

The Sanson Trust

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Methodist Local Preachers' Trust**

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The Sanson Trust began with a bequest of one hundred pounds, given by local preacher Henry Sanson.

Who was Henry Sanson?

Henry Sanson, English-born son of Ann (nee Lucas) and Robert Sanson, came with them to Wellington on the "Tyne" in 1841 and settled in Petone, where he was a child in the Sunday School. Sadly, it was not long before his mother Ann was the first person buried in the cemetery on the corner of Bridge and Marsden Streets, Lower Hutt. Henry became a Sunday School teacher, as well as one of the second batch of Trustees elected for the Lower Hutt Wesleyan Chapel in 1869. A versatile man, he also repaired the harmonium. At the age of 21 he married Sarah Bolton in Melbourne.

A carrier, he had been secretary of the Hutt Branch of the Manawatu Small Farms Association set up in 1866, and in 1872 moved with his brother Thomas and other Hutt Methodists to a 5000-acre block in the Manawatu district to start farming. For his effort he was rewarded by the town of Sanson being named in his honour.

Naturally Methodist services were started there by the settlers soon after their arrival – at first in the home of Mr and Mrs Farmer – and were conducted by visiting ministers or any other available preachers – including Henry Sanson. In 1875 a sturdy wooden church was built of the best materials available. The 1975 Sanson Methodist Centennial book includes the following observation:

"Those early Methodist settlers were men and women of vision, faith, courage, devotion and determination, based on their personal experiences of the working of God in their lives and affairs. These experiences gave them confidence to believe that God would guide and sustain them in the future as in the past." (page 15)

In the 1880s Sanson was the main town of Manawatu, before it was bypassed by the main trunk railway line. At Sanson either Henry or his son Henry Junior (who ran the biggest saddlery between Wanganui and Wellington) were active in politics - one being a Councillor for the Manawatu County Council. When funds were being raised for a public hall at Sanson, political rival JG Wilson MP (later Sir James) would only contribute to the hall if it did not bear the Sanson name. Consequently the hall was named for Lord Sandon, one of the principals of the Colonial Land Company in England whose name was applied to the wider district. Thus the Sandon hall stood across the street from the Sanson Post Office and Sanson School, raising many questions for people passing through and newcomers.

Henry Sanson Senior returned in retirement to the Wellington area. The obituary by WJ Williams in *The Outlook* 30.1.1909 says, "First in the Hutt, then in the Manawatu district, he was untiring in his support of Methodist services, leaving everywhere substantial memorials of his wisely-directed zeal and liberality... He united a clear head to a warm heart and a liberal hand, a combination of qualities not too frequently met with. He entered most cordially into the movement for Church Extension in Wellington, and the quietly impressive way in which, at the inaugural public meeting, in the midst of much bubbling over of enthusiasm, he announced his intention to give 300 pounds will not be soon forgotten. Every Sunday afternoon found him walking the considerable distance that stretched between his home at Clyde Quay and the home for the Aged needy at Newtown where he conducted for the inmates." In a second obituary in *The Outlook*, "F.C" adds, "He was generous to the poor, and there are some who will miss his kindly benefactions."

Henry, who died on 20 January 1909 in his 73rd year, is buried at the Karori Cemetery (Area A2, Block A, Row 8 Plot 075) together with his widow Sarah who died 1 March 1913 in her 76th year. No other Henry Sansons died in New Zealand between these two dates, so with the known record of Henry Senior's generosity and his own history of local preaching, it is reasonably conclusive that it was indeed he who provided the bequest to the local preachers.

Henry Sanson's bequest becomes the Sanson Trust

The words concerning the bequest in Henry Sanson's will (made well before the 1913 union of New Zealand's two remaining Methodist Churches, and separation from the Australian Conference) are:

"I give to the Wellington Branch of the Methodist Church of Australasia in New Zealand Local preachers' Mutual Aid Association the sum of one hundred pounds to be invested under the direction of the Conference of the said Church and the income thereby to be from time to time applied in such manner as the said Conference shall consider most beneficial for the said association."

