

**Work from the Conference 2017/18**

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<b>Action Required</b>	Note
<b>Resolution</b>	83/1. The Council receives the workplan for 2017/18.

**Summary of Content**

<b>Subject and Aims</b>	To share with the Council the workplan from the Conference for 2016/17 following discussion at the Strategy and Resources Committee.
<b>Main Points</b>	Workplan for 2017/18 of work sent from the Conference in 2017 with uncompleted or ongoing items from previous years.
<b>Background Context and Relevant Documents (with function)</b>	Workplan for 2016/17 – MC/16/74.
<b>Consultations</b>	Strategy and Resources Committee

**\*\*\*RESOLUTION**

**83/1. The Council receives the workplan for 2017/18.**

## Work from the 2017 Conference

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Methodist Council		To the Council	To the Conference	Cluster / Officer	Notes / Consultations
<b>3.</b>	<b>Methodist Council, Part 1</b>				
<b>3/15.</b>	The Conference commends the draft [ministerial] code [of conduct] for wide consultation across the Connexion. [DR 5/5/3]		“A future Conference” – para. I(1)	Conference Office	To include formal consultation with Law and Polity and Faith and Order – para. I(1)
<b>20.</b>	<b>3Generate 2016 – Methodist Children and Youth Assembly</b>				
<b>20/2.</b>	The Conference directs the Methodist Council to ensure that the Joint Public Issues Team, in partnership with 3Generate, produce resources for Local Churches and Circuits so that children and young people can be enabled to participate effectively with issues of social justice. [DR 6/18/2]	Updates as part of Team reports		Mission and Advocacy (JPIT) and Discipleship and Ministries	
<b>22.</b>	<b>Report of the Past Cases Review Implementation Group</b>				
<b>22/3.</b>	The Conference directs the Methodist Council to review the terms of reference and membership of the Safeguarding Committee with the aim of ensuring that the Committee is best placed to support the on-going work of ensuring a safer Church for all. [DR 5/14/2]	October 2017 re process		Conference Office	
<b>27.</b>	<b>Methodist Council, part 2</b>				
<b>27/9.</b>	The Conference: (a) as a matter of urgency, commits itself to taking steps to enable the Methodist Church to become a more inclusive and multicultural community of faith; (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. [DR 6/12/1]	January 2018	2018	EDI Committee	EDI Committee, Belonging Together Ministers’ Group, Fellowships Sub-Committee of the Ministries Committee and WCR office
<b>27/12.</b>	The Conference adopts the 15 proposals regarding transferring ministers as set out in paragraph 16 with the exception of recommendation 10 which it refers to the Connexional Allowances Committee. [DR 7/27/2]			Conference Office to take forward proposals 1-9, 11-15	Connexional Allowances Committee

<b>27/19.</b>	The Conference directs the Council to undertake work to establish a peer review process for the Districts and report on progress to the 2018 Conference. [DR 7/16/3]	January 2018	2018	Conference Office	
<b>28.</b>	<b>Ecumenical Report</b>				
<b>28/2.</b>	The Conference adopts the recommendation in paragraph 16.2 of the Report and amends Standing Order 334 as follows: 334 Local Ecumenical Development. ... (5) The ecumenical officer shall compile a list of all new schemes approved by the Synods under Standing Order 412(2) and of all sharing agreements authorised <i>or signed</i> by him or her, and ensure that they are reported to the Conference <b>Methodist Council.</b> [DR 8/18/2]	Annually		Conference Office (Connexional Ecumenical Officer)	
<b>29.</b>	<b>Methodist Schools: The Wesley Trust</b>				
<b>29/3.</b>	The Conference adopts the proposal for the Methodist Schools Committee and directs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the Council to appoint the members of the Committee;</li> <li>the Committee to provide annually a coordinated report to the Conference through the Methodist Council on behalf of all Methodist schools;</li> <li>[the Law and Polity Committee to consider whether amendments are required to Standing Orders to give better effect to this decision.] [DR 6/8/2]</li> </ul>	October 2017 for appointment April 2018 for report		Discipleship and Ministries	Law and Polity Committee
<b>32.</b>	<b>Covenants of Care - final report from working group</b>				
<b>32/2.</b>	The Conference adopts the recommendations as set out in paragraph 9 of the Report. [DR 7/10/2] ie: 9.1. Replacing Covenants of Care with Safeguarding Contracts for all those with proven and alleged sex and safeguarding offences; 9.2. Introducing a more formalised process for independent risk assessment of known and alleged offenders; 9.3. Maintenance of records of all those subject to Contracts by the Connexional Safeguarding Team so that regular reporting and monitoring of consistent approaches can be achieved; 9.4. Providing training for members of Monitoring and Support Groups so that they are suitably prepared and enabled to carry out their role; 9.5. Implementing a process whereby all Contracts are reviewed at least	Review of arrangements in 2022		Conference Office (Safeguarding)	

	annually by Monitoring and Support Groups and consideration is given to re-assessing arrangements by means of a new risk assessment every three years; 9.6. Methodist Council review of these new arrangements in 2022 (5 years).				
<b>34.</b>	<b>Proposed Supervision and Professional Development Model for District Safeguarding Officers</b>				
<b>34/2.</b>	The Conference directs the Council to proceed with producing detailed and costed proposals for professional supervision of District Safeguarding Officers based on the approach to supervision as set out in paragraphs 3.0 – 8.12 of the report. [DR 7/14/2]	January 2018		Conference Office (Safeguarding)	
<b>35.</b>	<b>Calculating safeguarding time required for Districts</b>				
<b>35/2.</b>	The Conference adopts the method for calculating District Safeguarding Officer hours for each District as set out in the Report. [DR 7/15]			Conference Office (Safeguarding)	To oversee and assist with the implementation of the new method
<b>43.</b>	<b>Summary of the Outcomes of the Training Review</b>				
<b>NoM 2017/ 106</b>	... The Conference requests a fuller report in response to the six memorials from the Synods of the East Anglia, Manchester and Stockport, Northampton, York and Hull, South East and Cumbria Districts to the 2015 Conference so that the Conference can consider what provisions need to be implemented. [DR 5/10/2]	Training strategy report in April 2018 – trail in January 2018	2018	Conference Office	Strategy and Resources Committee
<b>LP/4.</b>	By way of consequential provision following its acceptance of Notice of Motion 106, the Conference directs the Council, in response to the memorials from the East Anglia, Manchester and Stockport, Northampton, York and Hull, South East and Cumbria Synods accepted by the Conference of 2015: (a) to bring a fuller report of the findings of the Training Review Group to the Conference of 2018; and (b) to include in its report an account of the evaluations made by the Strategy and Resources Committee of those recommendations and any provisions for implementation which have been made or are proposed. [DR 8/40]				Ministries Committee (to facilitate consultations)  District Chairs
<b>56.</b>	<b>Committee Appointments</b>				
<b>56/12 A.</b>	The Conference delegates to the Council the appointment of a representative to the Council from the Chairs' Meeting and from the Birmingham District. [DR 8/38/10]	October 2017			

