

Oxford Institute of Methodist Theological Studies Committee Annual Report

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Action Required	None
Draft Resolutions	106/1. The Council receives the report.
Alternative Options to Consider, if Any	None

Summary of Content

Subject and Aims	<p>To provide an annual report to the Council from the Committee of the Oxford Institute of Methodist Theological Studies (OIMTS) in fulfilment of SO 335A(3)</p> <p>To report on progress regarding preparations for the Oxford Institute of Methodist Theological Studies in August 2018</p>
Background Context and Relevant Documents (with function)	MC/15/19, resolution 19/2. SO 335A

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1. Background

- 1.1 Under SO 335A the Methodist Council annually appoints a British committee to oversee the preparations for the Oxford Institute of Methodist Theological Studies (OIMTS), which is normally held every five years. The next institute will be the fourteenth, to be held 12-19 August, 2018 at Pembroke College, Oxford. The theme will be “‘Thy Grace Restore, Thy Work Revive’’: Revival, Reform and Revolution in World Methodism’.

2. Work of the Committee

- 2.1 In January 2015 Council appointed the following committee: the Revd Dr Martin Wellings (Chair), the Revd Dr Claire Potter (Secretary), the Revd Colin Smith (Treasurer). The Revd Dr Stephen Skuce acts as a consultant to this committee (MC/15/19 resolution 19/2).
- 2.2 Over the past year the committee has met twice including meeting at Pembroke College to confirm the suitability of the venue and facilities. The current financial position has been confirmed as able to meet the currently anticipated expenditure.
- 2.3 Conversations have been held with partners including World Church Relationships Team Leader David Friswell to make initial plans towards the world church participants’ pre institute gathering and possible plenary speakers from world Methodism, and with American colleagues regarding the number and subject area of sub streams.
- 2.4 A call for papers for British participants is anticipated to be made in October 2016. This will be highlighted at the inaugural annual Methodist Research Conference, to be held in Durham on 27 April 2016. This annual research gathering will not formally be a subset of the OIMTS, but will act as a catalyst for Methodist research and help prepare Methodist scholars, particularly junior scholars, for potential participation in the OIMTS.

3. Conclusion

- 3.1 The committee will continue with preparations. No changes to the committee are currently anticipated. No major developments are anticipated in the coming year with 2016-2017 considered to be the key time for confirmation of all details regarding speakers, participation and logistics.

***RESOLUTION

- 106/1. The Council receives the report.**