The Sanson Bequest Trust to administer the fund was set up in terms of the 1927 Conference Resolution (pages 146 and 147). The Deed dated December 5 1928 (for full wording see appendix 2 at the end of this report) includes the following requirements:

1. That a Trust be formed to administer the Sanson Bequest and certain other moneys which are in the hands of Messrs John Jacobson, of Petone, and David James Aldersley of Lower Hutt, on behalf of the local preachers in the Wellington provincial District.
2. That Wellington City and Suburban ministers appoint one local preacher from each circuit to be Trustees of the fund. That in case of a vacancy occurring the Superintendent of the Circuit in which the vacancy occurred shall nominate a local preacher to fill the vacancy. That the Superintendent of Petone Circuit be the superintendent of the Trust.
3. That the objects of the Trust shall be:-
 - (1) To assist local preachers on trial to acquire suitable books and other literature for the Local Preachers' Study Course;
 - (2) To aid preachers to acquire, by establishing a Local Preachers' Library, first class knowledge for their work in the service of the Methodist Church;
 - (3) To render aid to necessitous local preachers.

History of the Fund's Assets

Although the bequest was initially administered through Conference, by 1927 the responsibility had been devolved to the Wellington branch of the Local Preachers' Association. EW Hames would later describe the Association of that time as "active under a formidable but rather old-fashioned executive in Wellington." (*Coming of Age* page 75) This body of men, who addressed each other as "Brother", was informed of the provisions made for their benefit and asked to co-operate with the Trust in ensuring "the immediate functioning of the scheme."

The trust was initially known as the Sanson Bequest Trust, but in 1929 was changed to "The Wellington Provincial District Methodist Local Preachers' Trustees." Presumably, the chairmanship of the Petone Methodist Superintendent Minister came about because of Henry Sanson's links to Petone. The capital was invested in a £100 30-year debenture with the Eastbourne Borough Council. This was to pay 6½% interest each year and in 1928 the debenture document was sent to Mr HP Mourant.

By 1927, when administration of the fund came to Wellington, in addition to the Eastbourne £100 debenture the assets included £120 in the Post Office Savings Bank, so one of the new Trust's first acts was to invest a further £100 in gilt edged securities at 5½% interest, and propose that interest only be used to make payments –in line with the terms of the bequest. As these investments came due they were re-invested until, when the last debentures were repaid into the Post Office Savings Bank.

Payments from the Fund

The first payment to a "necessitous local preacher" recorded in the minutes was of £20 to Mr JE Eyres of 22 Queen Street Petone. With meetings taking place every two years, payments were of a somewhat intermittent nature. Some of the more unusual payments covered accidents in which preachers were involved while travelling to and from preaching appointments. Questions arose over paying benefits to two former Wellington preachers who had recently shifted to Palmerston North, to those who were studying but had not completed training, and again, the terms of the trust were carefully looked at when paying out money for injuries/damages in accidents – one payment being made gratuitously as it needed to be made clear that the Trust was not an insurance fund. Payments to widows were not made where such a payment would only result in a reduction of the widow's benefit by the amount donated.

The 1930s depression resulted in not only greater numbers of applications for help, but also in having to reinvest the Eastbourne debenture at a lower interest rate (4¼%) and to receiving lower interest from the Post Office Savings Bank. Trustees recognised in 1951 that the invested capital sum must not fall below £200. In 1962 a further £100 from the POSB Account was invested in Government Stock.

From time to time, donations of up to one guinea were made to local preachers to help them buy books. From November 1948, in association with the Wellington Local Preachers' Association, a library of resource books for local preachers was built up. It was known as the Henry Sanson Memorial Library, and the books were chosen as the most relevant and up to date available at the time. The first £14 worth (38 books) included not only Wesley's 44 sermons and notes thereon, but also a full set of reports on the first World Council of Churches Assembly at Amsterdam (1948). From 1953 the library was housed in a glass-fronted cabinet in the Wesley Bible Class rooms. With the Epworth Press giving a 50% discount to local preachers, the Library got good value for money spent. With the Library well established, and few calls for granting aid to preachers the Trust secretary consulted the Connexional Secretary to see whether the aims and objects of the original trust should in any way be widened to make the trust of greater benefit to the local branch of the local Preachers' Association and whether, for example, grants could be made for branch working expenses. The reply was received in 1954 but the content is not listed in the records. A copy of the Deed was lodged with the Connexional Office at that time. Each year Annual reports and balance sheets were submitted to Conference, but by 1954 they were no longer published in the Conference reports on the grounds that they had a district reference only.

As an extension of the objects of the Trust, it was decided in 1958 to write encouraging letters to aged and hospitalised local preachers. Another suggestion – which does not appear to have eventuated – was to present challenge cups in memory of Brothers J Belton and STS Martin, for competition in public speaking and debating among Methodist youth, with a view to stimulating interest in local preaching.

