***943 Closure of Chapels.*** *(1) Public services may not be discontinued in any chapel or preaching-place, nor any preaching-place removed from the circuit plan, until permission has been given by the Synod on the recommendation of the managing trustees, the Circuit Meeting and the district Policy Committee. The Circuit Meeting shall submit any such recommendation to the district committee before any steps are taken to carry the intention into effect.*

**Church:……………………………………….. Circuit:………………………………………**

**1. What is the present membership?**

**2. What is the number on the community roll?**

**3.  What is the average adult attendance at worship?**

**4. What other activities take place on the premises?**

**5. Provide a financial overview – e.g. income vs expenditure.**

**6. If a new building is not to be provided, what provision will be made for the present congregation and other activities?**

**7.   What impact will the closure have on the local community?**

**8.    What other Methodist Churches and Sunday Schools are there in the neighbourhood and what are their distance from the property to be sold?**

**9.    What initiatives have the membership tried, if any, to encourage the residents of the community to become part of the worshipping family?**

**10.   Does the membership consider that their mission is complete from this building and why?**

**11. Who will offer Christian worship, mission and on-going pastoral care of the community?**

**12.  What arrangements have been made for on-going pastoral care in the community?**

**13.Have discussions taken place with other denominations in order to maintain a Christian presence in the locality and what was the outcome?**

**14.   Has the church council made and recorded decisions with regard to the transfer of its assets (including TMCP funds, other funds held locally, and buildings)?**

**15. What is to happen to the building? If it is to be sold, how will the proceeds of the sale be used to promote an effective presence in the community the Church once served?**

**16.    Has the District Archivist been consulted regarding records and artefacts and records that might need to be conserved?**