

**SCHEME OF THE CHARITY COMMISSION FOR NORTHERN IRELAND
PURSUANT TO SECTION 29 OF THE CHARITIES ACT (NORTHERN
IRELAND) 2008**

DATED

21 February 2025

**THIS SCHEME WILL ALTER OR AFFECT THE GOVERNING
DOCUMENT OF THE CHARITY KNOWN AS THE**

**DUNDONALD CONGREGATION OF THE FREE METHODIST CHURCH
OF NORTH AMERICA**

(NIC106373)

CHARITIES ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 2008

Scheme made by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 29 of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.

WHEREAS:

1. The charity was established through a Declaration of Trust establishing a charity called the Dundonald Congregation of the Free Methodist Church of North America (NIC106373) ("the charity").
2. The charity's existing governing document is the Declaration of Trust signed 16 February 1984.
3. The purposes of the charity are as follows:

"For the use and benefit of the Dundonald Congregation of the Free Methodist Church of North America for the object and the furtherance in Dundonald and its environments of the religious and other Charitable work of the Free Methodist Church of North America in accordance with the doctrines, disciplines and usages of that Church for the time being as set forth in its Book of Discipline".
4. Pursuant to an application to the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland ("the Commission") made on 7 March 2023 the trustees of the charity expressed a desire to transfer the assets of the organisation to the Superintendent Minister's Trust, which itself is a registered charity with CCEW (reg number 518173) to manage the funds on the basis that the original purposes of the Trust cannot be carried out due to low numbers which make it financially unviable for the Trust to continue.
5. The existing governing document does not contain a power enabling the trustees to transfer assets and dissolve the charity if they decide that it is necessary and desirable to do so.
6. The trustees request that the powers available to the Commission be used to make a scheme to include such a power within the existing governing document.

NOW THEREFORE:

The Charity Commission for Northern Ireland after due inquiry and pursuant to section 29 of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 and all other powers enabling it **HEREBY MAKES THE FOLLOWING SCHEME:**

A new clause will be added to the governing document:

The Trustees may dissolve the Charity if they decide that it is necessary or desirable to do so. To be effective, a proposal to dissolve the Charity must be passed at a special meeting by a two-thirds majority of the Trustees and any

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assets remaining after the Charity's debts have been paid ('the net assets') must be:

- (a) given to the Superintendent Minister's Trust, to be used for similar charitable purposes, or;*
- (b) If (a) above cannot be fulfilled, the net assets must be given to another charity (or other charities) with purposes that are the same or similar to the charity's own, for the general purposes of the recipient charity (or charities)*

The Charity Commission for Northern Ireland must be notified promptly that the Charity has been dissolved and, if the trustees were obliged to send accounts to the Commission for the accounting period which ended before its dissolution, they must send the Commission the Charity's final accounts.

The charity shall be administered in accordance with its existing governing document as altered or affected by this Scheme.

The Commission may decide any question put to it concerning:

- (i) The interpretation of this scheme; or
- (ii) The propriety or validity of anything done or intended to be done under it.

Sealed with the
Official Seal of the
Charity
Commission
for Northern
Ireland