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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**1987 No. 1279**

**ECCLESIASTICAL LAW**

**The Methodist Church Act 1976 (Guernsey) Order 1987**

*Made - - - - 21st July 1987*

*Coming into force in accordance with Article 1*

Her Majesty, in pursuance of sections 28 and 30 of the Methodist Church Act 1976<sup>(1)</sup>, is pleased, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, to order, and it is hereby ordered, as follows:

1. This Order may be cited as the Methodist Church Act 1976 (Guernsey) Order 1987 and shall come into force on the date on which it is registered on the records of the Island of Guernsey.
2. The Methodist Church Act 1976 shall extend to the Bailiwick of Guernsey with the exceptions, adaptations and modifications specified in the Schedule to this Order.
3. The Methodist Church Union Act 1929<sup>(2)</sup> shall cease to extend to the Bailiwick of Guernsey.

*G. I. de Deney*  
Clerk of the Privy Council

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(1) 1976 c.xxx.  
(2) 1929 c. lix.

SCHEDULE

Article 2

EXCEPTIONS, ADAPTATIONS AND MODIFICATIONS IN THE EXTENSION OF  
THE METHODIST CHURCH ACT 1976 TO THE BAILIWICK OF GUERNSEY

1. In section 1—
  - (a) in subsection (2), the words from “but no Standing Orders” to the end shall be omitted; and
  - (b) for subsection (3) there shall be substituted the following subsection—

“(3) In this section “the appointed day” means the date of coming into operation of the Law of 1987.”.
2. In section 2(1)—
  - (a) in the definition of “acceptance by the Board”, for the words “section 13 (As to seal) of the Act of 1939” there shall be substituted the words “section 4(2) of the Law of 1987”;
  - (b) the definition of “the Act of 1969” shall be omitted;
  - (c) for the definition of “the Board” there shall be substituted the following definition—

““the Board” means the Trustees for the Bailiwick of Guernsey Methodist Church Purposes established by the Law of 1987;”;
  - (d) the definitions of “the Charities Act” and “the Commissioners” shall be omitted;
  - (e) after the definition of “the Conference” there shall be inserted the following definition—

““the Court” means the Royal Court of Guernsey sitting as an Ordinary Court;”;
  - (f) after the definition of “land” there shall be inserted the following definition—

““the Law of 1987” means the Methodist Church (Bailiwick of Guernsey) Law 1987;”;
  - (g) for the definition of “model deed” there shall be substituted the following definition—

““model deed” means any deed mentioned in Schedule 1 to this Act;”;
  - (h) in the definition of “model deed property” the words in brackets shall be omitted; and
  - (i) at the end of the definition of “property” there shall be inserted the words “and in sections 12, 13, 14 and 15 means property situated in the Bailiwick of Guernsey”.
3. In section 9—
  - (a) in subsection (1)—
    - (i) for the words in brackets after “this section” there shall be substituted the words “which, together with section 5(1) and (2) of the Law of 1987, are in this Act referred to as “the model trust vesting provisions” ”, and
    - (ii) in the definition of “relevant property”, the words “or by virtue of the operation of section 16 (Termination of sharing agreements) of this Act” shall be omitted;
  - (b) subsection (2) shall be omitted;
  - (c) in subsection (3), for the words from “section 10” to the end there shall be substituted the words “section 5(3) of the Law of 1987”; and
  - (d) subsections (4), (5), (6), (8) and (9) shall be omitted.
4. In section 10, subsections (2) and (3), for the words “Commissioners shall have given their prior consent” there shall be substituted the words “Court shall have given its prior consent”.
5. In section 12—
  - (a) in subsection (3), for the words from “subsection (2)” to the end there shall be substituted the words “subsections (1) and (2) of section 5 of the Law of 1987”; and

