

THE METHODIST COUNCIL
Hothorpe Hall, Theddingworth,
Leicestershire
LE17 6QX
27-28 January 2016

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

Wednesday 27 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 12-13 October 2015 – **to approve**
3. Decisions made by the Council since the last meeting [**MC/16/1**] – **to note**
4. Matters arising from the Council minutes [**MC/16/2**] – **to note**
5. Notification of Chair's Business
6. Report from the Strategy and Resources Committee (SRC) held on 25 November 2015 [**MC/16/3**] – **to note**
7. Accounts [**MC/16/4**] – **to approve**
8. Report of the Audit Committee [**MC/16/5**] – **to approve**
9. Report from the Connexional Team [**MC/16/6**] – **to note**
10. Releasing Property [**MC/16/7**] – **for decision**

16:00 **TEA BREAK**

16:30 **Session 2**

11. Strategy for World Church engagement [**MC/16/8**] – **for decision**

12. Response to the Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse **[MC/16/9] – to approve**
13. Development of Camden Town Methodist Church **[MC/16/10] – for decision**
14. Notices of Motion referred to the Council
 - (i) National Insurance payments **[MC/16/11] – for decision**
 - (ii) Significant anniversaries **[MC/16/12] – to note**
 - (iii) Value of human life **[MC/16/13] – for discussion**
15. Theology and Ecclesiology underpinning the diaconate – **for discussion**

18:30 **DINNER**

19:30 **Session 3**

16. Corporate Risk Register **[CONFIDENTIAL PAPER MC/16/14] – to approve**
17. Statistics for Mission **[MC/16/15] – for discussion**

21:00 Evening Prayer

Thursday 28 January

07:30 Holy Communion

08:15 **BREAKFAST**

09:15 **Session 4**

18. Confidential item **[MC/16/16 to follow]**
19. *En bloc* items
20. Budget discussion, including Circuit Assessments (Memorials 13-14 [2015]) **[MC/16/17] – for discussion**
21. Connexional Allowances Committee – allowances above stipend **[MC/16/18] – for decision**

11:00 **COFFEE BREAK**

11:30 **Session 5**

22. Larger than Circuit **[MC/16/19] – for decision**
23. Resourcing Leadership working party **[MC/16/20] – for decision**

24. Marriage and Relationships **[MC/16/21] – to note**

12.45 Prayers

13:00 **LUNCH and Departures**

En bloc items

1. Annual report of the Connexional Manse Trustees [MC/16/22]
2. Equality and Diversity summary of responses [MC/16/23]
3. Covenants of Care – appointment of group [MC/16/24]
4. Appointments [MC/16/25]
5. Ecumenical Associate members of the Conference [MC/16/26]
6. Methodist Council Remuneration Committee Terms of Reference [MC/16/27]
7. Past Cases Review – questions for audit [MC/16/28]
8. Joseph Rank Trust Grants to Methodism [MC/16/29]
9. Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Policy [MC/16/30]
10. One Mission Forum report [MC/16/31]