	<b>Second Report from the Law and Polity Conference Sub-Committee</b>				
<b>LP/7.</b>	The Conference, having considered the advice of the Law and Polity Conference Sub-Committee, directs in accordance with Standing Order 126 that the appropriate consultation In respect of special resolution 9/5 shall be by submission to the Methodist Council under Standing Order 126(1)(c). [DR 8/40]	October 2017	2018		
<b>Memorials</b>					
<b>M1</b>	<b>Fresh Expressions and Methodist ecclesial formation</b> The broader issues raised by this memorial are already being considered as part of the work being undertaken by the Law and Polity and Faith and Order Committees as directed by the Methodist Council. The Conference therefore declines the specific requests of this memorial but directs the Methodist Council to report on the progress of this work to the Conference in 2018. [DR 7/28]	April 2018	2018	Connexional Secretary	
<b>M10</b>	<b>Complaints procedures</b> ... The Conference directs the Methodist Council to ensure that the Connexional Team produces more comprehensive guidance for local complaints officers in order to support them in their role and thereby to consider the resources given to the complaints process as a whole and the training available for local complaints officers, but declines the request for a full review... [DR 8/7/2]	April 2018, as part of Team report		Conference Office	
<b>M15</b>	<b>Connexional grant funding – balancing holiness, risk and sustainability</b> ... Responsibility for grant-making policy rests with the Methodist Council. At its meeting in April 2017 the Council appointed a small group of its members to work with the CGC on reviewing its policy for mission and ministry in Britain grants. In light of this, the Conference refers the memorial to the Council for consideration as part of its review of connexional grants policy. [DR 5/5/4]	Grants policy to be presented in Oct 2017 [see April 2017 minutes – 50/7.]		Connexional Secretary	
<b>M16</b>	<b>Use of reserves for local mission</b> The Conference... instructs the Council to provide updates as part of the annual budgeting process for connexional funds and encourages the Council to undertake further work in respect of funds held across the Connexion. [DR 5/5/4]	January 2018 – scoping paper re positive and negative potential impact of moving managing		Support Services	Annual process  Scoping paper may need comment from Law and Polity and/or Faith and Order

		trusteeship			
<b>M17</b>	<p><b>Online returns for churches without property</b></p> <p>Recognising that there are some technical restrictions on the exact way in which systems can be designed, the Conference declines the specific solution proposed in the memorial but instructs the Methodist Council to oversee a review of the online returns facility in order to ensure that it best reflects the needs of the Church. [DR 8/7/2]</p>	October 2017		Support Services	Work has begun on this. A matrix is being produced to be considered by key stakeholders, who will meet in January. Any agreed changes will be implemented on 1 September 2018.
<b>M19</b>	<p><b>Leasing a manse to house Syrian refugees</b></p> <p>The Conference accepts the principles of the memorial, and in doing so:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• directs the Council to amend its policy under Model Trust 20 to permit a Church Council, Circuit Meeting or District Policy Committee to grant assured shorthold tenancy agreements at below the market rent where the properties are to be occupied under the VPR programme without the need for the consent of the Council;</li> <li>• directs the Council to draft guidance on this matter and to liaise with TMCP regarding the production of precedent leases. [DR 8/7/2]</li> </ul>	January 2018		Conference Office	TMCP
<b>M20 and M39</b>	<p><b>Welcoming refugees</b></p> <p>The Conference accepts the principle of the memorial and, in so doing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• requires a letter to be sent to the Home Office seeking a more compassionate response in the treatment of all displaced persons reaching the UK and, in particular, a further increase in the Government's commitment to the settlement of unaccompanied minors;</li> <li>• calls on Circuits and Districts to lobby those local authorities which are not participating in the Syrian Vulnerable Person Resettlement Programme;</li> <li>• directs the Methodist Council to encourage the Joint Public Issues Team to continue advocating for refugees and asylum seekers. [DR 8/7/2]</li> </ul>	Report in October 2017 that letter has been sent		Mission and Advocacy (JPIT)	
<b>M25</b>	<p><b>WCC Programme to Combat Racism</b></p> <p>The Conference accepts this memorial and instructs the Methodist Council to consider the possibility of holding a conference on the role of the Church in opposing racism as this work moves forward. [DR 6/12/2]</p>	October 2017		EDI Committee	
<b>M27-</b>	<b>Engaging effectively with the Prevent strategy</b>	October 2017		Mission and	Ecumenical partners,

<b>M30</b>	<p>The Conference recognises the many calls on the resources of the Connexional Team. The Conference, therefore, responds positively to this memorial but declines the specific requests contained in it and instead asks the Methodist Council:</p> <p>(a) to request JPIT to work with ecumenical partners to bring the concerns identified by the Church to the attention of the relevant government departments;</p> <p>(b) to request the DMLN, working with JPIT, to facilitate a round table consultation with participants from the Methodist Higher Education Chaplains' Group and other relevant parties, to explore the issues raised by this memorial, in the expectation that the participants themselves will be best placed to develop resources and provide support.</p> <p>The outcomes from this consultation should also inform the concerns shared with the Government. [DR 8/7/1]</p>	- report completed		Advocacy (JPIT) and Discipleship and Ministries	the Methodist Higher Education Chaplains' Group and other relevant parties
<b>M32-M36</b>	<p><b>Investment in fossil fuels</b></p> <p>... 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 divestment.</p> <p>Therefore, the Conference asks the Methodist Council to request JACEI to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) examine the pace of change in the extractive industries sector;</li> <li>b) in the light of the increasing urgency for more global action, continue actively to consider divestment criteria, timescales, and consultation processes required to divest from oil and gas companies that fail to comply with the ethical basis outlined above;</li> <li>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 divest from such a company by the 2020 Conference. [DR 6/20/2]</li> </ul>	October 2017 to request JACEI to do the work	2018	Mission and Advocacy	JACEI
<b>Notices of Motion</b>					
<b>NoM 2017/202</b>	<p><b>Applications for grants from the National Lottery</b></p> <p>The Conference directs that appropriate steps are taken to ensure that approval from the Circuit Meeting be required for any application to the National Lottery over £10,000 and, additionally, approval from the District Policy Committee be required for any application over £50,000.</p>	Policy paper – date to be confirmed		Support Services / Conference Office	

	The Conference further directs the Council to ensure that guidance is produced regarding the implications of successful bids on, for example, financial management, employer responsibilities and use of buildings in the context of the obligations of Managing Trustees. [DR 6/2]				
<b>NoM 2017/205</b>	<p><b>Major supermarkets and the 'Fairtrade' mark</b></p> <p>The Conference therefore directs the Council to urge the Joint Advisory Committee on the Ethics of Investment and the Central Finance Board</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• as part of its engagement with firms to promote genuine and transparent fair trade and Fairtrade Foundation where appropriate.</li> <li>• to encourage supermarkets to continue to support the Fairtrade Foundation's Fairtrade mark.</li> </ul> <p>The Conference additionally directs the Methodist Council to raise this issue with Sainsbury's senior management.</p> <p>The Conference therefore encourages individual Methodists, churches, circuits and districts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• to draw the attention of the public to this move which threatens the future of the Fairtrade accreditation and which will particularly impact upon the social premium currently paid to producer groups.</li> <li>• to challenge large food and drink companies who are currently rethinking their supply chains, and looking to cut costs by devising their own environmental and labour policies. [DR 6/21]</li> </ul>	October 2017 – report completed		Mission and Advocacy	JACEI, Central Finance Board
<b>NoM 2017/206</b>	<p><b>Growth Plan or End of Life Plan</b></p> <p>In the light of the address given by the President of the Conference, the Conference with immediate effect encourages every Church Council annually to address and answer the question 'do you have a growth plan or an end of life plan?' The answer should be presented to the Circuit Meeting in order to aid their wider, strategic oversight of mission and ministry. The responses should also be annually reported to the District in order to fuel their discussions of Standing Order 962.</p> <p>Should a local church offer no growth plan (within two years) they should be strongly encouraged and supported as they consider their end of life plan.</p> <p>The Conference directs the Council to undertake work on how this can best be implemented and report to the 2018 Conference. [DR 8/4/2]</p>	January 2018	2018	Connexional Secretary / Secretary of the Conference	Join with Property Development Committee work on SO 962.
<b>NoM 2017/209</b>	<p><b>Day of prayer and fasting</b></p> <p>The Conference recognises the challenges and changes facing every community in these islands and the urgent call of God on the Methodist people to share the love of God in Jesus Christ in word and action. The</p>	October 2017 – report completed		P/VP/Sec  Mission and Advocacy	P/VP/Sec to write to churches and include spirit of 206/209



