

THE METHODIST COUNCIL
High Leigh Conference Centre, Lord Street,
Hoddesdon, EN11 8SG
12-13 October 2015

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

Monday 12 October

13:00 **LUNCH**

13:45 Prayers

14:00 **Session 1**

1. Apologies, Welcomes, Letters, Announcements, Observers
2. Minutes of the Methodist Council held on 11-13 April 2015 – **to approve**
3. Decisions made by the Council since the last meeting **[MC/15/71] – to note**
4. Matters arising from the Council minutes **[MC/15/72] – to note**
 - (i) All We Can – principles for further work **[MC/15/73] – to approve**
 - (ii) Methodist Diaconal Order Funds **[MC/15/74] – to approve**
5. Notification of Chair's Business
6. Report from the Strategy and Resources Committee (SRC) held on 14 May 2015 and 17 September 2015 **[MC/15/75] – to note**
 - (i) 24 Somerset Road **[MC/15/76] – for decision**
 - (ii) Camden Methodist Church **[to follow] – for decision**
7. Report from the September Connexional Leaders' Forum **[oral report]**
8. Report from the Connexional Team **[oral report]**
9. Work from the Conference **[MC/15/77] – to approve**
10. Update on work from the Conference **[MC/15/78] – to approve**
11. Budget planning update **[MC/15/79] – for discussion**

12. Methodist Ministers' Pension Scheme (MMPS) consultation [MC/15/80] – to approve

13. Methodist International Centre Limited [MC/15/81] – to approve

16:00 **TEA BREAK**

16:30 **Session 2**

14. Larger than Circuit [to follow] – for decision

17:30 16. Accessibility to the Conference [to follow] – to approve

17. Standardised job descriptions [MC/15/82] – to approve

18. Covenants of Care – terms of reference [MC/15/83] – to approve

19. Past Cases Review Implementation Group

(i) Update on progress [MC/15/84] – to note

(ii) Recommendation 9 from Past Cases Review report [MC/15/85] – to approve

(iii) Draft supervision policy [MC/15/86] – for decision

18:30 **DINNER**

20:00 **Session 3**

20. Process for review of training [MC/15/87] – to approve

21. Local Preachers – Studies Board [MC/15/88] – to approve

22. Anti-Fraud policy [MC/15/89] – to approve

23. Releasing Money for God's Mission [MC/15/90] – to approve

24. Model Trust 20 – residential letting [MC/15/91] – to approve

21:30 Evening Prayer

Tuesday 13 October

07:30 Holy Communion

08:15 **BREAKFAST**

09:15 **Session 4**

25. *En bloc* items

26. Condition of Manses **[MC/15/92] – for decision**
27. Statement on pornography **[MC/15/93] – to approve**
28. Confidential item **[MC/15/94] – for decision**

11:00 **COFFEE BREAK**

11:30 **Session 5**

29. Methodist Academies and Schools Trust – Academies **[MC/15/95] – for decision**
30. Mapping a Way Forward: Regrouping for Mission – research plan **[MC/15/96] – to approve**
31. Personnel Files for Ministers update **[MC/15/97] – to approve**
32. Connexional Team appointment **[MC/15/98] – to approve**

12.45 Prayers

13:00 **LUNCH and Departures**

En bloc items

1. Appointments **[MC/15/99]**
2. City Centre list **[MC/15/100]**
3. Appointment to Luther King House Educational Trust **[MC/15/101]**
4. Annual report of the Connexional Grants Committee **[MC/15/102]**
5. Annual report of the World Methodist Committee **[MC/15/103]**
6. Annual report of the EDI Committee **[MC/15/104]**
7. Annual report of the Methodist Heritage Committee **[MC/15/105]**
8. Annual report of the Oxford Institute Committee **[MC/15/106]**
9. Singing the Faith reference group **[MC/15/107]**
10. Authorisations and Delegations **[MC/15/108]**
11. Criteria for membership of Churches Together in England **[MC/15/109]**
12. Review of the Listed Buildings Advisory Committee **[MC/15/110]**
13. Adoption Policy **[MC/15/111]**
14. Policy for advertising, exhibitions and fringe events at the Conference **[MC/15/112]**
15. Southlands **[MC/15/113]**
16. Pension and Assurance Scheme for Lay Employees of the Methodist Church (PASLEMC) update **[MC/15/114]**