

**THE METHODIST COUNCIL**  
**Woodland Grange Conference Centre,**  
**Leamington Spa**

**5 – 7 April 2014**

**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 5 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 29-30 January 2014 – **to approve**
3. Matters arising from the previous Council minutes and outstanding matters
  - (a) Matters arising **[MC/14/29] – to note**
  - (b) Wesley Study Centre and St John's College **[MC/14/30] – to approve**
4. Connexional Allowances Committee
  - (a) Committee Report to the Conference **[MC/14/31] – to approve**
  - (b) Review of Allowances **[MC/14/32] – for decision**

16:00 **TEA BREAK**

16:30 **Session 2**

5. Minutes of the Strategy and Resources Committee (SRC) held on 5-6 March – **to note**
6. Report from the Senior Leadership Group **[oral report] – to note**
7. Report from the March Connexional Leaders' Forum **[oral report] – to note**
8. Connexional Team workplan – progress **[oral report] – to note**

18:30 **DINNER**

20:00 **Session 3**

9. Terms of reference for the Grading and Remuneration Committee [MC/14/33] – to approve
10. Same Sex Marriage and Civil Partnerships Working Party [MC/14/34] – for decision
11. Reflections on their year of office from the President and Vice-President

21:30 **Evening Prayers**

**Sunday 6 April**

07:45 Holy Communion

08:30 **BREAKFAST**

09:15 **Session 4**

12. Releasing Buildings for Mission [including group work] [MC/14/35] – for discussion

11:00 **COFFEE**

11:30 **Session 5**

13. Confidential item [MC/14/36 CONFIDENTIAL]

13:00 **LUNCH**

15:00 **Session 6**

14. Complaints and Discipline – Reconciliation [MC/14/37 - to follow]
15. Connexional Central Services Budget 2014-15 [MC/14/38] – for decision

16:00 **TEA BREAK**

16:30 **Session 7**

16. Confidential item [MC/14/39 CONFIDENTIAL]

18:30 **DINNER**

20:00 **Session 8**

17. Equality Act update [oral report] – to note
18. Methodist Heritage [MC/14/40] – for decision
19. Ministries Committee [MC/14/41] – to approve
20. Complexity and Strategy: Ministry [NM204 (2013)] [MC/14/42 - to follow]

21:30 **Evening Prayers**

## **Monday 7 April**

08:15 **BREAKFAST**

### 09:00 **Session 9**

21. Commission of Covenanted Churches in Wales [MC/14/43] – to approve
22. Inter Faith update [MC/14/44] – for decision
23. Accessibility to the Conference [NM208 (2013)] [MC/14/45]

11:00 **COFFEE**

### 11:30 **Session 10**

24. One Mission Working Party [MC/14/46] – for decision
25. Attesting the Journal of the 2013 Conference

12:45 **Closing Worship**

13:00 **LUNCH and DEPART**

### **En bloc items**

1. Appointments and Nominations [MC/14/47 - to follow]
2. Appointments [MC/14/48]
3. Insurance [MC/14/49]
4. Faith and Order Committee report [MC/14/50]
5. Equalities, Diversity and Inclusion [MC/14/51]
6. Releasing Money for God's Mission [MC/14/52]
7. Equalities and Diversity Monitoring [MC/14/53]
8. Connexional Allowances Committee – sale of a property [MC/14/54]
9. Right to request flexible working [MC/14/55]
10. Methodist Academies and Schools Trust [MC/14/56]
11. Statistics for Mission [MC/14/57]
12. Replacement Projects [MC/14/58]
13. Documents signed or consent given [MC/14/59]
14. Methodist Church House Management Committee [MC/14/60]
15. Belonging Together [MC/14/61]
16. Scotland District – Connexional Liaison Officer Post Review [MC/14/62]
17. Pension Schemes [MC/14/63]
18. Wesley House Cambridge [MC/14/64]
19. Appointment under Standing Order 754(5) [MC/14/65]
20. Ecumenical Associate Members [MC/14/66]
21. Whistle blowing policy [MC/14/67]