	Conference therefore calls on every local church to launch the new Methodist year with a day of prayer and fasting and directs the Methodist Council to ensure that the Connexional Team promote such a day.				Ensure communication via the Buzz, the Week Ahead etc
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Conference Business Committee		To the Council	To the Conference	Cluster / Officer	Notes / Consultations
<b>Memorials</b>					
<b>M26</b>	<p><b>Mission and Evangelism in Changing Landscapes</b></p> <p>The Conference therefore accepts parts (a) and (b) of the memorial and draws the attention of the Methodist Church to the text of Together Towards Life which can be downloaded as a pdf from:  <a href="https://www.oikoumene.org/en/resources/documents/commissions/mission-and-evangelism/together-towards-life-mission-and-evangelism-in-changing-landscapes">https://www.oikoumene.org/en/resources/documents/commissions/mission-and-evangelism/together-towards-life-mission-and-evangelism-in-changing-landscapes</a>            Recognising the need for the Connexional Team and the Conference to manage limited resources of people and time, the Conference declines parts (c) and (d) and instead:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• [requests the Global Relationships Strategic Oversight Sub-Committee to act as a channel for dialogue and information about the 2018 World Mission Conference;]</li> <li>• requests the Conference Business Committee to consider how feedback from that event may best be heard when the Conference meets in 2018. [DR 8/7/2]</li> </ul>	Daleep Mukarji, as part of GRSOSC report to the Council, to report that an invitation was extended	2018	Mission and Advocacy / Connexional Secretary	Conference Business Committee

Connexional Allowances Committee		To the Council	To the Conference	Cluster / Officer	Notes / Consultations
<b>14.</b>	<b>Connexional Allowances Committee</b>				
<b>14/2.</b>	The Conference adopts the report and recommendations in sections 1, 2 and 3, with the exception of those in paragraphs 1.17 to 1.21. [DR 5/18/1]			Support Services	
<b>14/3.</b>	The Conference adopts the report and recommendations in paragraphs 1.17 to 1.21 with effect from 1 September 2017. [DR 5/18/2]	April 2018	2018	Support Services	
<b>LP/5.</b>	By way of consequential provision following its acceptance of Notice of Motion 2017/101, the Conference amends resolution 14/3 to read: (a) The Conference adopts the report and recommendations in paragraphs 1.17 to 1.19 as amended by the Notice of Motion with effect				

	from 1 September 2017 but not the recommendations in paragraphs 1.20 to 1.21. (b) The Conference directs the Connexional Allowances Committee to bring to the Conference of 2018 an appropriate recommendation for the use of any balance outstanding in the Computers in Ministry scheme fund. [DR 8/40]				
<b>14/4.</b>	The Conference receives the report of the Faith and Order Committee in paragraphs 4.1 to 4.8.3, and adopts the further recommendations of the Connexional Allowances Committee in paragraph 4.9.3. [DR 5/18/3]	April 2018	2018	Support Services	Responses to be sent to the Chair of the CAC by 30 November 2017
<b>27.</b>	<b>Methodist Council, part 2</b>				
<b>27/12.</b>	The Conference adopts the 15 proposals regarding transferring ministers as set out in paragraph 16 with the exception of recommendation 10 which it refers to the Connexional Allowances Committee. [DR 7/27/2]			Support Services (Conference Office to take forward proposals 1-9, 11-15)	Connexional Allowances Committee.

<b>Faith and Order Committee</b>		<b>To the Council</b>	<b>To the Conference</b>	<b>Cluster / Officer</b>	<b>Notes / Consultations</b>
<b>37.</b>	<b>The Gift of Connexionalism in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century</b>				
<b>37/1.</b>	The Conference adopts the Report and commends it for study and reflection throughout the Connexion. [DR 5/8]			Discipleship and Ministries, Mission and Advocacy and Secretary of the Faith and Order Committee	Popular introduction to be produced
<b>Memorials</b>					
<b>M2 and M3</b>	<b>Ministers in local appointment and Self-supporting ministry</b> ... the Conference declines the memorial. Nevertheless, it acknowledges that current practice does not fully reflect the flexible patterns of ministry envisaged in the Releasing Ministers for Ministry report and directs the Faith and Order Committee to consider these issues as part of its work on ministry and report to the 2018 Conference. [DR 7/28]		2018	Faith and Order Committee	Ensure that Keith Davies (as Chair of the Ministry in the Methodist Church working party) is aware

Global Relationships Strategic Oversight Sub-Committee		To the Council	To the Conference	Cluster / Officer	Notes / Consultations
<b>Memorials</b>					
<b>M26</b>	<p><b>Mission and Evangelism in Changing Landscapes</b></p> <p>The Conference therefore accepts parts (a) and (b) of the memorial and draws the attention of the Methodist Church to the text of Together Towards Life which can be downloaded as a pdf from:  <a href="https://www.oikoumene.org/en/resources/documents/commissions/mission-and-evangelism/together-towards-life-mission-and-evangelism-in-changing-landscapes">https://www.oikoumene.org/en/resources/documents/commissions/mission-and-evangelism/together-towards-life-mission-and-evangelism-in-changing-landscapes</a>            Recognising the need for the Connexional Team and the Conference to manage limited resources of people and time, the Conference declines parts (c) and (d) and instead:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• requests the Global Relationships Strategic Oversight Sub-Committee to act as a channel for dialogue and information about the 2018 World Mission Conference;</li> <li>• [requests the Conference Business Committee to consider how feedback from that event may best be heard when the Conference meets in 2018.] [DR 8/7/2]</li> </ul>		2018	Mission and Advocacy (WCR) to support	

Law and Polity Committee		To the Council	To the Conference	Cluster / Officer	Notes / Consultations
<b>27.</b>	<b>Methodist Council, part 2</b>				
<b>27/22.</b>	The Conference directs the Law and Polity Committee to bring Standing Order amendments to effect the proposals as set out in paragraph 16 of this report to the 2018 Conference. [DR 7/27/5]		2018	Conference Office	
<b>29.</b>	<b>Methodist Schools: The Wesley Trust</b>				
<b>29/3.</b>	<p>The Conference adopts the proposal for the Methodist Schools Committee and directs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• [the Council to appoint the members of the Committee;</li> <li>• the Committee to provide annually a coordinated report to the Conference through the Methodist Council on behalf of all Methodist schools;]</li> <li>• the Law and Polity Committee to consider whether amendments are required to Standing Orders to give better effect to this decision. [DR 6/8/2]</li> </ul>	October 2017 for appointment, April 2018 for report.		Conference Office	
<b>First Report of the Law and Polity Conference Sub-Committee</b>					