As Circuits were divided and new ones formed, a local preacher from each new circuit was invited onto the Trust. It was proposed in 1956 that a subscription to "The Preacher" be given to each newly qualifying lay preacher.

The only dissension regarding claims on the fund arose through ongoing claims, from 1952, for assistance for the family of the late Victor Jacobsen. These claims were made by Mr David Simpson of Howard Point, who had been appointed a Trustee in 1934 but attended only one meeting in 1935 and received grants of £20 and £5 for need in 1935 and 1936 respectively. Rev Payne advised in 1947 that Mr Simpson had resigned as a Local Preacher some years ago and no longer attended Petone Church. He also considered that Mr V Jacobsen who did not attend local leaders' or quarterly meetings, would probably not be of great value to the Trust as the Petone appointee. Although he was still appointed – as the only other local preacher available from Petone – he attended only one meeting.

According to Mr Simpson, Mr Jacobsen was an active lay preacher from 1924 to 1949 and took ill immediately following a service which he conducted, an illness from which he did not recover. He left a widow and six children with three being under age 16. Mrs Jacobsen's minister was of the opinion that such a grant would embarrass her, and was also well aware that to grant £50 was well beyond the means of the Trust. Another point against making a grant was that since her widow's benefit would be reduced by the amount of any grant she would be no better off. By June 1953 Mrs Jacobsen was well established in a business in Petone and her minister was convinced there was no legitimate claim on the funds.

Although Simpson took three years to make the claim, he took offence over the time the Trust took to reply, began making unsubstantiated claims about it being 14 years since the Trust had made any grant, and demanded to see recent sets of accounts – although he was no longer a Trustee. The Chairman (the Rev JB Dawson) felt there was no pressing case, but reported fully on the correspondence between himself, members of the Dominion Executive, and others regarding Mr Simpson's complaints at the lack of attention to his request. The secretary's offer to talk personally with Mr Simpson about the decision was accepted by the Trust. After further correspondence Mr Simpson was firmly told that there was to be no grant and that the application had lapsed.

Events after 1962

After 1962 no further meetings were minuted for 14 years, although the 1962 minutes were confirmed by the Rev Frank Woodfield on 4 November 1969. Around this time the Fund was described as "A springboard of encouragement for young men as lay preachers." However nothing in the deed prohibits support to women lay preachers. In 1976 the Rev Frank Hanson made a major effort to gather local preacher representatives of all Wellington and Hutt Valley circuits and for the first time a woman – Kath Dickie – was in the contingent.

The Treasurer, Mr Alton Angel reported that the sole asset was the POSB Account balance of \$1175.85, and reminded the meeting of the terms of the Trust. Possibilities of widening or changing the terms of the Trust were considered, but it seemed apparent that there would be considerable difficulties and legal costs involved which might well swallow up a major part of the funds. At that time it was felt inappropriate to hand administration to either the Connexional Office or Synod. It was therefore agreed that the Trust continue to operate as a separate entity and invest \$900 in 5-7 year term company debenture stock. To make best use of the resources, it was decided to make grants for establishing small local libraries of Christian education and preaching resource material - \$50 being granted to each of the Petone, Hutt and Wainuiomata Churches.

Interest from the \$900 investment was direct credited to the Trust's POSB Account and the capital from the debenture was also added to this balance in 1985. The account continued to gather interest, and in 2000, on the retirement of Secretary/Treasurer Alton Angel, it was considered appropriate to transfer the custody of the funds (\$2557.85) to the Wellington District Synod, where in an ANZ Serious Saver Account interest has continued to be earned. No further grants have been made.

Looking to the future

The Synod is called upon to make a decision regarding the future of this Fund.

