

1. United Reformed Church Acts 1972, 1981 and 2000. As in previous edition of the Manual, the only parts of the Acts to be reproduced here are the Trusts for places used for religious worship and the trusts for ministers' residences and other church workers' residences. These are set out in the schedules to the Acts and for convenience here are referred to as 'The Scheduled Trust Properties'.
2. The trusts related to the Scheduled Trust Properties in Scotland are contained in schedule 1 to the 2000 Act and the trusts relating to all the other Scheduled Trust Properties are contained in schedule 2 to either the 1972 Act or the 1981 Act, although this latter distinction is immaterial since the two are identical.
3. Both the 1981 Act and the 2000 Act made minor changes to the earlier trusts and these have all been incorporated in the text now printed.
4. The Scottish trusts contained in the 2000 Act do not differ substantially from the other trusts and in order to save space the Scottish variations are shown in square brackets in the text.
5. In relation to Scheduled Trust Properties in Wales, the expression 'Provincial Synod' refers to the National Synod of Wales.
6. Copies of the Acts may be obtained

- (c) The promotion of other charitable purposes not inconsistent with the principles and usages aforesaid; such use to be primarily by the members of the local church or any other church which may supersede it as a result of amalgamation or regrouping and to be directed by the Church Meeting acting with due regard for the recommendations of the elders' meeting and those other Councils of the United Reformed Church which exercise oversight of the local church.
2. The trustees may, if in their discretion they think fit, but not without the authority of a resolution of the Church Meeting and (except as to work on or in a building which does not substantially alter its character, appearance or value) not without the approval of the Provincial Synod [Synod of Scotland] (which approval shall be sufficiently evidenced by a document signed by the Chairman or the Secretary for the time being of the District [Area] Council and stating that such approval has been given), and subject to any statutory restrictions, do any of the following things from time to time:
 - (a) Permit the buildings on the premises to be altered, enlarged, improved, rebuilt, supplemented or demolished;
 - (b) Raise money required for any of the last-mentioned purposes by mortgage or charge of [or by granting a standard security over] the whole or by sale of part of the premises;
 - (c) Sell or mortgage the whole or part of the

3. The trustees may, if in their discretion they think fit, with the authority of a resolution of the Church Meeting but without any approval of the Provincial Synod [Synod of Scotland] and without creating any lease or tenancy authorise or permit any other person or persons, organisation or other body to use temporarily or occasionally or intermittently for any reputable purpose (but only when use under paragraph 1 hereof is not expected to be required) the whole or any part of the premises: Provided that any such authority or permission may be granted without consideration or for such consideration as the trustees think fit and that any proceeds or income arising from such authority or permission shall be paid to the local church as an addition to its general funds.
4. The trustees shall not, except to the extent of funds supplied to them for that purpose, be responsible for the repair and upkeep of the premises.
5. If the Provincial Synod [Synod of Scotland] on the recommendation of the District [Area] Council made to it after consultation between representatives of that Council and the Church Meeting resolves that the use of the premises as aforesaid is or if continued would be no longer useful and that the premises ought to be disposed of the trustees shall sell or let the premises at such price and on such terms as they think fit.

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(3) Any trustee who ceases to have the qualification last mentioned shall cease to be a trustee of the Church.

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