<b>LP/2.</b>	The Conference directs the Law and Polity Committee in consultation with the Safeguarding Committee to examine whether the use of the word “contract” in Section 69 is appropriate having regard to its legal implications and to bring to the Conference of 2018 a report of its conclusions and any proposals for consequential amendments to Standing Orders. [DR7/12/3]		2018	Conference Office	Safeguarding Committee
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<b>Local Preachers and Worship Leaders Studies Board</b>		<b>To the Council</b>	<b>To the Conference</b>	<b>Cluster / Officer</b>	<b>Notes / Consultations</b>
<b>Memorials</b>					
<b>M7</b>	<b>Access to local preaching and worship leading training materials</b> ... The Conference, therefore, declines the memorial but directs the Local Preachers and Worship Leaders Studies Board to take account of it in the future development of the course. [DR 7/28]			Discipleship and Ministries	

<b>Ministerial Candidates’ and Probationers’ Oversight Committee</b>		<b>To the Council</b>	<b>To the Conference</b>	<b>Cluster / Officer</b>	<b>Notes / Consultations</b>
<b>Memorials</b>					
<b>M4 and M5</b>	<b>Candidating for ministers seeking to move from Presbyter to Deacon or vice versa</b> ... The Conference therefore accepts the memorial and directs the Ministerial Candidates and Probationers Oversight Committee to consult with the Faith and Order Committee and to bring a fuller response to the 2019 Conference. [DR 8/7/2]		2019	Conference Office	Faith and Order Committee

<b>Ministries Committee</b>		<b>To the Council</b>	<b>To the Conference</b>	<b>Cluster / Officer</b>	<b>Notes / Consultations</b>
<b>Memorials</b>					
<b>M6</b>	<b>Serving another denomination</b> ... Whilst declining the specific request made in the memorial (as the Conference considers that this relates to the procedures of other denominations), the Conference does recognise that all such arrangements need to be kept under review and directs the Ministries Committee to consider the general issues raised by this memorial and to report to the Conference in 2019. [DR 8/7/2]	April 2019	2019	Conference Office and Discipleship and Ministries	
<b>M8</b>	<b>Sabbaticals for local preachers and worship leaders</b> ... Therefore, the Conference declines the memorial but directs the	April 2018		Discipleship and Ministries	

	Ministries Committee to consider the matters raised in this memorial as they review various aspects of the ministry of Local Preachers. [DR 7/28]				
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Secretary of the Conference		To the Council	To the Conference	Cluster / Officer	Notes / Consultations
<b>9.</b>	<b>Committee on Methodist Law and Polity (1)</b>				
<b>9/7.</b>	The Conference authorises and directs the Secretary of the Conference to ensure that the process described in paragraph 12 of the report is implemented and that due consideration is given to the matters referred to in paragraphs 14, 15 and 16. [DR 5/20/3]			Conference Office	
<b>Memorials</b>					
<b>M38</b>	<b>Nuclear weapons ban treaty</b> Following the UK's opposition to the negotiation of a nuclear ban treaty the Conference urges the Government to use the high level meeting in 2018 to advocate for robust action and to seek to restore confidence in the UK's commitment to multilateral disarmament. The Conference draws attention to new resources published by the Joint Public Issues Team on the nuclear ban treaty and multilateral disarmament. The Conference therefore accepts the memorial. [Which includes: "Therefore, the Synod asks the Conference to direct the Secretary of the Conference to write to Her Majesty's Government urging it to engage with the UN process at the earliest opportunity and to publish the text of the letter and its response on the Methodist Church website."] [DR 8/7/3]			Conference Office and Mission and Advocacy (JPIT)	JPIT to draft

Responsible body not specified		To the Council	To the Conference	Cluster / Officer	Notes / Consultations
<b>19.</b>	<b>Supervision Policy</b>				
<b>19/2.</b>	The Conference adopts the interim policy on supervision. [DR 7/26]			Conference Office	Work to implement / report on the new interim policy
<b>20.</b>	<b>3Generate 2016 – Methodist Children and Youth Assembly</b>				
<b>20/3.</b>	The Conference encourages Local Churches and Circuits to enable all ages to engage positively with Mental Health Awareness Week. [DR 6/18/2]	October 2017 – report completed		Discipleship and Ministries / Mission and Advocacy	To be promoted via the Week Ahead
<b>22.</b>	<b>Report of the Past Cases Review Implementation Group</b>				
<b>22/2.</b>	The Conference directs that the guidance contained in paragraph 2.4.5 of	October 2017	N/A	Conference Office /	

<b>LP/6.</b>	this report on record keeping and pastoral ministry as amended from time to time in accordance with the statements made to the Conference should be placed on the Methodist Church website alongside the section on confidentiality contained in the 2008 Conference report <i>With Integrity and Skill</i> . [DR 8/40]	– report completed		Mission and Advocacy	
<b>27.</b>	<b>Methodist Council, part 2</b>				
<b>27/8.</b>	The Conference urges Districts, Circuits, Local Churches and appropriate connexional bodies to engage with the Equality Diversity and Inclusion Toolkit. [DR 6/5/4]	October 2017 – report completed		Support Services / Mission and Advocacy	
<b>42.</b>	<b>Statistics for Mission</b>				
<b>42/2.</b>	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. [DR 8/4/1]			Mission and Advocacy  Secretary of the Conference	

<b>Memorials</b>		<b>To the Council</b>	<b>To the Conference</b>	<b>Cluster / Officer</b>	<b>Notes / Consultations</b>
<b>M21</b>	<b>Peace in Israel/Palestine</b> The Conference accepted the memorial, which “ask[ed] that the Conference reminds the Methodist people to be discerning in their seeking of truth in current statements of world leaders and the media, to be judicious in their use of money and to pray for a way to real peace and security through justice for all the inhabitants of the Holy Land.” [DR 6/3]	October 2017 – report completed		Mission and Advocacy	
<b>M22, M23 and M37</b>	<b>Centenary of the Balfour Declaration</b> ... The Conference therefore accepts the spirit of this memorial and of memorial M23. The Conference directs letters to be sent to the Middle East Council of Churches, the Foreign and Commonwealth Office and the Government of Israel, reaffirming the commitment of the Methodist Church	October 2017 – report completed		Mission and Advocacy	