- (b) in subsection (4), for the words “subsection (2) of the said section 9” there shall be substituted the words “subsections (1) and (2) of section 5 of the Law of 1987”.
6. In section 13(2), for the words from “subsection (2)” to the end there shall be substituted the words “subsections (1) and (2) of section 5 of the Law of 1987”.
7. Section 16 shall be omitted.
8. In section 17(2), after the words “of this Act” there shall be inserted the words “or section 5 of the Law of 1987”.
9. In section 18(3), after the words “enactment or instrument” in both places where they occur there shall be inserted the words “or any rule of law applicable in the Bailiwick of Guernsey”.
10. In section 24(3), the words from “and the Conference shall procure” to the end shall be omitted.
11. For section 26 there shall be substituted the following section—
- “26. Nothing in this Act shall affect any power or jurisdiction of Her Majesty or the Court to alter the trusts of any charity.”
12. Sections 27, 28, 29, 30 and 31 shall be omitted.
13. In Schedule 1, Part II shall be omitted.
- 14.—(1) In Schedule 2, Part I—
- (a) in the definition of “local purposes”, the words in brackets shall be omitted; and
- (b) in the definition of “new model trust property”, for the words “sections 12 to 16” there shall be substituted the words “sections 12 to 15”.
- (2) In Schedule 2, Part III, paragraph 13(1) shall be omitted.
- (3) In Schedule 2, Part III, paragraph 14—
- (a) after sub-paragraph (2) there shall be inserted the following sub-paragraph—
- “(2A) Notwithstanding that any of the members of any church or congregation hereinafter mentioned may not subscribe to the doctrinal standards, the managing trustees may with the consent of such person or persons as the Conference may by Standing Order prescribe permit the use of a place of worship or any other premises comprised in the property by members of one or more Christian churches or congregations either for particular occasions or for a period which shall not in any case exceed twelve months, provided that (i) such permission shall be given only upon terms that it is revocable by the managing trustees and (ii) such consent as aforesaid shall be given only in cases where to grant such permission would not (having regard to all the circumstances) itself infringe or offend the doctrinal standards.”; and
- (b) in sub-paragraph (3), for the words “Subject to the foregoing sub-paragraph and to any provision of the Act of 1969 or of any sharing agreement made thereunder affecting the property or any part thereof” there shall be substituted the words “Subject to sub-paragraphs (2) and (2A) of this paragraph”.
- (4) In Schedule 2, Part III, paragraph 21, the words after “this Act” shall be omitted.
- (5) In Schedule 2, Part III, paragraph 26—
- (a) at the end of sub-paragraph (2)(a) there shall be inserted the word “or”; and
- (b) the word “or” at the end of sub-paragraph (2)(b) and the whole of sub-paragraph (2)(c) shall be omitted.

(6) In Schedule 2, Part III, paragraph 27(5), the words from “and the Conference shall procure” to the end shall be omitted.

15. Schedule 3 shall be omitted.

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### EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Order)*

This Order—

- (a) provides that the Methodist Church Union Act 1929 shall cease to extend to the Bailiwick of Guernsey;
- (b) extends the Methodist Church Act 1976 to the Bailiwick of Guernsey with exceptions, adaptations and modifications.

The 1929 Act authorised the union of the three existing Methodist Churches into the Methodist Church, dealt with the property belonging to the three churches and provided for it to be vested in trust for the Methodist Church. That Act is repealed for Great Britain by the 1976 Act, section 28 of which authorises that it may be provided by Order in Council that it cease to extend to any of the Channel Islands.

The 1976 Act makes provisions concerning the constitution, purposes and doctrinal standards of the Methodist Church in Great Britain, re-enacts with modifications some provisions of the 1929 Act and vests church property in the Trustees for Methodist Churches Purposes. This Order modifies the 1976 Act in its application to the Bailiwick of Guernsey by the substitution, for those trustees, of the Trustees for the Bailiwick of Guernsey Methodist Church Purposes, a body established by the Methodist Church (Guernsey) Law 1987. Such of the other provisions of the 1976 Act as are extended to Guernsey are modified to accord with local circumstances.