

5. Conference Arrangements

A. Future Conferences

The Methodist Council is required to recommend to the Conference the date for the commencement of the next Conference and, provisionally, that for the Conference after next and, when known, to print annually the plan for the location and venue of future meetings of the Conference. The responsibility for determining the venue rests with the Conference Planning Executive (SO 140(3)(i)).

2025	Telford	26 June – 2 July
2026	Telford	25 June – 1 July

***RESOLUTION

5/1. **The Conference adopts the Report.**

B. Associate Members

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5/2. **The Conference invites the following Conferences, Churches and Christian bodies to appoint associate members of the Conference in 2025:**

The Church of England
The United Reformed Church
The Lutheran Church of Great Britain
The Society of Friends (Quakers)

Africa

Iglesia Metodista de Guinea Ecuatorial
Methodist Church Kenya
Methodist Church Sierra Leone
Eglise Methodiste du Togo

Asia and the Pacific

The Methodist Church in Sri Lanka
The Methodist Church in Malaysia
Free Wesleyan Church of Tonga

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Europe

Iglesia Evangelica Española
Igreja Evangelica Metodista Portuguesa
UMC Central and Southern Europe
UMC Germany

The Americas

The Methodist Church in the Caribbean and the Americas
Iglesia Evangelica Metodista de Nicaragua
Iglesia Metodista de Chile

C. Presbyteral Session

1. The Presbyteral Session defines by resolution who may normally be present at closed sessions. Attendance when it sits as a court of appeal is governed by Standing Order 1145(7).
2. For the sake of accuracy, it is desirable that the Presbyteral Session delegates to the Representative Session the responsibility for adopting the Record of its Sessions, thus allowing time for members to check its details.

*****RESOLUTIONS**

- 5/3. (Presbyteral Session) **The Presbyteral Session of the Conference resolves that whenever it goes into closed session its membership, except when Standing Order 1145(7) applies, or the Conference otherwise resolves, shall be confined to presbyters who are entitled to vote on the business under consideration, with the Conference Officer for Legal and Constitutional Practice in attendance as appropriate.**
- 5/4. (Presbyteral Session) **The Presbyteral Session of the Conference delegates to the Representative Session the adoption of the printed and written portions of the Daily Record for both days of its meeting.**
- 5/5. (Presbyteral Session) **The Conference directs that the total time available for the Presbyteral Session of the Conference of 2025 shall not be less than eight hours.**
- 5/6. (Presbyteral Session) **The Conference invites the Vice-President of the Conference of 2024/2025 to attend the Presbyteral Session of the 2025**

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Conference, apart from any closed sessions, with the right to speak but without a vote.

- 5/7. In accordance with Standing Order 105(1A) the Conference directs that the following Districts shall each elect at least one deacon to be a member of the Conference of 2025:**

North West England (three places), Wales Synod Cymru, Birmingham, South West Peninsula, Newcastle upon Tyne, Wolverhampton and Shrewsbury, Bedfordshire Essex Hertfordshire, London, South East