	to peace and justice for all the peoples of Israel/Palestine, expressing its regret at the damaging consequences of the Balfour Declaration for the Palestinian people, and calling for the centenary of the declaration to be marked as a significant historical event but not as a time of celebration... [DR 6/3]				
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Notices of Motion (new)		To the Council	To the Conference	Cluster / Officer	Notes / Consultations
<b>NoM 2017/201</b>	<p><b>Europe and the UK</b></p> <p>Without expressing a view on the merits or otherwise of the detailed political and economic relationships that might emerge from the current negotiations, the Conference therefore:</p> <p>...</p> <p>2. Extends its greetings to its partner Churches within other European countries and to the European Methodist Council.</p> <p>3. Encourages Methodists and others to make representations to their MPs and MEPs asking the UK Government and EU to finalise as a matter of urgency, the future rights of EU27 citizens and UK citizens who similarly live in countries of the EU27... [DR 5/21]</p>	October 2017 – report completed		<p>Mission and Advocacy (JPIT to draft letter for 3)</p> <p>Conference Office (Connexional Ecumenical Officer to draft something for 2 for EMC in September)</p>	
<b>NoM 2017/204</b>	<p><b>Movement Day UK 2017</b></p> <p>... The Conference:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Expresses support to the organisers of Movement Day UK 2017</li> <li>• Encourages Methodist people to register to attend</li> <li>• Encourages all ministers to consider identifying those who might benefit from attending or might contribute beneficially to the conversation planned by what they would input by attending. [DR 6/22]</li> </ul>	October 2017 – report completed		Mission and Advocacy	<p>Secretary of the Conference (on the committee of reference)</p> <p>To be promoted via the Week Ahead</p>
<b>NoM 2017/207</b>	<p><b>Supernumeraries and care costs</b></p> <p>... The Conference therefore strongly encourages MHA to engage with the Connexional Allowances Committee’s discussions on enabling financial provision for married couples to remain together. It further encourages those involved in these matters in the name of the Church to campaign for a way to keep married couples together until death. [DR 7/20]</p>			Support Services	Connexional Allowances Committee and MHA
<b>NoM 2017/210</b>	<p><b>Building relationships with people of all faiths</b></p> <p>In the light of the recent terrorist attacks the Conference urges and challenges churches and circuits to foster and build relationships with people of all faiths, especially at this time the Islamic community, so that we</p>			Mission and Advocacy/ Interfaith Reference Group	

	might work together to create more open, tolerant and inclusive communities across Britain. [DR 7/7]				
<b>NoM 2017/211</b>	<p><b>Religious freedom in Sri Lanka</b></p> <p>... The Conference therefore:</p> <p>a) reaffirms its solidarity with sisters and brothers in the Methodist Church Sri Lanka;</p> <p>b) calls on the British Government to make urgent representations to the President and Prime Minister of Sri Lanka:</p> <p>i) to urge restraint and uphold the freedoms of Sri Lankans of all faiths as guaranteed by the Constitution; and</p> <p>ii) to take firm actions to protect its citizens and bring the perpetrators of religiously-motivated violence to justice;</p> <p>c) calls on the Methodist people to hold the Sri Lankan people in prayer and to act for justice, peace and freedom. [DR 7/17]</p>	October 2017 – report completed		Mission and Advocacy	<p>Letter sent by the President to the Secretary of State – July 2017</p> <p>Secretary to write to the Church in Sri Lanka with a copy of the letter</p>



## Work from the 2016 Conference

Methodist Council					
	Memorials				
<b>M32</b>	<p><b>Use of church buildings by other churches</b> [DR 5/14/2]</p> <p>... Therefore, whilst declining the proposal to amend Model Trust 14(2A) at present in the form suggested, the Conference directs the Methodist Council, in consultation with the Law and Polity Committee, to provide guidance on the application and use of Model Trust 14(2A) both in terms of its flexibility and limitations. The Conference also directs the Council, in consultation with the Law and Polity Committee, to consider whether it is desirable to make any amendments to Model Trust 14(2A) and to bring any recommendations to the 2018 Conference.</p>	January 2018	2018	Conference Office, Law and Polity Committee	Counsel's opinion is being sought on the ability to amend and implications of amending paragraph 14(2A) to permit licenses or lease of longer than 12 months to Christian churches for worship on Model Trust property. The opinion is being sought in order to inform a paper that will be brought to the Council in January 2018 on the options to amend, the parameters of any amendments and the implications. Consideration will also be given as to the positives and negatives of amending the policy.
<b>M21</b>	<p><b>Accounting software</b> [DR 6/2]</p> <p>... However, the Conference agrees that adding the facility to produce and submit electronically both the short and long version of the Methodist Standard Form of Accounts would be useful. It directs the Methodist Council, therefore, to oversee an evaluation of the potential development of such a program, and if appropriate to initiate it. It recognises, however, that the deadline of 1 September 2017 is unlikely to be realistic. In addition to development time, which would include identifying a suitable supplier, it is vital that a selection of treasurers is able to provide input to</p>	Initial report presented in January 2017 Update to be brought to October 2017.		Support Services	Target implementation date of 1 September 2018

	<p>both the design and implementation of the program to ensure that it is as user-friendly and effective as possible. Such work is also not included within the 2016/17 budget.</p> <p>The Conference therefore directs the Methodist Council to oversee this work, with a target implementation date of 1 September 2018.</p>				
<b>M22</b>	<p><b>Systems for recording safeguarding cases</b> [DR 7/12/4]</p> <p>... The Conference directs the Methodist Council to oversee an investigation of the potential feasibility and cost of a system as described in the memorial and to report back no later than the 2018 Conference.</p>	January 2018	No later than 2018	Conference Office (Safeguarding)	
<b>M26</b>	<p><b>TMCP</b> [DR 8/5/4]</p> <p>In recognition of the need to be faithful in the use of the resources of the whole Connexion, the Conference accepts the need to review the role of TMCP, directing the Methodist Council and inviting the Board of TMCP to consider the points raised in the memorial by appointing a joint working party to:</p> <p>(a) Clarify the extent of the application of SO 931(3) and the role and responsibility of the custodian trustee under the Methodist Church Act 1939 and charity law.</p> <p>(b) Clarify the need for SO 931(3) in its current form and where appropriate suggest amendments.</p> <p>(c) Assess what steps are necessary to ensure that the Connexional Team has available to it an appropriate level of resource so as to fulfil the terms of SO 931(3).</p> <p>(d) Clarify the requirements placed upon Managing Trustees in respect of disposals and contracts and identify ways to speed up transactions, taking into account the views of the Law and Polity Committee on the role of the custodian.</p> <p>(e) Clarify and define respective areas of responsibility so as to resource the mission and ministry of the whole Connexion most effectively.</p> <p>(f) Establish a full review of the needs of Managing Trustees in terms of property and legal advice and consider the benefit of professional legal services being provided by the Connexional Team.</p> <p>The Conference further directs the Methodist Council to bring a report on the progress of this work to the 2017 Conference and delegates to the Council responsibility for appointing two members of the working party. The Conference appoints Mrs Susan R Howdle to chair the proposed working group.</p>	April 2018	<p>Progress report to the 2017 Conference</p> <p>Fuller report expected to the 2018 Conference</p>	Board of TMCP	