The following points need to be borne in mind –

1. A legal opinion given was that there is no reason why Conference cannot alter the terms of the deed. However as the cost may consume the bulk of the fund such action could be counter productive in achieving the aims of the donor.
2. Therefore it could be more creative to look at what use can be made of the fund within its present guidelines. Use of funds for running the Local Preachers Association was ruled out by Connexional Secretary Fiebig, except for help with mailing out the preaching magazine. The three things provided for are:
 - * literature for lay preachers
 - * a library for lay preachers
 - * grants to necessitous preachers.These three areas have been covered in the past by
 - * Granting a book or year's subscription to a preaching magazine to each newly qualified lay preacher.
 - * Establishing a library, but this became out of date. Grants were also made to three parishes for parish resources for lay preachers.
 - * Making grants to preachers in need – but carefully avoiding being seen as an insurance fund.
3. The decision of the Trustees was that capital remain intact and interest only paid out. This is not spelled out in the Trust Deed.
4. The fund was established for the benefit of local preachers in the service of the Methodist Church in the Wellington area.
5. The Circuits described in the Deed have now been re-organised, but a precedent was determined in that when a fresh Circuit was established in the Wellington area, it too was entitled to appoint one of its lay preachers as a Trustee.
6. Terminology and organisations have changed. Circuits are now Parishes, with the majority being uniting congregations. Ministers are now presbyters, and with reorganised boundaries the term Superintendent Minister is used less. However, as the Wellington Methodist Local Preachers' Association still exists under the name of the Wellington Methodist Lay Preachers Association the possibility of reactivating the Trust for their benefit is an option. This would, under terms of the Trust Deed require chairmanship by the Petone Methodist minister and a lay preacher representative from each parish in the Wellington Methodist District.
7. Conference 2003 called for the payment of book allowances to active Lay Preachers.
8. Bearing in mind the points above, the following options are suggested to Synod as possible ways forward.

OPTION ONE

- * If it is considered that the role of the Trust has been filled by its activities to 1976 and that the needs for which it was established no longer apply, ask Conference to have the Trust wound up, and funds added to Synod funds – Synod to determine the purpose to which this will be applied, subject to there being any after the legal expenses of winding up have been met.

OPTION TWO

- * Form a Committee to consider asking Conference to change the terms of reference for the trust so that it may fill needs which are considered relevant. Use any remaining funds after meeting legal expenses as the nucleus of a fund to which further donations are invited and from which grants may be made.

OPTION THREE

- * Reactivate the Trust under present provisions - appoint fresh trustees from each parish. Reinvest say \$1500 of funds and use the rest of the current balance plus ongoing interest to provide grants to parishes to provide book grants for active lay preachers.

OPTION FOUR

- * Reactivate the Trust under present provisions- appoint fresh trustees from each parish. Reinvest say \$1500 of funds and use the rest of the current balance plus ongoing interest to provide grants for active lay preachers to buy resources. To cover the full number with a reasonable level of grant, further funding would need to be invested to raise the level of income.

APPENDIX ONE – PAYMENTS MADE BY THE TRUST, AS RECORDED IN MINUTES

- 1928 £20 to Mr John A Eyres of 22 Queen Street Petone
- 1931 £10 to Mr Harry Dixon of Palmerston North
- 1933 £10 to Mr John Chatterton of Brooklyn
- 1934 Further £10 to Mr John Chatterton of Brooklyn
- 1935 Further £5 to Mr John Chatterton of Brooklyn, due to long unemployment and illness of his wife.
- 1935 £20 to Mr D Simpson and £10 to Mr J Jacobson
- 1936 Further payments of £5 each to Messrs J Jacobson and D Simpson
- 1941 £25 to JV Burton who injured a young lady in an accident on the way to a preaching appointment. Burton's settlement required him to pay £50 forthwith plus £1 a week for two years.
- 1942 Further £15 to JV Burton (Dominion Local Preachers Association also gave him £25.)
- 1947 Proposed grant of £25 to widow of late preacher JR Wright lapsed as not legally allowable – Wright no longer resident in Wellington province at time of death.
- 1948 £10 to the Wellington Branch of the Local Preachers' Association for establishing a library of suitable books for furthering their study by local preachers in this Province. Books to include a sticker to distinguish them as granted by the Sanson Bequest Trust, thereby commemorating the donor of the Trust as an inspiration to oncoming preachers.
- 1949 £5 towards the Wellington Branch of Wellington LPA Library.
£10 Douglas Chisholm in appreciation of work for Wellington Local Preachers' Association – due to his circumstances.
- 1951 Gratuitous grant of £2/10/- to cover travelling expenses of the branch incurred by them re Brother N Chisholm's trip to Eketahuna in May 1949 and the accident en route. Noted that the fund is not an insurance fund against accidents.
Up to £5 (not exceeding actual cost) for suitable bookplate for Sanson Trust books in the library.
Further grant of £2/10/- to Wellington Branch of Local preachers' Association for current year's working expenses.
- 1953 £5 for the WLPA Library, and £5 for producing the newsletter which publicised the Library. Request for help toward the Local Preachers' tea at Methodist Conference was declined as "it was not within the scope of the Trust to grant aid."
£9 for cabinet to house library books bought with Sanson Trust money.
£16/16/- to Mr D Chisholm to help with nursing expenses for his seriously ill wife.
- 1956 £5 to WLPA Library
- 1962 £20 for WLPA Library and general expenses

