

CONFERENCE BUSINESS COMMITTEE “J” Churches Agency on Social Issues

CONVENER: David Beeston

QUESTION 36: What are the decisions of Conference on matters relating to the Churches' Agency on Social Issues?
(a) Churches Agency on Social Issues

Report pp J1 – J3

INFORMATION DECISIONS:

1. The report is received
2. Conference re-affirms the aims of the Agency as set out in the report.
3. The Methodist members of CASI for the year 2007 will be David Beeston (Convenor), Wendy Conwell, Ken Rae, Matthew Roberts and Fletcher Thomas.

Preamble: Sustainability:

CASI believes there is overwhelming evidence that the Earth's ecosystem is in crisis now.
CASI believes there is overwhelming evidence that human activity and greed have caused this crisis.
CASI believes the Bible calls Christians to care for God's creation and be responsible stewards of the ecosystem God has entrusted us with.

4. This conference urges congregations to be conscientious in ordering congregational life on sound principles of sustainability, and honour our responsibility to be God's stewards for the Earth.
5. This conference urges congregations to be pro-active in their local communities in challenging and educating people about sustainable living.

QUESTION 36: What are the decisions of Conference on matters relating to the Churches' Agency on Social Issues?
(b) Inter-Church Bio-ethics Council

Report Page J3-J4

DECISIONS:

1. The report be received.
2. That the Methodist members for 2007 shall be Audrey Jarvis, Barbara Peddie and one to be appointed