<p><b>M27</b> <b>M28</b> <b>M29</b></p> <p><b>M22 (2015)</b></p>	<p>The Conference invites the Board of TMCP to appoint two members of the working party.</p> <p><b>TMCP [DR 8/5/5]</b></p> <p>... The point raised in the memorial has been the subject of conversations which were initiated as a result of Memorial M22 of the 2015 Conference which directed the Methodist Council to enter into discussions with the Board and Chief Executive of TMCP in order to find ways to continue to improve the service provided to the Connexion. Whilst this work is ongoing, the Conference is of the opinion that a more fundamental review of the way that Managing Trustees are supported in respect of the care and development of property is now required. As such, the Conference accepts the memorial and directs the Methodist Council to consider it as part of the work directed in the response to M26.</p> <p><b>TMCP [DR 7/38]</b></p> <p>...the Conference recognises that there are ongoing concerns about the service TMCP are able to provide and therefore directs the Methodist Council to enter into discussions with the Board and Chief Executive of TMCP to try and find ways to continue to improve the service provided to the Connexion.</p> <p>The Conference directs the Methodist Council to report back to the Conference at the earliest practical opportunity, but no later than 2017, on the outcome of the discussions.</p>		2017		To be undertaken as part of the review outlined above.
<p><b>6.</b></p>	<p><b>Connexional Allowances Committee: Review of Allowances above Stipend</b></p>				
<p><b>6/7.</b></p>	<p>The Conference directs the Council to establish a working group to review the matter of university funding for the children of ministers stationed in the Channel Islands, the Isle of Man, Gibraltar and Malta and make appropriate recommendations. [DR 5/20/2]</p>	<p>April 2018</p>	<p>2018 (p. 114 of the 2017 Agenda)</p>	<p>Conference Office</p>	<p>Islands Ministry Conference in October</p>
<p><b>6/8.</b></p>	<p>The Conference directs the Council to report on the reciprocal state contribution and benefit arrangements between the UK and the Channel Islands, the Isle of Man, Gibraltar and Malta and make appropriate recommendations. [DR 5/20/2]</p>	<p>April 2018</p>	<p>2018 (p. 114 of the 2017 Agenda)</p>	<p>Support Services (Finance)</p>	<p>Islands Ministry Conference in October</p>
<p><b>6/9.</b></p>	<p>The Conference directs the Council to review the matter of public sector employment arrangements between the UK and the Channel Islands, the Isle of Man, Gibraltar and Malta as it affects the spouses of ministers, and</p>	<p>April 2018</p>	<p>2018 (p. 114 of the 2017</p>	<p>Support Services (Finance)</p>	<p>Islands Ministry Conference in October</p>

	offer appropriate advice. [DR 5/20/2]		Agenda)		
<b>29.</b>	<b>Marriage and Relationships Task Group</b>				
<b>29/5.</b>	The Conference directs the Methodist Council to consider whether there is a need for new marriage preparation resources and, should the Council conclude that there is, to undertake such work if considered necessary. [DR 6/8/4]	Awaiting preparation of a new Conference Statement		Task group	
<b>29/6.</b>	The Conference directs the Methodist Council to ensure that work be progressed to identify the key issues for the Methodist Church to consider in order to ensure that people who are intersex or transgender are included in the life of the Church. [DR 6/8/4]			EDI Committee	
<b>15.</b>	<b>Larger Than Circuit</b>				
<b>15/3.</b>	(Recommendation 2) The Conference directs that a process of discernment is facilitated by the Methodist Council to identify and nurture potential leaders in the church; such a process would enable potential leaders to be guided to the most suitable of the wide variety of leadership roles that exist in the church. [DR 6/20]			Secretary of the Conference and Connexional Secretary	Cross-reference with work on vocations and diversity
<b>33.</b>	<b>The Theology and Ecclesiology Underpinning the Diaconate - Interim Report</b>				
<b>33/2.</b>	The Conference directs the Methodist Council, with the Methodist Diaconal Order and the Faith and Order Committee, to consider whether the religious order should be opened to receive into membership Methodists who are lay or ordained to presbyteral ministry and report to the 2018 Conference. [DR 7/8]	April 2018	2018	Methodist Diaconal Order, Faith and Order Committee	
<b>33/3.</b>	The Conference directs the Methodist Council, with the Methodist Diaconal Order and the Faith and Order Committee, to consider whether those whom it ordains to the diaconal order of ministry continue to be required also to become members of the religious order and report to the 2018 Conference. [DR 7/8]	April 2018	2018		
<b>34.</b>	<b>Report on the Implementation of the Past Cases Review Report: Courage, Cost and Hope</b>				
	<b>Notices of Motion</b>				
<b>NOM 2016/208</b>	<b>Evangelism and Church Growth</b> [DR 7/23] the Conference affirms the priority of evangelism and church growth and directs the Methodist Council to examine all areas of work in the light of this priority and to ensure that there is evidence that this has been given			Secretary of the Conference / Connexional Secretary	Link with other related areas of work

	adequate budget provision. The Conference adopted the Motion.				
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<b>Connexional Leaders' Forum</b>					
<b>22.</b>	<b>3Generate 2015 – Methodist Children and Youth Assembly</b>				
<b>22/3.</b>	The Conference directs the Connexional Leaders' Forum to consider how the themes in paragraph 26 can be taken forward within Districts and report on progress to the 2017 Conference. [DR 5/19/2]	N/A	2017		CLF in September 2016 – further conversation in September 2017

<b>The Conference</b>					
<b>6.</b>	<b>Connexional Allowances Committee: Review of Allowances above Stipend</b>				
<b>6/11.</b>	The Conference defers the consideration of whether all ministers appointed to Circuits in the Scotland District should receive an allowance above stipend based on the custom that wedding and funeral fees are not paid or claimed, until after the Faith and Order Committee has reported to the 2017 Conference. [DR 5/20/2]	April 2018	2018	Connexional Allowances Committee, Faith and Order Committee	Needs to follow deadline for responses being sent to the Chair of CAC.

<b>Connexional Allowances Committee</b>					
	<b>Memorials</b>				
<b>M9</b>	<b>Support for ministers or their partners requiring care</b> [DR 5/21/2] ... the Conference recognises the importance of these matters to presbyters and deacons, and therefore directs the Connexional Allowances Committee to explore them further with other interested parties, including the Methodist Ministers' Housing Society (MMHS), Methodist Ministers' Pension Scheme (MMPS) and the Conference Office, and to report back to the 2018 Conference.	January 2018	2018	MMHS, MMPS, the Conference Office and others	Work is underway, as referred to in the report of the Connexional Allowances Committee (2017 Agenda, Item 14, paragraph 3.8) See also NoM 2017/207

<b>Marriage and Relationships Task Group</b>					
<b>29.</b>	<b>Marriage and Relationships Task Group</b>				
<b>29/9.</b>	The Conference directs that the new task group shall report to the 2018 Conference with a draft text of a new statement which shall include: a) consideration of all relevant Reports produced and Resolutions passed by the Conference as set out in paragraph 3.5.1 above; b) consideration of the definition of marriage, including the matters raised throughout section 3 of this report. [DR 6/14/2]	January/April 2018	2018	Conference Office	
<b>NOM</b>	<b>Cohabitation</b> [DR 7/21/3]	January/April		Faith and Order	

<b>2015/219</b>	<p>The Conference, recognising that a response to cohabitation is a critical part of the whole debate and not something to be considered in isolation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>directs the Marriage and Relationships Task Group, in consultation with the Faith and Order Committee, to ensure that amongst the resources to be identified or produced, to facilitate and support further discussion on the wide-ranging nature of human relationships, the issues around cohabitation are not overlooked;</li> </ul> <p>directs the Task Group and the Faith and Order Committee to ensure that, should the Conference decide to revisit the question of embarking upon a process of revising the Methodist Church's definition of marriage, consideration of cohabitation should form part of this process.</p>	2018?		Committee to revisit earlier draft and then discuss with Mission and Advocacy	
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<b>The Secretary of the Conference</b>					
<b>15.</b>	<b>Larger Than Circuit</b>				
<b>15/6.</b>	<p>(Recommendation 5) The Conference directs that training for leadership development of District Chairs be produced to cover the issues raised in paragraphs 28-41, and provided to existing and future District Chairs, and that this is overseen by the Secretary of the Conference. [DR 6/20]</p>	October 2017 – report on revised programme of induction and development		Secretary of the Conference	<p>EDI Committee are also working on leadership development</p> <p>Ongoing work re paragraphs 28-41 (to be considered as part of ongoing development process for District Chairs)</p>

