

**The Methodist Council**  
**Methodist Church House**  
**21-22 September 2009**

**A G E N D A**

**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

**Monday 21 September**

*[Induction for new members from 11:30]*

13:00 **LUNCH**

13:30 **Session 1**

1. Opening Prayers - **The Chaplain**
2. Welcomes, Apologies, Letters, Announcements; Observers
3. Introduction to the agenda and ways of working
4. Announcement of Chair's Business
5. Minutes of the Methodist Council held on 3-4 April 2009 - **to approve**
6. Matters arising from the Council minutes [MC/09/69] – **to note**
7. Minutes of the Strategy and Resources Committee held on 5 May and 25 August, and report from the Chair – **to note**
8. Matters arising from the SRC minutes
9. Report from Strategic Leaders – **oral report**
10. Southlands [MC/09/70] – **for decision**
11. Appointment of group to review abortion statement and terms of reference [MC/09/71] – **to approve**

15:00 **TEA and booking into accommodation**

16:00 **Session 2**

12. Fundraising update [MC/09/72 – to follow] – **for discussion**
13. Communications Strategy [MC/09/73] – **to note**
14. Conference Executive [MC/09/74 – to follow] – **for decision**
15. Pension Reserve Fund [MC/09/75] – **to approve**
16. Chair's Business (if any)

**17:40 Short Break**

18.00 **Session 3**

17. Joint Implementation Commission [MC/09/76] – **for discussion** in groups

**19.30 EVENING PRAYERS**

19.45 Move for 3 course **dinner** at Ask Italian in Baker St to be served at **20.00**

*Accommodation - Westminster University, en-suite Marylebone Hall, towels provided, lounge area downstairs, free internet connection.*

**Tuesday 22 September**

07.30 Continental Breakfast in University canteen (*cereals, Yoghurt, fruit, muffins, toast, tea & coffee*)

08.15 Holy Communion

09:15 **Session 4**

18. Discipleship [in groups] – **for discussion**

10:45 **COFFEE**

11:15 **Session 5**

19. Team Work Delivery 2008-09 [MC/09/77] – **to note**
20. Team Workplan 2009-10 [MC/09/78] – **for decision**
21. Stationing matter [MC/09/79 to be tabled] – **to approve**
22. En bloc items – see below
23. Note any items to be referred to the Connexional Leaders' Forum
24. Note any items referred to Strategy and Resources Committee

12:45 Closing Worship

13.00 **LUNCH**

**EN BLOC ITEMS**

1. Israel/Palestine Group names and terms of reference [MC/09/80 to follow]
2. Music Resources Group reconfiguration [MC/09/81]
3. Epworth Press new structure and names [MC/09/82]
4. Local Preachers update [MC/09/83]
5. Committee appointments [MC/09/84]
6. Memorandum of Understanding between Christian Aid, MRDF and the Methodist Church [MC/09/85]
7. Managing Trustees for 4 John Wesley Road [MC/09/86]
8. Appointment of Connexional Reconciliation Group [MC/09/87]
9. Appointment of small group to consider presidential inquiries [MC/09/88]