

Memorial to the Conference – Separated Families

The Reading and Silchester Circuit supports the Government belief that children in separated families do better if both parents continue to be involved in their lives; it acknowledges and welcomes the important steps the Government is taking to encourage this. However, the Circuit records their concern that some aspects of Government legislation are causing severe financial difficulties for non-resident parents, especially those on a low income. The Circuit request that the Methodist Church pass on this concern and request the Government

- to rectify the errors in the child support maintenance calculation regulations to ensure that the statutory maintenance liabilities are fair and affordable
- to ensure that welfare provision for both parents after separation is appropriate, in accordance with Article 34.3 of the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union