

36. Conference Arrangements

A. Future Conferences

The Methodist Council is required to print annually the plan for the locations of future meetings of the Conference. The venue is shown where known. The 2006 Conference adopted recommendations that hosting the Conference should become the responsibility of a connexional Conference Arrangements Committee and cease to be a regional responsibility, based on stationing regions.

2009 Wolverhampton
2010 South of England

***RESOLUTION

36/1. The Conference adopts the Report.

B. Associate Members

***RESOLUTION

36/2. The Conference invites the following Conferences and Churches to send representatives to the Conference of 2009 as Associate Members:

- (a) The Baptist Union of Great Britain
The Church of England
The Coptic Orthodox Church
The Roman Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales
The Union of Welsh Independents
The United Reformed Church

- (b) Methodist Church in the Caribbean and the Americas
Iglesia Metodista de Puerto Rico
Iglesia Evangélica Metodista de Nicaragua
Iglesia Metodista del Perú
Iglesia Evangélica Metodista Argentina

Methodist Church in Samoa
The Church of Bangladesh
The Methodist Church in Singapore
United Church in Papua New Guinea
The Methodist Church, Upper Myanmar

United Methodist Central Conferences of:
Northern Europe
Central and Southern Europe
Germany
OPCEMI (Italy)
Igreja Evangelica Metodista Portuguesa

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Methodist Church The Gambia
Methodist Church Ghana
Methodist Church Nigeria
Methodist Church in Zimbabwe
Eglise Protestante Méthodiste du Bénin

C. Ministerial Session

1. The Ministerial Session defines by resolution who may normally be present at closed sessions. Attendance when it sits as a court of appeal is governed by Standing Order 024A(4).
2. For the sake of accuracy it is desirable that the Ministerial Session delegates to the Representative Session the responsibility for adopting the Record of its Sessions, thus allowing time for members to check its details.

*****RESOLUTIONS**

- 36/3.** (Ministerial Session) The Ministerial Session of the Conference resolves that whenever it goes into closed session its membership, except when Standing Order 024A(4) applies, or the Conference otherwise resolves, shall be confined to ministers who are entitled to vote on the business under consideration, with the Secretary of the Faith and Order Committee in attendance as appropriate.
- 36/4.** (Ministerial Session) The Ministerial Session of the Conference delegates to the Representative Session the adoption of the printed portion of the Daily Record for both days of its meeting.
- 36/5.** (Ministerial Session) The Conference directs that the total time available for the Ministerial Session of the Conference of 2009 shall not be less than eight hours.

D. Diaconal Session

1. The Diaconal Session defines by resolution who may normally be present at closed sessions. Attendance when it sits as a court of appeal is governed by Standing Order 024A(4).
2. For the sake of accuracy it is desirable that the Diaconal Session delegates to the Representative Session the responsibility for adopting the Record of its Session, thus allowing time for members to check its details.

*****RESOLUTIONS**

- 36/6.** (Diaconal Session) The Diaconal Session of the Conference delegates to the Representative Session the adoption of the printed portion of the Daily Record for its day of meeting.

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36/7. In accordance with Standing Order 105(1A) the Conference directs that the following Districts shall each elect at least one deacon to be a member of the Conference of 2009:

Wales Synod, Birmingham, Bristol, Darlington, East Anglia, Leeds, Liverpool, Manchester and Stockport, Newcastle upon Tyne, North Lancashire, Nottingham and Derby, Northampton, Plymouth and Exeter, Sheffield, Southampton, West Yorkshire, Bedfordshire Essex and Hertfordshire, London, South East

Reserves: Lincoln and Grimsby, York and Hull