

Ecumenical Associate Members of the 2019 Conference

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Status of Paper	Final
Action Required	Decision
Resolutions	<p>59/1. The Council receives the report and notes the addition to the list of churches and Christian bodies eligible to be invited to appoint associate members of the Conference as detailed in paragraph 2.2.</p> <p>59/2. The Council recommends to the 2018 Conference those churches and Christian bodies listed in paragraph 3.3 as those to be invited to appoint associate members of the 2019 Conference.</p>

Summary of Content

Subject and Aims	The appointment of the ecumenical Associate Members of the 2019 Conference.
Main Points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update of list of churches and Christian bodies that are eligible to appoint associate members of the Conference. • Recommendations to the Conference of the churches and Christian bodies to be invited to appoint associate members of the 2019 Conference.
Consultations	The Ecumenical Stakeholders' Forum

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1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 In 1989 the Ecumenical Committee proposed that six churches be invited to send representatives to the Conference in any one year.¹ The proposal was adopted by the Conference² and ecumenical representatives have been attending the Conference since 1991.
- 1.2 At its meeting in January 2013, the Methodist Council received a report on ecumenical associate members of the Conference and adopted revised principles for inviting churches and Christian bodies to appoint those associate members.³

2.0 List of churches and Christian bodies eligible to appoint associate members

- 2.1 For the purpose of Standing Order 107(1)(i), the following list of ecumenical bodies and associations in Great Britain of which the Methodist Church is a member is used:
- Action for Churches Together in Scotland (ACTS)**
 - Churches Together in England (CTE)**
 - Cytûn: Churches Together in Wales**
 - Free Churches Group (FCG)**
 - Free Church Council of Wales (FCCW)**

3.0 The 2019 Conference

- 3.1 On the basis of the principles agreed by the Council in January 2013, all the churches that have appointed associate members of the 2018 Conference are due to do so for the 2019 Conference.
- 3.2 It is proposed, therefore, that the Council recommends to the Conference that the following churches and Christian bodies be invited to appoint associate members of the 2019 Conference:
- The Church of England**
 - The United Reformed Church**
 - The Baptist Union of Great Britain**
 - The Church in Wales**
 - The New Testament Church of God**
 - The Salvation Army**

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¹ Conference Agenda (1989), pp. 558-561: Resolution H.2.

² Daily Record (1989), 9/30.

³ MC/13/22: Ecumenical Associate Members of the Conference in 2014 and subsequent years.