

37. A S Peake Memorial Trust

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The Trust fund was set up in 1932 to memorialise the life and work of Arthur Samuel Peake, a Primitive Methodist layperson and Biblical scholar, tutor at Hartley College, Manchester, and in 1904 becoming the first Rylands Professor of Biblical Criticism and Exegesis in the University of Manchester. The Trust had been run in close partnership with Hartley Victoria College, until that closed in 2015.

The 2022 Conference appointed a new body of Trustees, who have met twice since then. They are planning to run a day conference in Manchester in March 2024 as the first of a new series of events organised under the Trust's auspices.

The original Trust document leaves in the hands of the Methodist Conference any changes to the rules of the Trust. The Trustees have redrafted the rules to reflect the ways we believe the resources of the Trust could best be utilised at this point in its history, and asks the Conference to approve these amended rules.

***RESOLUTIONS

37/1. The Conference receives the Report.

37/2. The Conference approves the amended rules as set out below:

PROPOSED REGULATIONS FOR A S PEAKE MEMORIAL TRUST 2023

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Regulations

1. The name of the Trust shall be the A S Peake Memorial Trust.
2. The objects of the Trust shall be:
 - a) To memorialise the contribution of the late Dr A S Peake (1865-1929) to biblical scholarship.
 - b) To continue the tradition of biblical scholarship which he represented.
 - c) To present this tradition, together with the findings of contemporary scholars, in terms suitable for a broad audience.

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3. The Managing Trustees

- a) The Managing Trustees for administration of the Fund shall be seven in number including lay participation, and where possible two trustees who represent theological higher education in Greater Manchester who need not be Methodist members or ministers.
- b) The Managing Trustees shall be appointed by the Methodist Conference and vacancies shall be filled by the Methodist Conference on nomination of the Trustees. Trustees shall serve for three years, but any Trustee may be open to re-appointment.
- c) The Managing Trustees shall issue an annual report to the Methodist Council together with a statement of accounts.
- d) The Trustees for the Methodist Church Purposes shall act as custodian trustees for the invested funds, and shall forward the annual income less expenses to the fund holder appointed by the Trustees (*currently the Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church*) whose receipt shall be a sufficient discharge.

4. The Study Event

A study event in furtherance of the objects of the Trust shall be delivered annually in Greater Manchester, or in a place as the Managing Trustees may determine. The person or persons leading the event shall be appointed by the Managing Trustees, and shall include a scholar of repute who shares Peake's commitment to link academic biblical scholarship to the life of the church. Resources from the event will be made more widely available through electronic publication. This event shall be publicised using A S Peake's name.