

Amended Notice of Motion 2017/105: Additional Resolution 27/15A
Methodist Council, part 2 Section Q Accessibility to the Conference
(Tuesday 09:15)

The Conference notes that the Report of the Working Party to the Methodist Council, MC/17/42, contained 16 recommendations with corresponding proposed resolutions for the Conference to consider. The Methodist Council received that report but did not vote on the 16 recommendations rather referring them to the Business Committee. At the Conference of 2016 significant time was given to exploring in groups the issues of accessibility and each member of the Conference was encouraged to complete a survey. The working party carefully undertook its work and offered a report to stimulate debate and possible changes to how the Conference is organised and the business conducted. These matters fundamentally shape the nature and work of the Conference.

*****ADDITIONAL RESOLUTION**

27/15A. The Conference directs that the full report of the Accessibility to the Conference Working Party, MC/17/42, which includes the 16 recommendations of the working group, which was presented to the Council in April 2017, be brought to the 2018 Conference for debate and decision.

Proposed: The Revd Peter E Barber

Seconded: Mr Ian C White

(Signed by 4 other members of the Conference)

1. The Revd Susan Levitt
2. Mr Stephen H Cooper
3. Mr David C Marsh
4. Miss Siân F A Davidson

Budgetary implications

No connexional budget implications.

Notice of Motion 2017/107: Amendment to Resolution 27/9 section (b)
(Tuesday 09:15)

With the encouragement of the Belonging Together Ministers Group, the Conference welcomes the Methodist Council report "The Unfinished Agenda", and the resolution that the Conference commits itself to taking steps to enable the Church to become a more inclusive and multicultural community of faith. In order to help the Council in taking this work further, it amends resolution 27/9 (b) as follows

*****RESOLUTION**

27/9 (b) therefore directs the Methodist Council to request the Equality Diversity and Inclusion Committee to consult with the Belonging Together Ministers' Group, the Fellowships Sub-Committee of the Ministries Committee and the World Church Relationships office in order to develop and implement measurable and time bound plans that will increase participation and inclusion, and to report to the Conference of 2018 on how the plans are progressing.

Proposed: The Revd Novette S Headley

Seconded: The Revd Dr Daniel M Mwailu

(Signed by 4 other members of the Conference)

1. The Revd Naomi N Kaiga
2. Mrs Pedzisai G Katsande
3. The Revd Dr Jonathan K Gichaara
4. The Revd R Margaret K Mwailu

Budgetary implications

This will affect Connexional Team resources which will take time away from other activities with cost implications.

Notice of Motion 2017/108: Accessibility to the Conference

(Tuesday 09:15)

The Conference notes the report of the Working Party to the Methodist Council MC/17/42 and affirms the decision of the Council to ask the Conference Business Committee for detailed consideration.

The Conference asks that, in line with Notice of Motion 208 of the 2013 Conference, the Conference Business Committee work with the Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Committee in relation to the recommendations of MC/17/42.

The Conference also asks the Council to request that the Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Committee bring further recommendations to be brought to the 2018 Conference on how the culture and membership of the Conference can be broadened and made increasingly representative of the diverse community of the people called Methodists.

Proposed: Mr Matthew Collins

Seconded: Mr Timothy J Baker

(Signed by 4 other members of the Conference)

1. Ms Rachel Allison
2. Mr John Cooper
3. Deacon Eunice Attwood
4. Mr Alister McClure

Budgetary implications

Potentially significant costs and resource implications for the work plan of the Connexional team and the EDI Committee, taking time away from other activities, also with cost implications.

Notice of Motion 2017/109: Amendment to Reply to Memorial M32

(Tuesday 16:45)

To amend the reply to this memorial by replacing the final three paragraphs with the following text:-

However, the Conference does not at this time accept the specific request in the memorial as it could be argued that there is further work to do on the ethical and investment questions related to fossil fuels before final decisions can be taken on disinvestment.

Therefore, the Conference asks the Methodist Council to request JACEI to:

- (a) examine the pace of change in the extractive industries sector;

- (b) in the light of the increasing urgency for more global action, continue actively to consider disinvestment criteria, timescales, and consultation processes required to disinvest from oil and gas companies that fail to comply with the ethical basis outlined above;
- (c) report to the Conference in 2018, with the expectation that any such company in which the Church invests has not aligned their business investment plans with the Paris Agreement target of a global temperature rise well below 2 degrees, there would be a recommendation that the Church disinvest from such a company by the 2020 Conference.

Proposed: The Revd Dr Sheryl M Anderson

Seconded: The Revd Richard J Byass

(Signed by 4 other members of the Conference)

1. The Revd Peter E Barber
2. The Revd Dr David P Easton
3. The Revd Michaela A Youngson
4. The Revd Dr Jonathan H Pye

Budgetary implications

No significant additional connexional budget implications.

Notice of Motion 2017/110: Additional Resolution Agenda Item 42, Statistics for Mission
(Thursday 09:15)

*****ADDITIONAL RESOLUTION**

42/2. The Conference, in recognising the most significant corporate risk facing the Methodist Church in Great Britain is that it further declines and ceases to exist because of an “inability to create new Methodist disciples”, and in responding to the Statistics for Mission report:

- 1) Calls Methodist members to enthusiasm in prayer and acts of personal evangelism.**
- 2) Calls Methodist churches to direct their work and wealth to the priority of making new disciples.**
- 3) Calls Methodist Circuits to resource the forming of new Methodist societies wherever possible, to offer witness and worship in new places, or in places where Christian presence has long since diminished.**
- 4) Calls Methodist Districts to include disciple-making as a priority for forthcoming synods.**

Proposed: The Revd Dr Andrew J Stobart

Seconded: Mrs Pedzisai G Katsande

The proposer of the business does not oppose this Notice of Motion.

Budgetary implications

No connexional budget implications

Notice of Motion 2017/111: Amendment to the Supervision Policy Report
(Wednesday 16:45)

Insert an additional bullet point in 2.2 on page 172 after the 4th bullet point.

No Supervisor or Minister may supervise or receive the records of supervision for any Minister with whom they are in a close personal relationship (eg spouse or child/parent).

Proposed: The Revd David M Goodall

Seconded: The Revd Dr Jane Leach

Budgetary implications

No connexional budget implications

Notice of Motion 2017/112: Amendment to Replies to Memorials M27, M28, M29 and M30
(Time to be confirmed)

The Conference thanks the Leeds, Newcastle upon Tyne, London and Sheffield synods for their memorials concerning the Prevent Strategy. Recent events involving terrorism of all kinds have increased the urgent need to develop a coherent response for chaplains, churches and all whose work may lead to involvement with the Prevent Strategy.

The response to the memorials, while sympathetic, does not address the support needs of chaplains and others who are called upon to hold potentially conflicting pastoral and prevent responsibilities.

The Conference therefore amends its reply, by adding to the final paragraph:
(c) to direct the Methodist Council to ensure that the Joint Public Issues Team, working with the Discipleship and Ministries Learning Network, to report to the Conference in 2018, recommending further action, guidance and support to all concerned.

Proposed: Dr Anne Hollows

Seconded: The Revd Ashley R Cooper

(Signed by 4 other members of the Conference)

1. The Revd Gillian M Newton
2. The Revd Dr Barbara C Glasson
3. Mrs Caroline Stead
4. The Revd Anne E Brown

Budgetary implications

Potentially significant resource implications for the Connexional Team taking time away from other activities with cost implications.