

THE METHODIST COUNCIL
Woodland Grange Conference Centre,
Leamington Spa

11-13 April 2015

AGENDA

Glossary of terms

Note = for information

Discussion = significant discussion time but not expecting resolutions

Approve = resolution required but appears not to need any substantial debate

Decision = resolution required and probably does need substantial debate first

Saturday 11 April

13:00 **LUNCH**

13:45 **Session 1**

Opening Prayers - The Chaplain

1. Apologies, Welcomes, Letters, Announcements, Observers
2. Minutes of the Methodist Council held on 26-27 January 2015 – **to approve**
3. Matters Arising [**MC/15/27**] – **to note**
4. Decisions made since the last meeting of the Council [**MC/15/28**] – **to note**
5. Report from the Strategy and Resources Committee (SRC) held on 26-27 February [**MC/15/29**] – **for decision**
6. Report from the Senior Leadership Group [**oral report**] – **to note**
7. Report from the March Connexional Leaders' Forum [**oral report**] – **to note**
8. Consolidated accounts for 2013/14 and Audit Committee report [**MC/15/30**] – **to approve**
9. Pensions – actions arising from the valuations
 - (a) Pension and Assurance Scheme for Lay Employees of the Methodist Church [**MC/15/31**] – **for decision**
 - (b) Methodist Ministers Pension Scheme [**MC/15/32**] – **for decision**
10. Confidential item [**MC/15/33**] – **for decision**

16:00 **TEA BREAK**

16:30 **Session 2**

11. The Church of England and The Methodist Church: Joint Policy Statement on Safer Recruitment [MC/15/34] – to approve
12. The Methodist Church in Britain Practice Guidance on carrying our Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) checks as part of Safer recruitment [MC/15/35] – to approve
13. Confidential item [MC/15/36] – for decision

18:30 **DINNER**

20:00 **Session 3**

14. Positive Working Together Guidelines [MC/15/37] – to approve
15. 'Called to Love and Praise' – Report from the meeting of Former Presidents and Vice-Presidents] [MC/15/38] – to note

21:30 **Evening Prayers**

Sunday 12 April

07:45 Holy Communion

08:30 **BREAKFAST**

09:15 **Session 4**

16. Connexional Grants Committee – World Church Grants [MC/15/39] – for discussion
17. Ministries Committee [MC/15/40] – for decision

11:00 **COFFEE**

11:30 **Session 5**

18. Confidential item [MC/15/41] – for decision
19. Connexional Central Services Budget for three years commencing 2015/16 [MC/15/42] – for decision

13:00 **LUNCH**

15:00 **Session 6**

20. Releasing property for God's mission [MC/15/43] – for decision

16:00 **TEA BREAK**

16:30 **Session 7**

21. Mission Rediscovered – Developing a Strategic Plan for World Church Relationships as the global expression of One Mission **[MC/15/44] – for discussion**
22. Response to NM 206 (2012) regarding UMC Concordat **[MC/15/45] – to note**
23. Working Group on Fellowship Groups **[MC/15/46] – for discussion**

18:30 **DINNER**

20:00 **Session 8**

24. Larger than Circuit **[MC/15/47] – for decision**
25. M19 (2013) Review of the Connexional Priority Fund Levy Policy **[MC/15/48] – for decision**
26. Recording pioneering fresh expressions: a response to NM 103 (2013) **[MC/15/49] – for decision**
27. Power to vary the application of Standing Orders to Methodist premises that are subject to a commercial lease **[MC/15/50] – for decision**

21:30 **Evening Prayers**

Monday 13 April

08:15 **BREAKFAST**

09:00 **Session 9**

28. *En bloc* items
29. Connexional Allowances Committee **[MC/15/51] – to approve**
30. Marriage and Relationships Task Group – progress report **[MC/15/52] – for discussion**

11:00 **COFFEE**

11:30 **Session 10**

31. Clarifying aspects of membership **[MC/15/53] – to note**
32. Accessibility to the Conference **[MC/15/54] – to approve**

33. Confidential item **[MC/15/55] – to approve**
34. Attesting the Journal of the 2014 Conference

12:45 **Closing Worship**

13:00 **LUNCH and DEPART**

En bloc items

1. Nominations and Appointments **[MC/15/56 to follow]**
2. Joint Covenant Advocacy and Monitoring Group - Appointment of Methodist members **[MC/15/57]**
3. Inter faith Relations **[MC/15/58]**
4. Faith and Order Committee **[MC/15/59]**
5. Governance Scrutiny of Accountable Entities **[MC/15/60 to follow]**
6. One Mission Forum **[MC/15/61]**
7. Merging MIST and MAST – the Developing Story **[MC/15/62]**
8. Southlands College and the Southlands Methodist Trust **[MC/15/63]**
9. Guidance on Regulated Activity (under the Lobbying Act) **[MC/15/64]**
10. Ecumenical Associate Members of the 2016 Conference **[MC/15/65]**
11. Committee appointments **[MC/15/66]**
12. Safeguarding Guidance for Single Congregation LEPS **[MC/15/67]**
13. Terms of Reference for Cliff College Committee **[MC/15/68]**
14. Disciplinary and Grievance Policies **[MC/15/69]**