

## Treasurers' Hunt!! – 30/01/2016

### **Lease, AST or Hiring Agreement??**

1. Bambi's Pre-School want to add an extra half day added to the time on your premises.

Do you

- a) Say, "Yes, fine" and do nothing further
- b) Say a firm "No, you're here quite long enough, thank you."
- c) Do you say you will come back to them, check their current agreement, check their payment record, check the flow chart to make sure it doesn't take them into lease territory, check in with URC Thames North Trust and then agree a way forward between all parties concerned as appropriate?

2. Mrs Bimbo, Bambi Pre-School's Head has announced she is going to retire and is looking into securing a new Head Teacher to carry on her good work.

Do you

- a) Check with church colleagues after the latest Elders' Meeting which expressed an opinion the Pre-School was no longer fulfilling a mission and see if this may be a good point for the parting of the ways.
- b) Look at the current agreement's terms to ascertain which options are open to Mrs Bimbo under it
- c) Say, "Thanks for letting us know. When the new person starts, just ask him/her to report to me on his/her first day."

3. Mr Bun the local baker's ovens have taken over the small premises on the High Street and he's desperate for somewhere for an office space where flour won't smudge his accounts.

Do you

- a) Put him in touch with URC Thames North Trust to follow through and report the outcome?
- b) Welcome him with open arms because Church finances are at a low ebb?
- c) Say, "Sorry, Mr Bun, but your bakery is not in line with our mission objectives. We are unable assist on this occasion."

4. Miss Mousey, one of your sweetest, least participative Elders has just lost her job, cannot pay the rent where she is staying currently and has no family on whom she might call for assistance. She knows your caretaker's cottage is empty at the moment and has thrown herself on her and you Minister's mercy asking if she might lay her head there for a little while

Do you

- a) take pity on her dreadful circumstances, she will be no trouble, she's an Elder, after all and say, "Of course, dear. Anything else we can do to assist?"
  - b) Remind her of her Elders' and Trustees' Training Day and point out it would be wholly against the law and offer to assist in some other practical way?
  - c) Offer her an Assured Shorthold Tenancy and refer her to URC Thames North Trust.
5. Your Korean Assured Shorthold Tenant, Mr Troi-Eet-Onn, wants to reduce his computer software business overheads, give up his lease of office space and transfer his business to your manse premises.

Do you

- a) Suggest a trial period of six months and seek a review after that?
  - b) Check the terms of the current tenancy and ask your agents to produce a revamped Assured Shorthold Tenancy and sign it off once completed?
  - c) Ask your agents to contact Mr Onn, come to terms and follow through accordingly.
6. A firm of Solicitors, Douwe, Cheetham and Howe, acting on a request by their client, Scamps and Scoundrels Nursery whose Trustees are based in a Tax Haven in the Caribbean and who are offering a wonderful sum, an answer to prayer to repair the bell tower, to start a new nursery group on your premises

Do you

- a) Offer a meeting time for the nursery to come and chat to your Administrator?
  - b) Say, "Bring it on, Baby!" and hand them a hiring agreement without further ado?
  - c) Call URC Thames North Trust
7. You've decided not to accept Ms Mousey's proposal. She may be quiet, now slighted, but turns out to be a Facebook and Twitter fiend and has contacted the local press. The representative from the press ask you for an interview.

Do you

- a) Say "No comment."?
- b) Say, "Please contact the URC central Press Office at Tavistock Place."?
- c) Put the phone down?

