

Inaugural winner of the Bill Seddon Scholarship announced

London, UK, 11 October 2017 - The **Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church** (“the CFB”) is pleased to announce the awarding of its inaugural **Bill Seddon Scholarship** to Victoria Watson.

This new academic Scholarship was established this year by the CFB in honour of Bill Seddon. Bill, the CFB’s former CEO, retired in February 2017, having worked tirelessly to promote a Christian approach to investment within the UK and overseas, for over thirty years.

The Scholarship honours Bill’s legacy by recognising and rewarding the next generation of Christian thinkers and leaders in the world of ethical investment. It will pay £2,000 per annum for up to 3 years throughout which Victoria will be attending the University of Oxford, studying Philosophy, Politics and Economics.

Victoria’s impressive submission, which can be found [here](#), focused on the ethical challenges of investing the assets of the Methodist Church.

David Palmer, CEO of the Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church, said

“We were really impressed with Victoria’s insight into the practical and philosophical challenges involved in managing the assets of the Methodist Church. She showed a superb understanding of both the strong values of the Methodist Church and the need to make decisions pragmatically to ensure that actions actually lead to the best ethical consequences.”

To learn more about the CFB and its scholarship, please get in touch with:

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Notes to Editors:

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