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The General Secretaries
CWM Member Churches

Consultation notice wording

Council for World Mission (UK) (charity number 1097842) (“CWM UK”)

CWM UK is the trustee of two funds:

- The Council for World Mission Missionaries Support Fund – this is a consolidation of a number of separate historic funds, the oldest of which dates back to 1910
- Harold Granger Bequest – this was established by a legacy left in 1937

Both of these funds are what is known as “permanent endowment”, which means the capital of each fund has to be retained and only the income return on investment of that capital can be spent for the particular purposes of each fund.

Both funds date back around a century to a time when the work of CWM was very different than it is today. The current purposes of each fund are relatively narrow and out of date, and it is the view of the CWM UK trustees that the purposes and use of the funds ought to be updated in order to allow those funds to be used most effectively.

CWM UK is proposing to make changes to both of these funds in order to allow them to be used more flexibly to support the missionary work of CWM and the member churches more generally, and in particular to enable them to be used towards the Missionary Support Programme (MSP).

CWM has been running our MSP in phases for several years. The currently active MSPs are MSP (II) to MSP (IV). We plan to launch the latest MSP (V) in 2026. The vision of MSP (V) is to engage in God’s mission in a renewed way, focusing on accompanying, empowering, and learning from marginalized communities. The key objectives are:

- Enhancing the capacity of member churches through leadership development, theological formation, and practical skills training.
- Adopting an equitable approach to resource sharing, recognizing the diverse contexts of member churches.
- Fostering a participatory and collaborative mission culture, where churches are not isolated actors but part of a global network of solidarity. MSP (V) will cultivate spaces for shared discernment, exchange of best practices, and collective mission engagement.

It is proposed to:

- change the purposes of each fund; and
- release the “permanent endowment” restrictions so that the capital and the income of each fund can be spent for the fund's purposes.

CWM UK will need to seek the prior approval of the Charity Commission before these changes can become effective.

Reasons for the change of fund purposes and the release of permanent endowment

CWM UK believes that the current purposes are no longer appropriate, as they are unduly restrictive and do not reflect a 21st century approach to missionary work or to the development of missional congregations within the member churches of CWM.

CWM UK therefore proposes to amend the purposes of each fund as set out below to better reflect 21st missionary activities and make specific reference to the Mission Support Programme.

As permanent endowment funds, only the income of each fund can be applied towards the purposes. However, the reality of the 21st century financial market is that income returns on investment which are CWM's main source of income and funding, are becoming increasingly more volatile and less consistent. Releasing the permanent endowment funds towards the MSP fulfil the purposes of the fund in a meaningful way without the need to drawing down on our general fund. CWM UK therefore proposes to release the permanent endowment restrictions over each fund. This means that the funds will still be **restricted** towards their respective purposes, but both the income and the capital can be spent.

Fund	Current purposes	Comments on purposes	Proposed new purposes	Current income and capital	Comments on release of permanent endowment
The Council for World Mission Missionaries Support Fund	<i>“(a) the advancement of the Christian religion by maintenance and support of missionaries; and</i> <i>(b) the relief of serving missionaries who are in distress”</i> The current purposes provide that the trustees may relieve need of missionaries by making grants of money to them, providing or paying for goods, services or	The current purposes primarily envisage grants being made by CWM directly to individual missionaries, whereas these days CWM now provides support to member churches including through the Mission Support Programme. Through the Mission Support Programme, churches can access grants for development and support of their mission	To spread the knowledge of Christ throughout the world, that is to say, to further the work of Christian mission throughout the world by supporting the missionary work of member churches and individual missionaries including but not limited to through the Mission Support Programme.	Income p/a: £23,500 Capital: £3,100,000	For both funds, the level of income return is fairly low, which has been particularly exacerbated by the volatility of the global market in the last few years. CWM UK intends to release the permanent endowment restrictions so that

	facilities for them or making grants of money to other persons or bodies who provide goods, services or facilities to those in need.	programmes and this can include funds to support ministers and their families moving into their area to meet their rental costs, stipend, medical costs and so on.			the capital can be used to meet the increasing need. For example, four new member churches have recently been admitted and so there will be more requests for financial support. Additionally, a new expansion of the Mission Support Programme is about to be launched that could be funded using the released capital – this in turn will release pressure on the general funds of the charity which have also suffered from lower returns in recent years.
Harold Granger Bequest	Primary purpose: <i>“educating children of missionaries (in connection with the Council for World Mission).</i> Any surplus income not required for the primary purpose can be applied towards: <i>“(a) The training of missionaries;</i> <i>(b) The provision of mission courses or work camps for young people</i> <i>(c) The provision of mission workshops for member Churches of the Council for World Mission;</i> <i>(d) The training of mission enablers</i> <i>(e) The provision of scholarships for the further</i>	The primary purpose is still achievable as CWM continues to support the education of missionaries’ children. However this only provides a use for part of the funds, and so there is surplus income to be applied towards the secondary purposes. The provision for use of the surplus income is out of date as it no longer reflects how CWM supports missionary activities which is now primarily through providing support to member churches including through the Mission Support Programme.	Primary purpose (unchanged): educating children of missionaries (in connection with the Council for World Mission). Any surplus income not required for the primary purpose can be applied towards: spreading the knowledge of Christ throughout the world, that is to say, to further the work of Christian mission throughout the world by supporting the missionary work of member churches and individual missionaries including but not limited to through the Mission Support Programme.	Income p/a: £33,800 Capital: £4,300,000	

	education of full-time Church workers"				
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Consultation

If you have any comments on the proposals in respect of these two funds please send them to cwm.ogs@cwmission.org by **30 August 2025**. The CWM UK board of trustees will then take these comments into account before making the formal decisions to move forward with these changes.

Yours in God's Mission,



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