

61. Second Report from the Conference Business Committee

The Business Committee brings this update to its Report printed in volume 1 of the Agenda (item 2, page 21).

1. As set out in paragraph 7 of that report (page 25), the Conference is required to elect four members of the Business Committee, two lay persons and two ministers, to serve on the Committee for three years (the Conferences of 2018, 2019 and 2020). Nomination forms are available from the Helpdesk and should be placed in the ballot boxes by 14:00 on Tuesday 27 June, with voting taking place on Wednesday 28 June.
2. Nomination forms for Conference-elected representatives are available from the Helpdesk. This year, of the three Conference-elected representatives to serve from 2018-2020, two will be presbyteral and one will be lay, thus fulfilling SO 103(2A). Nominations must be submitted by 14:00 on Tuesday 27 June, with voting taking place on Wednesday 28 June.
3. The schedule of business has been available on the Conference website and regularly updated. It now shows the current situation. Any Conference member wishing to have a hard copy can obtain one from the Helpdesk.
4. The Conference is advised that, in the event of a counted vote on Saturday, the count will be conducted by the scrutineers who are presbyters and the Chair of the Conference Business Committee. Normal scrutineering arrangements will begin on Monday morning.
5. With reference to paragraph 5.6 of its report (page 23), the Business Committee updates the Conference as follows. The budget will be formally presented on Saturday evening when there will be time for some questions. If members of the Conference have questions arising from this, they are encouraged to discuss these with the Treasurers over the weekend. Notices of Motion relating to the budget will be considered on Tuesday morning, and further questions will be permitted on Thursday morning prior to the vote on resolution 24/1.
6. With reference to paragraph 9 of its report (page 26), the Business Committee advises the Conference that, in addition to those letters described in (a), letters will also be sent to those celebrating the twenty-fifth anniversary of their ordination.
7. Nominees for President and Vice-President of the Conference for 2018 and as Conference-elected representatives 2018-2020 are kindly asked to have their photographs taken, for use in the visual projection during breaks. Would they please see June Howard-Norman in the Dorset Room as soon as possible and no later than the respective closing times for nominations given in the Agenda page 25. In the event that nominees are not present at the Conference, it would be most helpful if those making the nominations could arrange for nominees' photos to be sent electronically to asc@methodistchurch.org.uk
8. There are two ballot boxes on each side of the hall. These can all be used at any time on Saturday until 19:00 and from Monday morning onwards for all nomination papers and for all completed ballot papers, strictly observing the deadlines given on page 25 of the Agenda. Please do not place your envelope with your completed Trustee Declaration Form and Register of Interest form in these boxes; they should be deposited in the box by the Helpdesk.

9. As indicated in the letter which accompanied volume 2 of the Agenda, all Memorials will either be taken with existing business to which they relate or placed in *en bloc* as shown in the table below.

