

THE METHODIST COUNCIL
High Leigh Conference Centre, Lord Street,
Hoddesdon, EN11 8SG
26-27 January 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

Monday 26 January

13:00 **LUNCH**

13:45 Prayers

14:00 **Session 1**

1. Apologies, Welcomes, Letters, Announcements, Observers
2. Minutes of the Methodist Council held on 15-16 October 2014 – **to approve**
3. Decisions made since the last meeting [**MC/15/1**] – **to note**
4. Report of the General Synod debate on the Anglican/Methodist Covenant – **to note**
5. Matters arising from the Council minutes [**MC/15/2**] – **to note**
6. Report of the Strategy and Resources Committee (SRC) held on 27 November 2014 [**MC/15/3**] – **to note**
7. Proposal regarding funding of works at Methodist Church House [**MC/15/4**] – **for decision**
8. Report from Senior Leadership Group – **to note**
9. Report from the January Connexional Leaders' Forum – **to note**
10. Election of the Chair of the Council [**MC/15/5**] – **for decision**
11. Safeguarding records: joint practice guidance [**MC/15/6**] – **to approve**
12. Joint safeguarding arrangements with the Church of England [**MC/15/7**] – **to approve**

16:00 **TEA BREAK**

16:30 **Session 2**

13. Accounts [**MC/15/8**] – to approve
14. Report of the Audit Committee [**MC/15/9**] – to approve
15. **Confidential item [MC/15/10A and MC/15/10B] – to approve**
16. Use of Reserves [**MC/15/11**] – discussion in groups

18:30 **DINNER**

20:00 **Session 3**

17. Larger than Circuit [**MC/15/12**] – discussion in groups

21:30 Evening Prayer

Tuesday 27 January

07:30 Holy Communion

08:15 **BREAKFAST**

09:15 **Session 4**

18. Announcement of the result of the election of the Chair of the Council
19. Budget [**MC/15/13**] – for discussion
20. Pension scheme valuation – oral update
21. Releasing Money for God's Mission [**MC/15/14**] – for decision
22. Condition of Manses – reply to Memorial [**MC/15/15**] – to approve

11:00 **COFFEE BREAK**

11:30 **Session 5**

23. *En bloc* items
24. Accessibility to the Conference – preliminary report [**MC/15/16**] – for discussion
25. Connexional Allowances Committee – review of allowances [interim report] [**MC/15/17 to follow**]
26. Future of Countering Political Extremism resource group [**MC/15/18**] – to approve
27. Use of Reserves – for decision

12.45 Prayers

13:00 **LUNCH and Departures**

En bloc items

1. Committee Appointments [**MC/15/19**]
2. Connexional Manse Trustees – annual report [**MC/15/20**]
3. Joseph Rank Trust [**MC/15/21**]
4. Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Monitoring [**MC/15/22**]
5. Overdraft facility [**MC/15/23**]
6. Authorisations and Delegations [**MC/15/24**]
7. Relationships with Regional Training Partnerships [**MC/15/25**]