APPENDIX TWO – OFFICERS OF THE TRUST

Over the years the following Petone ministers have filled the role of Chairman:

Dawson Rev John B
Hanson Rev E Frank I
Harris Rev Archer O
Horwood Rev Len C
James Rev Benjamin J
Jordan Rev Charles B
Lochore Rev John A
Payne Rev Herbert W
Sage Rev Ernest E
Shaw Rev Harry I
Tozer Rev Henry J
Woodfield Rev Frank

Trustees have included the following local preachers, with those marked TR serving as Treasurer, and those marked SE as Secretary.

Aldersley David James (Lower Hutt) TR
Angel Alton G (Wgtn West) SE TR
Belton J (Wgtn North)
Clarke Herbert F (Wgtn Central)
Clark William H (Ngaio) SE TR
Dickie Mrs Kath (Wgtn East)
Falder Joseph C (Wgtn Central) SE
Fletcher David (Wgtn West)
Gardiner HW (Lower Hutt)
Halliday George (Wgtn North)
Hart Harry (Wgtn West)
Horwood Henry DC (Kilbirnie)
Hosking Leslie H (Lower Hutt) SE
Jacobson John (Petone) TR
Jacobson Victor (Petone)
Martin Samuel TS (Wgtn South) TR
Mourant, Herbert P (Wgtn Central) TR
Newman Dr IV (Wgtn West)
Olds F (Wgtn South)
Penney H (Wgtn East)
Potts Ron (Wgtn Central)
Priestley JO (Johnsonville-Ngaio later Porirua)
Quayle Tom (Hutt-Petone)
Simpson David (Lower Hutt)
Slyfield NS (Wgtn West)
Stock WF (Wgtn East) SE
Sullivan RE (Hutt-Petone)
Swift Albert (Lower Hutt)
Wiren Andy G (Porirua)

APPENDIX THREE – TEXT OF THE TRUST DEED

(Copied from file copy, not original deed – note discrepancy in last signature)

TO ALL WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME WE JOHN ALEXANDER LOCHORE Superintendent of the Petone Circuit of the Methodist Church of New Zealand, WILLIAM HENRY CLARK of Ngaio, Schoolmaster, DAVID FLETCHER of Thorndon, Customs Officer, HERBERT PHILIP MOURANT of Wellington, Accountant, ALBERT SWIFT of Lower Hutt, Railway Employee, JOHN JACOBSON of Petone, Carrier and Contractor, SAMUEL THOMAS SKIPPER MARTIN of Newtown, Harbour Board Employee, AND HENRY DENNIS CHARLES HORWOOD of Kilbirnie, Grocer (hereafter with their and each of their successors in office save where the context requires a different construction referred to as and included in the term "the Trustees")

SEND GREETING

WHEREAS prior to the third day of March 1927 certain moneys then known and hereinafter referred to as "the Sanson Bequest" and certain other moneys vested in the New Zealand Methodist Local preachers Association (Wellington Provincial District) were held by and in the hands of John Jacobson of Petone and David James Aldersley of Lower Hutt

AND WHEREAS by a resolution of the Annual Conference of the Methodist Church of New Zealand begun in Pitt Street Church Auckland on Thursday the third day of March One thousand nine hundred and twenty seven (1927), as is evidenced by the official minutes of such Annual Conference at pages 146 and 147, a resolution was carried in (inter alia) the words following that is to say: -

- "(1) That a Trust be formed to administer the Sanson Bequest and certain other moneys which are in the hands of Messrs John Jacobson of Petone and David James Aldersley of Lower Hutt on behalf of the Local Preachers in Wellington Provincial District
- "(2) That Wellington City and Suburban Superintendent Ministers appoint one local preacher from each Circuit to be Trustees of the Fund. That, in case of a vacancy occurring, the Superintendent of the Circuit in which the vacancy occurred shall nominate a local preacher to fill the vacancy. That the Superintendent of Petone Circuit be the Chairman of the Trust
- "(3) That the objects of the Trust shall be:
 - (1) To assist local preachers on trial to acquire suitable books and other literature for the Local Preachers' Study Course;
 - (2) To aid preachers to acquire, by establishing a Local Preachers' Library, first class knowledge for their work in the service of the Methodist Church.
 - (3) To render aid to necessitous local preachers."