Number	Title	Connection to other business
M1	Fresh Expressions and Methodist ecclesial formation	(27) Methodist Council part 2 section P
M2	Ministers in local appointment	(27) Methodist Council part 2 section P
M3	Self-supporting ministry	(27) Methodist Council part 2 section P
M4	Candidating for ministers seeking to move from Presbyter to Deacon or vice versa	<i>En bloc</i>
M5	Candidating for ministers seeking to move from Presbyter to Deacon or vice versa	<i>En bloc</i>
M6	Serving another denomination	<i>En bloc</i>
M7	Access to local preaching and worship leading training materials	(27) Methodist Council part 2 section P
M8	Sabbaticals for local preachers and worship leaders	(27) Methodist Council part 2 section P
M9	Complaints procedures	<i>En bloc</i>
M10	Complaints procedures	<i>En bloc</i>
M11	The number of Districts	<i>En bloc</i>
M12	Naming of Yorkshire districts	(3) Methodist Council part 1 section B
M13	Pension contributions from lay employees	(3) Methodist Council part 1 section F
M14	Connexional grant funding – co-funding	(3) Methodist Council part 1
M15	Connexional grant funding – balancing holiness, risk and sustainability	(3) Methodist Council part 1
M16	Use of reserves for local mission	(3) Methodist Council part 1
M17	Online returns for churches without property	<i>En bloc</i>
M18	Consent for renting in emergency situations	<i>En bloc</i>
M19	Leasing a manse to house Syrian refugees	<i>En bloc</i>
M20	Welcoming refugees	<i>En bloc</i>
M21	Peace in the Holy Land	<i>En bloc</i>
M22	Centenary of the Balfour Declaration	<i>En bloc</i>
M23	Centenary of the Balfour Declaration	<i>En bloc</i>
M24	Racial diversity in the leadership of the Methodist Church	(27) Methodist Council part 2 section N
M25	WCC Programme to Combat Racism	(27) Methodist Council part 2 section N
M26	Mission and Evangelism in Changing Landscapes	<i>En bloc</i>
M27	Engaging effectively with the Prevent strategy	<i>En bloc</i>
M28	Engaging effectively with the Prevent strategy	<i>En bloc</i>
M29	Engaging effectively with the Prevent strategy	<i>En bloc</i>
M30	Engaging effectively with the Prevent strategy	<i>En bloc</i>
M31	Same-sex marriage	<i>En bloc</i>
M32	Investment in fossil fuels	<i>En bloc</i>
M33	Investment in fossil fuels	<i>En bloc</i>
M34	Investment in fossil fuels	<i>En bloc</i>
M35	Investment in fossil fuels	<i>En bloc</i>
M36	Investment in fossil fuels	<i>En bloc</i>
M37	Centenary of the Balfour Declaration	<i>En bloc</i>
M38	Nuclear weapons ban treaty	<i>En bloc</i>
M39	Welcoming refugees	<i>En bloc</i>

Any recommended reply to a Memorial which is the subject of an amending notice of motion will automatically be removed from the *en bloc* list.

Please note that there are three additional memorials, which are printed on pages 14-17.

10. The list of *en bloc* items of business (page 26-27) has since been updated and is as printed below:
6. Trustees for the Bailiwick of Guernsey Methodist Church Purposes
 7. Trustees for Jersey Methodist Church Purposes
 8. All We Can – Methodist Relief and Development
 9. Committee on Methodist Law and Polity (1), Sections A, B, D, E, F, G
 10. Wesley House, Cambridge
 11. Methodist Forces Board
 12. Methodist Diaconal Order General Report
 13. Methodist Homes (MHA)
 15. Joint Advisory Committee on the Ethics of Investment (JACEI) – Summary Report
 17. Methodist Ministers' Housing Society
 25. Stationing Committee
 28. Ecumenical Report
 38. Westminster College Oxford Trust Ltd
 39. Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes
 40. Managing Trustees of John Wesley's Chapel, the New Room Bristol and 4 and 5 Charles Street
 41. Relief and Extension Fund for Methodism in Scotland
 44. Joint Covenant Advocacy and Monitoring Group
 45. Central Finance Board
 47. Referred Memorials and Notices of Motion
 54. Managing Trustees of Central Hall, Westminster
 60. Memorials to the Conference (which are not related to existing business, see list above)

Additional Report from the Conference Business Committee

The Business Committee makes the following report concerning the way in which the Statistics for Mission report is to be discussed in the Conference:

The Connexional Secretary will present the report, and move resolution 42/1. There will be an opportunity for members of the Conference to ask questions and make general points about the report.

The Secretary of the Conference will make some observations about the implications of the report and the way in which the Conference is being asked to engage with the report. The detailed conversations and debate arising from the report will then take place in the district groups.

The Conference will have a further opportunity to respond to the report on Thursday morning, when Notice of Motion 2017/110, which seeks to introduce resolution 42/2 will also be moved and debated. This Notice of Motion is not resisted by the presenters of the business.

*****RESOLUTION**

61/1. The Conference received the Report.

