

Meeting agenda

Agenda for the meeting of the Methodist Council to be held online 29-30 January 2024

Glossary of terms

Note = for information

Discussion = significant discussion time but not expecting resolutions

Approve = resolution required, usually after previous or delegated discussion

Decision = resolution required and probably does need substantial debate first

Monday 29 January

10:00 Finance induction

- 12:00
1. Opening worship
 2. Minutes of the Methodist Council held on 19-20 October – **to approve**
 3. Report of the Strategy and Resources Committee **[MC/24/1] – for decision**
 4. Risk Management update and Corporate Risk Register **[MC/24/2] – to approve**

13:00 Break

- 14:00
5. Annual report and accounts **[MC/24/3] – to approve**
 6. Audit and Risk Assurance Committee report **[MC/24/4] – to approve**
 7. Pension Schemes **[MC/24/5] – to approve**
 8. Action for Hope grants criteria **[MC/24/6] – for discussion**

16:00 Break

- 16:30
9. Embedding the Justice-Seeking Church **[MC/24/7] – to approve**
 10. Connexional Team update **[MC/24/8] – to note**
 11. Investors in People **[MC/24/9] – to note**
 12. Lay and ordained appointments in the Connexional Team **[MC/24/10] – to approve**
 13. Safeguarding:
 - (a) Foundation training module updates **[MC/24/11] – to approve**
 - (b) Senior leadership training **[MC/24/12 to follow] – to approve**
 14. Standing Orders governing safeguarding duties of churches and circuits **[MC/24/13] – to approve**

18:00 Evening prayer

Tuesday 30 January

9:45 Morning prayers

15. Consultation with the Manchester and Stockport District **[MC/24/14] – to approve**

16. Changes in the composition or modified constitutions of Districts **[MC/24/15] – for decision**

17. Financial planning **[MC/24/16] – for decision**

18. JDS Committee **[MC/24/17] – to note**

19. Closed session

11:00 Break

11:30 20. Update on Part 11 review **[MC/24/18] – for discussion**

21. Minutes of the Conference and Directory of the Methodist Church **[MC/24/19] – for decision**

22. Confidentiality guidelines **[MC/24/20] – for decision**

23. Process for nominations for the Connexional Council **[MC/24/21] – to approve**

13:00 Closing prayer

En bloc:

1. Appointments **[MC/24/22]**

2. Global Partner representation at the 2024 Conference **[MC/24/23]**

3. EDI data for the Council **[MC/24/24]**

4. Matters arising **[MC/24/25]**

5. Decisions made **[MC/24/26]**

6. Joseph Rank Trust **[MC/24/27]**

7. Standing Order 494 – Candidates in the Welsh language work **[MC/24/28]**