

Notice of Motion 2018/210: Fasting

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Resolutions	23/1. The Council receives the report.

1. The 2018 Conference considered Notice of Motion 2018/210:

In the light of the President and Vice-President's addresses to the Conference, the Conference wishes to encourage representatives to forgo their evening meal on the Sunday of future Conferences. Such a fast would demonstrate the Conference's commitment to God and to those who are struggling with little resources. The fast would be voluntary. The Conference would donate the money saved to the nearest Methodist foodbank.

2. The Conference did not vote on this motion, but referred it to the Council for further consideration. The Council discussed it at its meeting in October 2018, and reported to the 2019 Conference that it had directed the Conference Arrangements Team to implement the spirit of the notice of motion from the 2020 Conference onwards. It noted that the contractual arrangements with the Hilton Metropole made it impossible to implement for the 2019 Conference.
3. The arrangements for the evening meals at the 2020 Conference are such that representatives are invited to eat in local restaurants and hotels and claim back their expenses (up to a limit of £15). It is therefore suggested that, if Conference representatives wish to 'fast' for one evening during the Conference (not necessarily the Sunday), they indicate that on their expenses form. It will be made clear that fasting is voluntary. The Conference Office will then make an appropriate donation to a local foodbank (having taken local advice as to the most appropriate beneficiary). The Council is asked to indicate whether it supports this approach to fulfilling the spirit of the notice of motion.

*****RESOLUTION**

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