

BETTER TOGETHER

A JOINT MEETING OF THE METHODIST COUNCIL AND THE UNITED REFORMED CHURCH MISSION COUNCIL

The Hayes Conference Centre, Swanwick
13 - 15 October 2010

A G E N D A FOR JOINT SESSIONS AND SEPARATE METHODIST SESSIONS

Sessions 2-7 & 10 will be held jointly with agenda items numbered J;
for sessions 1, 8 & 9 the two Councils will meet separately with Methodist agenda items
numbered M and URC agenda items numbered U

*The agenda items for the separate Methodist and URC sessions will be separately notified with
the papers for those sessions.*

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 13 October

11:00 **COFFEE**

11:30 **Session 1: Separate Sessions of the Methodist Council and the Mission Council**

- M1. Opening Prayers - **The President**
- M2. Welcomes, Apologies, Letters Announcements; Observers
- M3. Announcement of Chair's Business
- M4. Minutes of the Methodist Council held on 10-12 April - **to approve**
- M5. Matters arising from the Council minutes [MC/10/82] – **to note**
- M6. Executive action taken by the officers of the Council since it last met *oral report*
- M7. Minutes of the Strategy and Resources Committee held on 9 September - **to note**
- M8. Matters arising from the SRC minutes (including Venture FX) *oral report*
- M9. Report from the Connexional Leaders' Forum *oral report*
- M10. Report from Strategic Leaders *oral report*
- M11. Introduction to the Joint Council

12:45 **LUNCH**

13:45 **Session 2: Joint Session**

J1. Exploring our history, context and characteristics within a framework of worship

Papers BT 10/01 and BT 10/02

15:45 **TEA**

16:30 **Session 3: Joint Session**

J2. The General Secretaries unpack our two Churches' current major themes

J3. Groups explore the key challenges facing the Church locally and denominationally

18:45 **DINNER**

20:15 **Session 4: Joint Session**

J4. Fresh Expressions: presentation and discussion led by Bishop Graham Cray

21:15 **EVENING PRAYERS**

Thursday 14 October

08.30 Breakfast

09:15 **Session 5: Joint Session**

J5. Bible Study led by Laurence Moore, Moderator-elect of the General Assembly

J6. Ways Ahead for Children & Youth Work

Paper BT/10/03

10:45 **COFFEE**

11:15 **Session 6: Joint Session**

J7. Ways Ahead for Children & Youth Work (Continued)

Interlude: Consensus Voting Procedures Explained

J8. Building Opportunities

Paper BT/10/04

12:45 **LUNCH**

13:45 **Session 7: Joint Session**

J9. The Church in the World

A selection of Workshops facilitated by experts

15:45 **TEA**

16:30 **Session 8: Separate Sessions of the Mission Council and the Methodist Council**

M12. Update on progress re Wesley College Bristol **to note** **MC/10/83**

M13. Brief update on process agreed by SRC for review of recommendations re
Resourcing Mission Office **oral report**

M14. Transfers of Funds **to approve** **MC/10/84**

M15. Workload Issues **to note** **MC/10/85**

M16. Timetable of work coming to the Council and the Conference **to note**

M17. Development & Personnel Sub-Committee Terms of Reference **to note**
MC/10/86

M18. Confidential Item **oral report**

18:45 **DINNER**

20:00 **Session 9: Separate Sessions of the Methodist Council and the Mission Council**

M19. Connexional Team Work 2009-10 **to note** **MC/10/87**

M20. Connexional Team Work Priorities 2010-11 **to approve** **MC/10/88**

M21. Candidating for the Ministry – criteria **to approve** **MC/10/89**

M22 Approval of En Bloc Items:
a. Committee membership lists (Committees appointed by the Council) **MC/10/90**
b. Governance Scrutiny Group for the Connexional Grants Committee – Terms
of Reference **MC/10/91**
c. Authorisations and delegations **MC/10/92**

21:00 **CLOSING PRAYERS** in the separate sessions

Friday 15 October

08.30 Breakfast

09:15 **Session 10: Joint Session**

J10. Feedback and Proposals from Workshops

J11. Rural Officer Post Review **Paper BT/10/05**

J12. Reflections on the Joint Council

10:45 **COFFEE**

11:15 **HOLY COMMUNION**

12:15 **LUNCH**