

REPRESENTATIVE SESSION

ORDER OF BUSINESS

09:15 Opening Prayers

09:30 Administration

Agenda Item 12: Unified Statement of Connexional Finances (Agenda pages 82-93)
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Memorial M13: Statistics for Mission

11:00 Coffee Break

11:30 **Reflections on Mission and Ministry in Covenant**
The Rt Revd James Newcome, Bishop of Carlisle
The Rt Revd Anne Hollinghurst, Bishop of Aston

Agenda Item 33: Mission and Ministry in Covenant (Agenda pages 422-469)
Resolutions 33/1, 33/2 (Agenda page 469)
Notice of Motion 2018/101

12:45 Lunch

14:15 **Agenda Item 27: Marriage and Relationships Task Group** (Agenda pages 337-347
and Order Paper page 18)
Presentation and workshops

16:15 Tea Break

16:45 **Agenda Item 11: 3Generate** (Agenda pages 75-81)
Resolutions 11/1, 11/2 (Agenda page 80),
Resolution 11/3 (Agenda page 81)

Agenda Item 6: Special Resolutions (Agenda pages 57-61)
Resolution 6/1 (Agenda page 61)

Agenda Item 23: Methodist Ministers' Pension Scheme (Agenda pages 282-307)
Resolutions 23/1, 23/2, 23/3, 23/4, 23/5, 23/6, 23/7 (Agenda page 290)

Agenda Item 36: Pension Reserve Fund (Agenda pages 500-504)
Resolutions 36/1, 36/2 (Agenda page 503),
Resolutions 36/3, 36/4 (Agenda page 504)

Evening prayers

18:45 Adjourn

ANNOUNCEMENTS

To attest the Daily Record:
Mr Ralph Dransfield
Miss Jasmine J Roberts

To attest the Journal:
The Revd Beverly Hollings
Deacon Jonathan Miller

ADDITIONS AND CORRECTIONS TO THE CONFERENCE AGENDA

AGENDA ITEM 13: CONNEXIONAL ALLOWANCES COMMITTEE (Pages 94-127)

Page 105, footnote 5

Delete footnote and replace with:

This amount includes £102,000 contributed towards the purchase of retirement properties by MMHS where the minister's household had special and specific location needs. The Committee and MMHS express their gratitude to TMCP for arranging to make trust funds available to participate in such purchases, thereby giving MMHS, a TMCP trust and the FSPD a shared equity arrangement.

AGENDA ITEM 14: COMMITTEE ON METHODIST LAW AND POLITY (1) (Pages 128-136)

Page 133, SO 991(1)(vi)

*insert and after **Be alert to ecumenical***

Page 133, SO 992(1)(i)

*For **chairperson** read **chair***

Page 134, SO 922(1)(iii)

*Delete **or his or her delegate appointed under Standing Order 114(1E)***

AGENDA ITEM 21, METHODIST COUNCIL, PART 3, SECTION L

Page 197, SO 340(3)

Remove sub-clause *(ii) approving the purpose of the forums;*

Page 241, SO 232(2)

For

(i) to (v) *[no change]*

read

(i) to (iii) *[no change]*

~~(iv) to carry out such other functions as the Conference by Standing Order or otherwise may direct or request;~~

(v) *[no change]*

.....

Insert

(ix) to carry out such other functions as the Conference by Standing Order or otherwise may direct or request.

Page 243, SO 973(1A)

Amend 973(1A) to read:

The Methodist Council shall adopt criteria for the classification of a project as a replacement.

AGENDA ITEM 27: MARRIAGE AND RELATIONSHIPS TASK GROUP (Pages 337-347)

Presentation and Workshops

This item of business will begin with a Presentation to the Conference by members of the Task Group. The Conference will then divide into workshops. Because it is important that all members of the Conference read and hear the same things, there will be no further content given to the workshops other than what is in the Interim Report and what is said in the Presentation.

The workshops will deal with the three topics set out in paragraph 33 of the report. Members of the Conference have each been allocated to one of six workshops, as indicated on their name badges. Two of the workshops will be asked to deal with Topic A, two with Topic B, and two with Topic C. If a workshop finishes its allocated Topic with time to spare, it may move to look at one of the others.

The workshops will take place as follows:

Workshop 1: Nightingale Hall – Large JCR

Workshop 2: Humanities Building – Room A03

Workshop 3: Humanities Building – Room A02

Workshop 4: Humanities Building – Room A18/19

Workshop 5: Nightingale Hall – Dining Room

Workshop 6: Cavendish Hall Dining Room

The workshops will follow parallel processes, which those chairing them will explain. They will be provided with response forms and the means for gathering, collating and submitting responses to the questions being raised in them.

A model statement on Living with Contradictory Convictions

Included in the report to the 2016 Conference by the previous Marriage and Relationships Task Group.

We continue to believe that God has been revealed in Jesus Christ, accept Jesus Christ as our Lord and Saviour, and live in communion with God and in the power of the Holy Spirit.

We cherish our place within Christ's Church recognising that it is Christ alone who chooses, calls and confirms us as members of His church, the body of Christ.

Whilst we may not all agree about everything, we recognise the importance of the truths which bind us together as well as the issues which currently divide us.

Therefore, we resolve:

- To engage with each other openly, honestly, prayerfully and graciously
- To treat each other with respect and dignity, recognising the sincerity of the faith of those who may see things differently
- To seek to learn from one another as we travel together as fellow pilgrims
- To renounce all language and behaviours that attempt to coerce others to change their views or beliefs
- To seek, as far as conscience allows, to preserve the fellowship of Christ's Church
- To unite under the authority of scripture as we seek live as authentic Christian disciples in our own generation

An extract from “A Plain Account of Christian Perfection” by John Wesley

There is no love of God without patience, and no patience without lowliness and sweetness of spirit. Humility and patience are the surest proof of the increase of love. Humility alone unites patience with love... God is the first object of our love: its next office is, to bear the defects of others. And we should begin the practice of this amidst our own household. We should chiefly exercise our love towards them who most shock either our way of thinking, or our temper, or our knowledge, or the desire we have that others should be as virtuous as we wish to be ourselves.

A prayer

Merciful God,
help us
to speak in love what is in our minds,
and to hear in love what is said by others;
to feel in love what is in our hearts,
and to sense in love what is in the hearts of others;
to confer in love to discern your truth,
and to be open in love to your guiding Spirit.
Through our disagreements guide us;
in our agreements direct us.
Together may we share the mind of Christ,
In whose name we pray...
Our Father...

AGENDA ITEM 46: COMMITTEE ON METHODIST LAW AND POLITY (2) (Pages 556-563)

Page 557, Section I, Standing Order 019(3)

For *(‘ICO’)*, and shall do so ~~if and only if inclusion within the notification registration...~~

Read *(‘ICO’)*, and shall do so ~~if and only if inclusion within the notification registration...~~

Page 558, Section J, Standing Order 1155A(1)(i)

Insert *as* after *same*

Page 561, Section K, Standing Order 730

For

(5) Subject to clause (5A) below ¶the Team member shall also:

Read

(5) Subject to clause (5B) below ¶the Team member shall also:

Page 562, Section K, Standing Order 322(4)

For

The committee shall, [...] It shall keep under review the stationing code of practice **and it shall determine the number of stations available to ministers of other Conferences and Churches not already serving the Church.**

Read

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