

## Investment Policy

The Investment Policy of the Lincolnshire Methodist District is to maximise return through investment in ethical funds. The administrative burden should not be greater than the return.

To comply with Methodist Standing Orders, monies for long term investment are lodged with the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes (TMCP). TMCP acts as custodian trustee for all real estate held by Districts and for all large (over £20k) bequests and for the proceeds of sale of any property formerly owned by Districts. These sums are invested in unitised investments or held on deposit. The investment returns are close to tracking the movements in the FTSE100 index. The deposit income mirrors the deposit rates available elsewhere. The District investment policy is aligned with that of the CFB and TMCP because these organisations take into consideration the social, environmental and ethical considerations, both negatively and positively, that make investments suitable for the Methodist Church.

Some District funds are held with the Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church which is committed to seeking both superior returns and improving ethical standards. It invests its funds in portfolios managed in accordance with the principles in the Reports of the Joint Advisory Committee on the Ethics of Investment adopted by the Methodist Conference.

There are no bench marks for the expected returns or appreciation on investments at TMCP and CFB. It is the District's policy to manage the cash and investment resources of the District so that a rate of return on investment – both by way of dividend and capital appreciation – is obtained at least as good as market rate considering the District's low appetite for risk.

As District Funds are generally needed in the short term, the use of share-based investments is felt to be inappropriate and therefore the Central Finance Board Deposit Fund is used for the short-term deposit of surplus funds. This Fund provides an acceptable rate of interest on funds deposited whilst retaining the availability of the funds when required.

Date Adopted:

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Position Chair of District

Renewal Date: