

## Churches designated under the Sharing of Church Buildings Act

### Churches to which the Act Applies, Authorities, Parties & Consents

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There follows the **DATE** from which the Act has applied; the **NAME** of the church(es) concerned; the **APPROPRIATE AUTHORITIES** required by the Act to be designated as those responsible (a) for determining who the parties to a particular sharing agreement shall be, i.e. who actually signs it; and whose consents shall be required for it, i.e. whose approval must formally be obtained according to the church's polity before the sharing agreement can be signed; and (b) for keeping a register of sharing agreements; the **PARTIES** so determined; and the **CONSENTS** required before a sharing agreement can be entered into.

	<b>Date</b>	<b>Name of Church(es)</b>	<b>Appropriate Authorities</b>	<b>Parties</b>	<b>Consents</b>
1	1969	Any church of the Baptist Denomination	(a) The Baptist Trust Corporation with the concurrence of the Church Meeting (b) The Baptist Trust Corporation	The Baptist Union Corporation	The Baptist Church Meeting
2	1969	Any church of the Congregational Denomination	(a) The Trust Corporation with the concurrence of the Church Meeting (b) the Trust Corporation	The Trust Corporation	The Church Meeting
3	1969	Church of England	(a) Parliament (b) Provincial and Diocesan Registry	The Diocesan Board of Finance and the Incumbent and Parochial Church Council	The Bishop and the Pastoral Committee
4	1969	Methodist Church	(a) The Annual Conference of the Methodist Church (b) The Methodist Church Property Division	The Connexional Ecumenical Officer, the Church Council, and, when the building belongs to the Methodist Church, the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	The Methodist Church Property Division and Connexional Ecumenical Committee together with approvals at local, Circuit and District levels
5	1969	Roman Catholic Church in England and Wales	The Bishop of the Diocese	The Trustees	The Bishop of The Diocese
6	1969	Church in Wales	The Governing Body of the Church in Wales	The Representative Body of the Church in Wales	The Bishop & Incumbent & Church Wardens & (in a conventional district) Priest in Charge
7	1972	United Reformed Church	The Synod of the Province of the URC in which the church building(s) is/are/will be situated	Those determined by the Provincial Synod & the Trustees in whom an existing building is vested	The Provincial Synod or those determined by it
8	1974	Congregational Federation	The Trust Corporation known as the Congregational Federation Ltd	The Congregational Federation Limited	The Church Meeting
9	1974	Moravian Church	The Synod of the Moravian Church in the British Province	Moravian Union (Incorporated)	The Provincial Elders' Conference
10	1975	Any Churches of Elim Foursquare Gospel Alliance	Elim Foursquare Gospel Alliance & Elim Trust Corporation	Elim Trust Corporation or appropriate local Trustees	Elim Foursquare Gospel Alliance Executive Council
11	1977	Presbyterian Church of Wales	The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of Wales	The Properties Board of the Presbyterian Church of Wales	Associations in the North, East or South of the Presbyterian Church of Wales
12	1979	Any Congregation of the Fellowship of Churches of Christ in Great Britain and Ireland	(a) The Annual Conference of the Fellowship of Churches of Christ with the concurrence of the Church meeting (b) The Annual Conference of the Fellowship of Churches of Christ	Church Meeting	Annual Conference or Executive of the Christian Social Council

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13	1984	Shiloh United Church of Christ Apostolic (Worldwide)	National Executive Board	Local Pastor National/International Coordinator	Local Church Meeting
14	1984	International Ministerial Council of Great Britain	IMCGB Executive Committee	Department of Theology & Law	The Board of Bishops
15	1985	Archdiocese of Thyateira and Great Britain (Greek Orthodox Church)	The Archbishop of Thyateira and Great Britain	The Archbishop of Thyateira and Great Britain	The parish priest & the President of the Community on behalf of the Administrative Committee
16	1989	The Salvation Army	The Salvation Army Trustee Company	Territorial Headquarters	Territorial Headquarters
17	1989	Council of Oriental Orthodox Christian Churches	The Chairman of the Council		
18	1989	Chinese Church in London	The Church Council	The Church Council	The Church Meeting
19	1990	Lutheran Council of Great Britain	Chairman of the Council		
20	1991	The Free Church of England	The Church Council represented by the General Secretary	The Diocesan Council as appropriate	The Bishop of the appropriate Diocese
21	1991	New Testament Assembly	The Executive Board of NTA	The National Overseer, the General Secretary & the Local Minister	NTA Executive Committee Trustees, The Church Council
22	1991	Council of African & Afro-Caribbean Churches	The Chairman of the Council		
23	1991	The Oakes Christian Fellowship Sheffield	The Leadership Team	The Leadership Team	The Leadership Team
24	1991	Southam Road Evangelical Fellowship, Banbury	The Church Trustees represented by the General Secretary	The Church Trustees	The Church Meeting
25	1991	New Testament Church of God	The National Overseer	The National Executive Council & National Secretary	The Church Meeting
26	1991	Old Baptist Union	The General Secretary	The Council of Management	The Church Meeting
27	1992	Joint Council of Anglo-Caribbean Churches	The General Secretary of the Joint Council		
28	1992	Cherubim and Seraphim Council of Churches	The General Secretary of the Council		
29	1994	Independent Methodist Churches	(a) The Connexional Committee represented by the General Secretary (b) The Independent Methodist Association Inc	The General Secretary	The Independent Methodist Church Meeting
30	1995	Diocese of Sourozh (Russian Orthodox Church)			
31	1998	The Oxford Community Church			
32	1998	The Abingdon Community Church			
33	1999	The Church of God of Prophecy			