MINISTERIAL COMMITTEE

This committee consists of four directors, one of whom shall be elected as Chairman. Directors who serve on this Committee must have been a UEC Minister for a minimum of two years.

The Committee on behalf of the Board will:

- 1. consider and rule as necessary on all ministerial and doctrinal matters, and where appropriate make necessary recommendations and reports to the Board,
- 2. consider/interview and report to the Board on all candidates for Senior Minister, Minister, and Associate Minister positions, and where appropriate arrange for mentoring,
- 3. consider and recommend to the Board the appointment of Moderators,
- 4. be responsible for making positive interventions in pursuit of encouraging Ministers to participate in the governance of the UEC through organising training and/or experience as appropriate,
- 5. monitor the spiritual well-being of all UEC Churches, and organise assistance as appropriate,
- 6. keep under review the Agreement for Common Purposes that governs the relationship between local Churches and the UEC, and make proposals for updating and liaising with the F&GP as appropriate,
- 7. give advice concerning matters of governance that are the responsibility of the MC and where appropriate provide interpretation and application of Scripture to topics that are of concern to Christians,
- 8. where changes in practice, as distinct from policy, are concerned will publish amended entries in the Handbook, which shall be treated as approved unless an objection is received by the Company Secretary from a Director within 28 days of publication,
- 9. enquire into and rule on matters of Church discipline in a spirit of reconciliation and restoration, and
- 10. as opportunity arises identify and evaluate other Churches or Christian groups which would gain mutual benefit through joining in common purpose with the UEC.

The duties of the Committee:

- 1. it will appoint a Chairman from within the Committee, to serve on an annual basis,
- 2. it will produce and keep minutes of all meetings and produce report(s) for the Board,
- 3. it will ensure a quorum of two Directors,
- 4. the Company Secretary will act as Clerk to the Committee and will attend all Ministerial and Board meetings. Should he be unable to attend, the Committee will appoint a Minute-taker,
- 5. it will co-opt persons with expertise to the Committee with voting rights for an appropriate period, in accordance with the Memorandum & Articles of Association (item 5.3 of the Articles refers), for one year, renewable.

Ministerial appointments in the UEC

All Candidates are required to meet the conditions set out in the Memorandum of Agreement & Articles of Association to pass a Selection Panel. The Ministerial Committee will form a Selection Panel containing at least three Ministers to interview the Candidate, who must have the support of 75% of church membership of the Church where they intend to Minister, then be approved by the Ministerial Committee, and then be approved and appointed by the UEC Board.

The Youth Connect Committee

This committee is temporarily inactive.