

City Centre Churches and Projects

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Resolutions	54/1. The Council receives the report. 54/2. The Council approves the changes to the City Centre List, as set out in the report.

Summary of Content

Subject and Aims	To present the Council with the revised City Centre List as directed.
Main Points	Updates to the list.

Introduction

- Under Standing Order 440(5), a review of the mission and ministry of each church, circuit or project on the city centre list must be completed by the relevant District Synod, in collaboration with the responsible Church Council or Circuit Meeting or management committee, every five years.

Reviews undertaken by members of the City Centre List

- The following churches, circuits or projects submitted to a review by their District Synods in 2020:
 - Longton Central Hall, Chester and Stoke-on-Trent District
 - Elvet Methodist Church, Darlington District
 - North Road Methodist Church, Darlington District
 - Somewhere Else, Liverpool District
 - Charing Cross Methodist Church, Liverpool District
 - The Newcastle Central and East Circuit, Newcastle-upon-Tyne District
 - Bridge Street Methodist Church, Mansfield, Nottingham and Derby District
 - Bishop Street Methodist Church, Northampton District
 - Touchstone, Bradford, Yorkshire West District
 - Leeds Methodist Mission, Yorkshire West District
 - Central Methodist Church, York, Yorkshire North and East District
 - City of Edinburgh Methodist Church, Scotland District

In every case, the Synods affirmed that they wished these to continue in membership of the City Centre List.

Reviews underway

- The following churches, circuits or projects have completed a review and are presenting it to their spring 2021 District Synod, and as such are unable to yet report on the outcome of the review. In the meantime, the respective Synods affirm that they wish these to continue in

membership of the city centre list until the results of the review can be reported to the Council.

- St John's Northgate Methodist Church (Gloucester), Bristol District
- Truro (with Tresillian) Methodist Church, Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly District
- Tiviot Dale Methodist Church, Manchester and Stockport District
- St John's Northgate Methodist Church (Gloucester), Bristol District
- Central Hall Methodist Church, Walsall, Wolverhampton and Shrewsbury District
- Methodist Central Hall Westminster, London District
- West London Mission, London District

Reviews postponed by members of the City Centre List

4. The following churches, circuits or projects have decided to postpone their reviews, due to the impact and disruption of the COVID-19 pandemic, with permission of their District Synods. In every case, the Synods affirmed that they wish these to continue in membership of the City Centre List until a review can take place.

- Wigan Methodist Mission, Bolton and Rochdale District
- Burslem Methodist Mission (Swan Bank), Chester and Stoke-on-Trent District
- Plymouth Mission Circuit, Plymouth and Exeter District
- Hull International House, Yorkshire North and East District
- Trinity Methodist Church, Yorkshire North and East District
- Chelsea Methodist Church, London District

New members of the City Centre List

5. Under the provisions of SO 440(1)(a), Bridgeway Hall, Nottingham South Circuit, Nottingham and Derby District, has sought to be included on the City Centre List in accordance with the guidelines approved by the Conference. The District Synod is supportive of this and under the provisions of SO 440(1)(a) now consults the Council. The Connexional Team recommends that the Council approve this request, based on the guidelines in MC/18/20.

Members removed from the City Centre List

6. Nottingham Central Mission, Nottingham and Derby District, has been removed from the list, due to its recent closure.
7. Darlington Street Methodist Church, Wolverhampton and Shrewsbury District, has been removed from the list, due to its recent closure.

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