<b>Stationing Committee</b>					
<b>15.</b>	<b>Larger Than Circuit</b>				
<b>15/5.</b>	<p>(Recommendation 4) The Conference directs that the Stationing Committee gives consideration to the direct stationing of District Chairs. [DR 6/20]</p>	April 2018	2018	Conference Office in support of the Stationing Committee	
	<b>Notices of Motion</b>				
<b>NOM 2016/203</b>	<p><b>Deployment and resourcing of ministry</b> [DR 7/22] The Conference welcomes the Vice-President's exhortation, in her address to the Conference, to stand with the poor and not to withdraw from areas of poverty. However, it is in those very areas of deprivation and poverty that</p>	April 2018	2018	Stationing Committee, Ministries Committee, Faith	Consult with circuits and districts

	<p>resourcing of ministry can be most difficult due to the lack of financial resources. Circuits are usually staffed on their ability to be able to afford ordained ministry rather than need. This appears to be an unjust way of distributing ministry resources and seems at odds with John Wesley's encouragement to go to these who need us most.</p> <p>The Conference therefore calls on the Stationing Committee in conjunction with the Ministries Committee and the Faith and Order Committee [amended DR 8/44/1] urgently to review the methods of funding and deploying ordained ministry across the Connexion and asks the committee to consult with districts and circuits on this matter.</p> <p>The Conference adopted the Motion.</p>			and Order Committee	
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<b>Law and Polity Committee</b>					
<b>43.</b>	<b>Committee on Methodist Law and Polity (2)</b>				
<b>43/11.</b>	The Conference directs the Law and Polity Committee to make recommendations to the 2017 Conference on amendments to Standing Orders that enable Circuit Meetings to charge a minister who leaves a manse in an unreasonable condition. [DR 7/26/3]		2018 (see p. 77 of the 2017 Agenda)		

<b>Ministries Committee</b>					
	<b>Memorials</b>				
<b>M1</b>	<p><b>Criteria for candidating for the ministry</b> [DR 8/5/1]</p> <p>The Conference accepts the memorial and directs that the Ministries Committee bring a considered response to the 2017 Conference. [The Conference further directs MCPOC to bring a proposed revision to SO 710(1) to the 2017 Conference in accordance with the second paragraph of this reply.]</p>	April 2018	2018	MCPOC	"Consideration of this matter by the Ministries Committee is ongoing and a report will be brought to the 2018 Conference" – p. 479 of the 2017 Agenda
<b>M11 (2015)</b>	<p><b>Sabbaticals</b> [DR 7/38]</p> <p><b>The Conference directs the Ministries Committee</b> to undertake a review of sabbatical policy reporting back no later than the 2017 Conference. The Conference directs the Ministries Committee to liaise with the Connexional Allowances Committee to identify any potential financial impact in relation to the sabbatical levy and permitted expense limits.</p>	April 2018	2018?	Discipleship and Ministries, Connexional Allowances Committee	"The Committee will be considering a number of recommendations at its meeting in September 2017" – p. 281 of the 2017 Agenda
<b>M7</b>	<b>Sabbaticals</b> [DR 8/5/5]				

	<p>The Conference thanks the Bradford North Circuit Meeting for its memorial. The Conference draws attention to the response to M11 (2015) on sabbaticals which requested the Ministries Committee to undertake a review of sabbatical policy reporting back no later than the 2017 Conference. The Conference directs the Ministries Committee to note the views expressed by the Bradford North Circuit Meeting and to consider them alongside other perspectives expressed during the review.</p>				
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<b>Ministerial Candidates' and Probationers' Oversight Committee</b>					
<b>Memorials</b>					
<b>M1</b>	<p><b>Criteria for candidating for the ministry</b> [DR 8/5/1]            [The Conference accepts the memorial and directs that the Ministries Committee bring a considered response to the 2017 Conference.] The Conference further directs MCPOC to bring a proposed revision to SO 710(1) to the 2017 Conference in accordance with the second paragraph of this reply.</p>	April 2018	2018	Ministries Committee, Law and Polity Committee	"Consideration of this matter by the Ministries Committee is ongoing and a report will be brought to the 2018 Conference" – p. 479 of the 2017 Agenda

### Referred Memorials and Notices of Motion

#### Memorials from the 2014 Conference

<b>MEMORIALS</b>	<b>Work to be undertaken by (eg committee or cluster)</b>	<b>Deadline for report to the Conference</b>	<b>Current Situation</b>
M8: Church stewards and lay leadership	Faith and Order Committee and Ministries Committee	Report as part of D&M section of Team report to October 2017 Council	

#### Memorials from the 2015 Conference

<b>MEMORIALS</b>	<b>Work to be undertaken by (eg committee or cluster)</b>	<b>Deadline for report to the</b>	<b>Current Situation</b>



		<b>Conference</b>	
M19: Management of listed buildings	Methodist Council	2017	“The Council proposes that the points raised within this Memorial are addressed as an overall property strategy is developed” – p. 479 of the 2017 Agenda

**Notices of Motion from previous Conferences referred for report to the Conference.**

NM 109 (2013) Diaconal membership	Methodist Council	No later than 2015	Work yet to be completed; referred to the work which is underway regarding the theological and ecclesiological underpinning of the diaconate.
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## Work from the 2015 Conference

Methodist Council					
<b>22.</b>	<b>Methodist Council, part 1</b>				
<b>22/5.</b>	The Conference directs the Council to undertake further work on the proposal to apply the levy in SO 955(6) to local church capital model trust funds and to report their recommendations to the 2016 Conference. [DR 7/10/3]	Initial report October 2015; further report April 2016	2017 (revised date)	Conference Office	The Council has delegated to the Chair of the Council and the Chair of the Strategy and Resources Committee authority to agree the terms of reference for a review of the extension and application of SO 955(6) and, if necessary, to appoint a working party to undertake the review (April 2016).
<b>28.</b>	<b>Methodist Council, part two</b>				
<b>28/3A</b>	<b>Replacement Projects</b> <b>New Resolution</b> [DR 7/11/4] The Conference directs the Council to bring draft detailed guidance on the classification of a project as a replacement project to the Conference in 2016. [See also two additional paragraphs at DR 7/11/2]	April 2016	2017 (revised date)	Conference Office	In April 2016, the Conference Officer for Legal and Constitutional Practice updated the Council on the work in this area. Work is ongoing and updated guidance will be brought to the Council during the next connexional year. [16/2/25]
<b>M16</b>	<b>Sale of model trust property for social housing</b> [DR 7/38] The Conference therefore accepts the direction to review the types of social housing providers to whom Methodist premises can be sold at an undervalue.	No date given	N/A		Dependent on policy determined by the Property Development Committee
<b>M17</b>	<b>Retaining mission opportunities in rural areas</b> [DR 7/38]	January 2018	N/A	Conference Office	Policy to be considered by new Property

