and 17/54, and (noting that the church at Union Street is to be demolished owing to fire damage) concurs with the recommendation of the North East District Council, and resolves that the former Bethel United Reformed Church, hall and house at 10-12 Union Street, Darlington are no longer useful, and instructs the trustees to sell the property under the United Reformed Church Act 1972, Schedule 2, Part I, paragraph 5, and to allocate the net proceeds of sale in accordance with Synod policy in the following order: (1) to settling any loans and outstanding debts owed by Northgate United Reformed Church, Darlington, (2) to a separately identified fund to be applied (a) towards any major repairs or refurbishment works at Northgate United Reformed Church, during a period of 5 years from the date of sale and (b) any balance remaining thereafter in the following proportions: 50% to the general funds of Northgate United Reformed Church, 10% to the Synod General Fund, 15% to the Synod Mission Fund, and 25% to the Synod Property Fund.

(Trustees: Union Street Trustees)

17/78 STOCKTON

Synod rescinds resolutions 16/86 and 17/55, and (noting that the church no longer needs nor is able to sustain two buildings) concurs with the recommendation of the North East District Council, and resolves that the Queens Park Church at Alma Street, Stockton-on-Tees, is no longer useful, and instructs the trustees to sell the property under the United Reformed Church Act 1972, Schedule 2, Part I, paragraph 5, and to allocate the net proceeds of sale in accordance with Synod policy in the following order: (1) to settling any loans and outstanding debts owed by Stockton United Reformed Church, (2) to a separately identified fund to be applied (a) towards any major repairs or refurbishment works at St Andrew & St George Church, Yarm Lane, Stockton-on-Tees, during a period of 5 years from the date of sale and (b) any balance remaining thereafter in the following proportions: 50% to the general funds of Stockton United Reformed Church, 10% to the

Synod General Fund, 15% to the Synod Mission Fund, and 25% to the Synod Property Fund.
(Trustees: URC (NP) Trust Ltd)

17/79 ST ANDREW'S, NUNTHORPE & MARTON

Synod rescinds resolution 12/90, concurs with the previous request of the St Andrew's Church Meeting, and approves the letting of the manse at 10 Farington Drive, Marton-in-Cleveland, Middlesbrough, under the United Reformed Church Act 1972, Schedule 2, Part II, paragraph 2(e), from 11 November 2012 on condition that: (1) the terms of the letting should be the best reasonably obtainable, (2) a reputable estate agent should be used, and should certify to the trustees that the letting complies with the law, and (3) the net income from the letting must be paid into a manse maintenance fund and used in the first instance for maintaining that property or other manses for the time being within the same formally-declared joint pastorate, with any balance above £5,000 at the end of each year being available for general church purposes.
(Trustees: URC (NP) Trust Ltd)

17/80 JOHN KNOX, WEST DENTON

Synod concurs with the decision of West Denton Church Meeting and approves the letting of the manse at 58 Ashdale Crescent, Chapel House, Newcastle upon Tyne under the United Reformed Church Act 1972, Schedule 2, Part II, paragraph 2(e), on condition that: (1) the terms of the letting should be the best reasonably obtainable, (2) a reputable estate agent should be used, and should certify to the trustees that the letting complies with the law, and (3) the net income from the letting must be paid into a manse maintenance fund and used in the first instance for maintaining that property or other manses for the time being within the same formally-declared joint pastorate, with any balance above £5,000 at the end of each year being available for general church purposes.
(Trustees: URC (NP) Trust Ltd)

17/81 CROMER AVENUE, GATESHEAD

Subject to the concurrence of the Cromer Avenue Church Meeting, Synod approves the letting of the the manse at 33 Cromer Avenue, Low Fell, Gateshead, under the United Reformed Church Act 1972, Schedule 2, Part II, paragraph 2(e), on condition that: (1) the terms of the letting should be the best reasonably obtainable, (2) a reputable estate agent should be used, and should certify to the trustees that the letting complies with the law, and (3) the net income from the letting must be paid into a manse maintenance fund and used in the first instance for maintaining that property or other manses for the time being within the same formally-declared joint pastorate, with any balance above £5,000 at the end of each year being available for general church purposes.
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.....Moderator

.....Synod Clerk

.....Date