

**THE METHODIST COUNCIL**  
**High Leigh Conference Centre**  
**24-25 January 2018**

**AGENDA**

**Glossary of terms**

Note = for information

Discussion = significant discussion time but not expecting resolutions

Approve = resolution required but appears not to need any substantial debate

Decision = resolution required and probably does need substantial debate first

**Wednesday 24 January**

13:00 **LUNCH**

13:45 Prayers

14:00 **Session 1**

1. Apologies, Welcomes, Letters, Announcements, Observers
2. Reaffirming *Our Calling*: Mission and Strategy
  - (i) Report from the January meeting of the Connexional Leaders' Forum [oral report] – **to note**
  - (ii) Strategic developments [**MC/18/1**] – **for discussion**
  - (iii) Team structure to support priorities [**MC/18/2 to follow**] – **for decision**

16:00 **TEA BREAK**

16:30 **Session 2**

3. Minutes of the Methodist Council held on 16-17 October 2017 – **to approve**
4. Notification of Chair's Business
5. Report from the Strategy and Resources Committee held on 30 November 2017 [**MC/18/3**] – **to note**
6. Consolidated Accounts for 2016-2017 [**MC/18/4**] – **to approve**
7. Report of the Audit Committee [**MC/18/5**] – **to approve**
8. District Reviews [**MC/18/6**] – **for decision**
9. Risk Register [**MC/18/7**] – **to note**

18:30 **DINNER**

19:30 **Session 3**

10. Initial budget conversation **[MC/18/8] – for discussion**
11. Process for appointing the next Chair of the Council **[MC/18/9] – for decision**

21:00 Evening Prayer

**Thursday 25 January**

08:15 **BREAKFAST**

09:00 **Holy Communion**

09:30 **Session 4**

12. Connexional Allowances Committee **[MC/18/10] – for decision**
13. Accessibility to the Conference **[MC/18/11] – for decision**

11:00 **COFFEE BREAK**

11:30 **Session 5**

14. *En bloc* items
15. Follow up to the Mission and Strategy conversations
16. Camden Methodist Church **[MC/18/12] – for decision**
17. Safeguarding Resource and Structure **[MC/18/13] – to approve**

12.45 Prayers

13:00 **LUNCH and Departures**

***En bloc* items**

1. Cooption to Ministerial Candidates' Selection Committee **[MC/18/14]**
2. Decisions made by the Council **[MC/18/15]**
3. Report from the Connexional Team **[MC/18/16]**
4. M30 (2015) – Tax Justice **[MC/18/17]**
5. Marriage and Relationships – update **[MC/18/18]**
6. Matters arising from the Council minutes **[MC/18/19]**
7. City Centre list **[MC/18/20]**
8. Joseph Rank Trust **[MC/18/21]**
9. Nominations and Appointments **[MC/18/22]**
10. Changes to the Joint Safeguarding Working Group **[MC/18/23]**
11. Associate members of the 2018 Conference **[MC/18/24]**