	<p>The Conference ... accepts part (a) of the memorial.  (a) to direct that conversations be held with TMCP as Custodian Trustees to encourage and enable an appropriate interpretation of best value as against best price under charity law so that mission opportunities are not lost;  The Conference directs the Council to ensure this <i>[part (b)]</i> forms part of the work being undertaken <i>[regarding Releasing Property for God's Mission]</i>.  (b) to encourage Circuits and churches to look at more innovative ways of disposing of some of their church properties, for example, where suitable, in partnership with the Addington Fund who provide homes for retired farmworkers in rural areas. In this way missional benefit may be maximised in such disposals; it would also be possible to grant a 99 year lease giving a rental value to the Methodist Church and a renewed pastoral opportunity – possibly for rural chaplains;  The Conference encourages all Districts, Circuits and churches to support rural chaplaincy and therefore accepts part (c) of the memorial.  (c) to encourage Districts, Circuits and churches to give grants to rural chaplains so as to extend their work in these areas.</p>			<p>Support Services  Discipleship and Ministries</p>	<p>Development Committee    Work underway to update and develop effective presence in rural communities (rewriting 'Presence').</p>
<b>M30</b>	<p><b>Tax Justice [DR 8/35]</b>  The Conference recognises that Tax Justice is a crucial element in challenging injustice and addressing inequality, both in the UK and the wider world, and that it will not be achieved without considerable long-term effort. The Conference directs the Methodist Council to ensure the Connexional Team continues to work with Joint Advisory Committee on the Ethics of Investment (JACEI), the Central Finance Board (CFB), the Joint Public Issues Team (JPIT) and the Methodist Tax Justice Network (MTJN) for at least the next three years, as resources allow, and directs the Methodist Council to review progress in this area of work in early 2018 and to report to the Conference of that year.</p>	<p>January 2018  as part of  Team report</p>	<p>2018</p>	<p>Mission and Advocacy</p>	<p>With  JACEI, CFB  JPIT, MTJN</p>

<b>Secretary of the Conference</b>					
<b>39.</b>	<b>Report of the Working Group on 'Fellowships Groups'</b>				
<b>39/2.</b>	<p>The Conference affirms the recommendations set out in the Report and directs that further work as indicated in the Report is overseen by the One Mission Forum and in respect of 7.2 by the Secretary of the Conference. [DR 7/14]  [7.2 Consider whether an agreed number of representatives of 'fellowship</p>	<p>No date given</p>		<p>The Secretary of the Conference to write to Synod Secretaries re diversity</p>	<p>One Mission Forum</p>

	groups' should be representatives to the Conference as a temporary measure. (The group is aware of the sensitivity of this recommendation, and the careful way in which the current size and construction of the Conference is determined, but believes that the Secretary of the Conference might oversee consideration of this matter.]				
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<b>Faith and Order Committee</b>					
<b>37.</b>	<b>Holy Communion Mediated Through Social Media</b>				
<b>37/1.</b>	The Conference receives the report as an interim report and directs that the further work be undertaken (including the involvement of those set out in the original response to the M13 (2011), young people involved with 3Generate, CODEC and others with broad, in-depth expertise in this fast developing area) and that a fuller report be presented to the Conference no later than 2018. [DR 7/36]	??	2018	Conference Office in support of the Committee Discipleship and Ministries 3Generate	

<b>Ministries Committee</b>					
<b>28.</b>	<b>Methodist Council, part two</b>				
<b>28/10.</b>	<b>(Ministries Committee – Response to Memorials)</b> The Conference adopts the further replies to:				
	M7 (2013) Local Preachers on Trial <i>The [2013] Conference therefore refers this memorial to the Ministries Committee to consider as part of their work on Local Preacher training and directs the committee to report back to the Conference no later than 2015.</i> The Ministries Committee recommends, at this stage, that no changes are made to standing orders but that consideration of the appropriate title form part of a consultation process with Local Preachers' Meetings during 2015-16 with recommendations to the Ministries Committee in 2016-17 and, as appropriate, to the Conference of 2017.	January 2017	2017	Discipleship and Ministries	"A draft report will be brought from this group to be considered at the meeting in September 2017, and a final version for the January 2018 meeting." – p. 280 of the 2017 Agenda
	M8 (2013) Responsibilities of Worship Leaders <i>The [2013] Conference therefore refers this memorial to the Ministries Committee to consider as part of their work on worship leader training and directs the committee to report back to the Conference no later than 2015.</i> The Ministries Committee recommends that a consideration of the title and agenda of the Local Preachers' Meeting form part of a consultation process with Local Preachers' Meetings during 2015-16 with recommendations to	January 2017	2017	Discipleship and Ministries	"A draft report will be brought from this group to be considered at the meeting in September 2017, and a final version for the January 2018 meeting."

	the Ministries Committee in 2016-17 and, as appropriate, to the 2017 Conference.				– p. 280 of the 2017 Agenda
	<p>M9 (2013) Length of appointment for worship leaders  <i>The Conference therefore refers this memorial to the Ministries Committee to consider as part of their work on Worship Leader training and directs the committee to report back to the Conference no later than 2015.</i></p> <p>The Ministries Committee recommends that no changes be made to the current length of appointment of Worship Leaders noting that there is already provision to extend appointments subject to review. In the light of increased expectations related to the initial training of Worship Leaders, the Committee recommends that Circuits pay careful attention to who is appointed to the role of Worship Leader noting that a Worship Leader is someone who regularly takes a leading or co-ordinating role in the conduct of worship. The Ministries Committee also recommends that the possibility of a quinquennial review of Local Preachers be included as part of a consultation process with Local Preachers’ Meetings during 2015-16 with recommendations to the Ministries Committee in 2016-17 and, as appropriate, to the 2017 Conference.</p>	January 2017	2017	Discipleship and Ministries	<p>Studies Board to report to the Council  “A draft report will be brought from this group to be considered at the meeting in September 2017, and a final version for the January 2018 meeting.”  – p. 280 of the 2017 Agenda</p>

## Work from the 2014 Conference

<b>Faith and Order Committee</b>				
35/2.	<p><b>Faith and Order Committee</b> - The Conference directs the Faith and Order Committee in consultation with the Ministries Committee to undertake work on the theology and nature of lay and ordained ministry in the Methodist Church. The Conference further reports that an interim report should be brought to the 2016 Conference, and a final report with any recommendations should be brought no later than the 2018 Conference.</p> <p>DR 5/24</p>		<p>Interim report 2016 Final report 2018</p>	<p>Conference Office in support of Faith and Order Committee</p>
<b>General</b>				
	<p>The Conference directs that a review be conducted into how discipline committees should respond in cases where there has been a conviction under sexual offences legislation. DR 6/27</p>		2018	<p>The Secretary of the Conference</p>

## Work from the 2013 Conference

Resolution/Memorial/ Notices of Motion /Task	Cluster/team leading or liaising with others	Committee/body responsible	Actions to be taken (including any deadlines)	Work Not Done
<p><b>Methodist Council</b> 44/11. The Conference directs the Faith and Order Committee, in consultation with the Methodist Diaconal Order, to undertake work on the theology and ecclesiology underpinning the diaconate in Methodism, its place within the British Connexion and its place within the universal church.</p> <p>R35/4 (2012). <b>Faith and Order.</b> The Conference directs the Faith and Order Committee to explore with the Methodist Diaconal Order and the Ministries Committee the liturgical role of deacons within the Methodist Church and, if appropriate, find ways of affirming that.</p>	<p>Conference Office</p>	<p>Faith and Order Committee</p>	<p>2018 Conference</p> <p>Discussions at January 2016 Council</p>	<p>Interim report to the 2016 Conference noted that this work would be included in the report on ministry in the Methodist Church to be presented to the 2018 Conference</p> <p>To be incorporated into work on theology and ecclesiology underpinning the diaconate</p>