AND WHEREAS the Wellington City and Suburban Circuits comprise the Taranaki Street, Thorndon, Wellington South, Kilbirnie, Johnsonville-Ngaio, Hutt and Porirua Circuits

AND WHEREAS pursuant to the resolution hereinbefore set forth the Trustees have been properly and lawfully appointed to be the Trustees for the time being to administer the said Sanson Bequest and other moneys referred to in such resolution (hereinafter referred to as "the trust funds")

AND WHEREAS no deed of appointment of the trustees as trustees of the trust funds is in existence and it is desired in these presents to set forth the trusts upon which the Trustees hold the trust funds NOW THESE PRESENTS WITNESS do and each one of them doth HEREBY DECLARE that they stand seised of the trust funds IN TRUST for the Local Preachers in the Wellington Provincial District of the New Zealand Methodist Church UPON THE TRUSTS set forth in the said Resolutions appearing on pages 146 and 147 of the official minutes of the Annual Conference of the Methodist Church of New Zealand begun at Pitt Street Church Auckland on Thursday the third day of March 1927 that is to say

- (1) To assist local preachers to acquire suitable books and other literature for the local Preachers' Study Course;
- (2) To aid preachers by establishing a local Preachers' Library first class knowledge for their work in the service of the Methodist Church;
- (3) To render aid to necessitous local preachers

AND THE TRUSTEES do each of them and doth HEREBY DECLARE AND ACKNOWLEDGE that should the Superintendent Minister of any of the Wellington City and Suburban Circuits at any time hereafter declare by a letter addressed to the Chairman for the time being of the trustees (who shall be the Superintendent Minister of the Petone Circuit) that the representatives of that circuit appointed to be a Trustee of the trust funds and holding office as one of the Trustees has ceased so to act that Trustee shall thereupon cease to be a Trustee hereunder and of the trust funds and his successor shall be appointed by the Superintendent Minister of the Circuit in which the vacancy has occurred and his name shall be notified in writing to the Chairman of the trust whereupon any such new Trustee shall enter into such Declaration of Trust as shall be decided upon by the Chairman of the Trust

IN WITNESS whereof these presents have been executed this 5th day of December One thousand and nine hundred and twenty-eight (1928)

SIGNED by the said JOHN ALEXANDER LOCHORE
In the presence of: - William Henry Clark

John Alexander Lochore
(Petone)

SIGNED by the said WILLIAM HENRY CLARK
In the presence of: - J.A. Lochore

William Henry Clark
(Johnsonville-Ngaio)

SIGNED by the said DAVID FLETCHER
In the presence of: - J.A. Lochore

David Fletcher
(Thorndon)

SIGNED by the said HERBERT PHILIP MOURANT
In the presence of: - J.A. Lochore

H.P. Mourant
(Taranaki St.)

SIGNED by the said ALBERT SWIFT
In the presence of: - J.A. Lochore

Albert Swift
(Lower Hutt)

SIGNED by the said JOHN JACOBSON
In the presence of: - J.A. Lochore

John Jacobson
(Petone)

SIGNED by the said SAMUEL THOMAS SKIPPER MARTIN
In the presence of: - J.A. Lochore

S. Martin
(Wellington South)

SIGNED by the said HENRY DENNIS CHARLES HORWOOD
In the presence of: - J.A. Lochore

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Hi Russell,

Sanson Trust and Lay Preachers' Association

I'm sorry I do not yet have the minutes of Synod from 20 March 2004 at Palmerston North – hunted for ages then checked the programme – the next meeting is 22 June, so Ian Harris will be sending out the minutes with the agenda for that meeting.

From memory, the decision of the meeting was that the funds from the Sanson Trust be used to provide the nucleus of a fund to provide for paying out a Book Allowance to lay preachers. Payments of Lay Preachers' Book Allowance was authorised by decision of Methodist Conference 2003. Synod approved the Sanson Trust being re-activated with fresh Trustees to operate within the guidelines of the Deed of Trust.

Copies of the papers prepared for Synod are enclosed. The original correspondence etc is in the hands of the Synod Secretary, Ian Harris and is summarised in my report.

I hope this helps – please ring me if you have any further queries, and I will try to see if I can remember anything else. The matter was dealt with very quickly at the end of a full day's programme – probably took no more than five minutes as Rosalie Sugrue came all ready to get access to the Sanson Trust money towards paying the promised book allowances and everyone was happy that this be done.

Kindest regards,

(Elaine Bolitho)