

Work from the Conference 2016/17

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Action Required	Note
Resolution	74/1. The Council receives the workplan for 2016/17.

Summary of Content

Subject and Aims	To share with the Council the workplan from the Conference for 2016/17 following discussion at the Strategy and Resources Committee.
Main Points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Workplan for 2016/17 of work sent from the Conference in 2016 with uncompleted or ongoing items from previous years • Additional work the Team is carrying not listed in the workplan from the Conference
Background Context and Relevant Documents (with function)	Workplan for 2015/16 – MC/15/77.
Consultations	Strategy and Resources Committee

*****RESOLUTION**

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Methodist Council					
3.	Methodist Council – Part 1				
NOM 2015/211	<p>Significant Anniversaries [DR 7/9] The Conference, mindful that 2018 will mark the 75th Anniversary of MHA, and 2019 the 150th Anniversary of Action for Children, looks forward to marking these significant landmarks. Consequently it directs the Methodist Council to engage with both charities in order to ensure that 2018/19 will offer opportunities for the Methodist people to celebrate these two examples of our practical Christian Social Concern. Referred to the Council under SO 131(17)(a)(i) but not voted on.</p>	N/A		Connexional Secretary (/Secretary of the Conference), liaising with MHA and Action for Children	Initial conversation at CLF in September 2016
3/5.	<p>The Conference receives this report of the decisions of the Council in respect of Notices of Motion which were referred to the Council from the 2015 Conference. [DR 5/5] [The Council affirmed the spirit of Notice of Motion 2015/211 and directed the Connexional Team to liaise with MHA and Action for Children in order to consider ways in which the significant anniversaries might be marked throughout the Connexion.]</p>				
	Memorials				
M32	<p>Use of church buildings by other churches [DR 5/14/2] ... Therefore, whilst declining the proposal to amend Model Trust 14(2A) at present in the form suggested, the Conference directs the Methodist Council, in consultation with the Law and Polity Committee, to provide guidance on the application and use of Model Trust 14(2A) both in terms of its flexibility and limitations. The Conference also directs the Council, in consultation with the Law and Polity Committee, to consider whether it is desirable to make any amendments to Model Trust 14(2A) and to bring any recommendations to the 2018 Conference.</p>	January 2018	2018	Conference Office, Law and Polity Committee	
M19	Information on connexional expenditure [DR 6/2]				
	<p>... The Conference directs the Methodist Council to ensure that the contents of this memorial are taken into account when future apportionments are proposed. The Conference notes that the apportionment for 2017/18 will</p>	April 2017 (with the budget		Support Services	Conversation with District Treasurers in August

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	<p>need to be agreed in August 2016, and therefore any significant change in methodology will not take effect until the MCF assessment to be paid in 2018/19.</p> <p>The Conference directs the Methodist Council to oversee the production of an accessible summary report relating to the Consolidated Accounts for the year ending 31 August 2016, once it has adopted them, and to ensure that the report is available on the Methodist website.</p>	narrative)		Mission and Advocacy (in conversation with SoC), Finance Sub-Committee	
M21	<p>Accounting software [DR 6/2] ... However, the Conference agrees that adding the facility to produce and submit electronically both the short and long version of the Methodist Standard Form of Accounts would be useful. It directs the Methodist Council, therefore, to oversee an evaluation of the potential development of such a program, and if appropriate to initiate it. It recognises, however, that the deadline of 1 September 2017 is unlikely to be realistic. In addition to development time, which would include identifying a suitable supplier, it is vital that a selection of treasurers is able to provide input to both the design and implementation of the program to ensure that it is as user-friendly and effective as possible. Such work is also not included within the 2016/17 budget. The Conference therefore directs the Methodist Council to oversee this work, with a target implementation date of 1 September 2018.</p>	January 2017		Support Services	Target implementation date of 1 September 2018
M22	<p>Systems for recording safeguarding cases [DR 7/12/4] ... The Conference directs the Methodist Council to oversee an investigation of the potential feasibility and cost of a system as described in the memorial and to report back no later than the 2018 Conference.</p>	January 2018	No later than 2018	Conference Office	
M17 M18	<p>Pension contributions from lay employees Employer-only pension contributions for lay employees [DR 7/24] ... The Conference refers this memorial to the Methodist Council and directs that it undertakes a review of the minimum pension contribution levels by employees and employers for lay employees, to report back to the 2018 Conference.</p>	January 2018	2018	Support Services	
M37	Benefit sanctions [DR 7/27]			Mission and	The ongoing wok

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	<p>... The Conference therefore thanks the Newcastle upon Tyne District for this memorial, and:</p> <p>...</p> <p>c) directs the Methodist Council to ensure that the Joint Public Issues Team seeks other opportunities for the Methodist Church to work with the Church of England and other sister churches in calling for change and raising the issues contained in the memorial with other members of the Government.</p>			Advocacy (JPIT)	continues and an update will be provided to the Council as part of reports on the work of the Team.
M25	<p>Order of service for baptisms [DR 8/5/1] [Given the resources that are already available, the guidance and texts within the Methodist Worship Book, and the diversity of contemporary British Methodism, the Conference does not believe it is appropriate to produce new orders of service for baptism at this time; but directs the Faith and Order Committee to produce some alternative baptism resources in accessible language that adhere to the structure of the authorised texts and thus retain the Methodist emphasis on prevenient grace.] The Conference also directs the Methodist Council to ensure that the Connexional Team gives further consideration to appropriate ways of making existing resources available in electronic formats and for on-screen use.</p>			Faith and Order Committee, Mission and Advocacy	Faith and Order Committee to take the lead. An update of the role of the Team in this will be provided to the Council as part of reports on the work of the Team.
M26	<p>TMCP [DR 8/5/4] In recognition of the need to be faithful in the use of the resources of the whole Connexion, the Conference accepts the need to review the role of TMCP, directing the Methodist Council and inviting the Board of TMCP to consider the points raised in the memorial by appointing a joint working party to:</p> <p>(a) Clarify the extent of the application of SO 931(3) and the role and responsibility of the custodian trustee under the Methodist Church Act 1939 and charity law.</p> <p>(b) Clarify the need for SO 931(3) in its current form and where appropriate suggest amendments.</p> <p>(c) Assess what steps are necessary to ensure that the Connexional Team has available to it an appropriate level of resource so as to fulfil the terms of</p>	Appoint members of group: October 2016 Report: April 2017	2017	Board of TMCP	

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<p>M27 M28 M29</p> <p>M22 (2015)</p>	<p>SO 931(3). (d) Clarify the requirements placed upon Managing Trustees in respect of disposals and contracts and identify ways to speed up transactions, taking into account the views of the Law and Polity Committee on the role of the custodian. (e) Clarify and define respective areas of responsibility so as to resource the mission and ministry of the whole Connexion most effectively. (f) Establish a full review of the needs of Managing Trustees in terms of property and legal advice and consider the benefit of professional legal services being provided by the Connexional Team. The Conference further directs the Methodist Council to bring a report on the progress of this work to the 2017 Conference and delegates to the Council responsibility for appointing two members of the working party. The Conference appoints Mrs Susan R Howdle to chair the proposed working group. The Conference invites the Board of TMCP to appoint two members of the working party.</p> <p>TMCP [DR 8/5/5] ... The point raised in the memorial has been the subject of conversations which were initiated as a result of Memorial M22 of the 2015 Conference which directed the Methodist Council to enter into discussions with the Board and Chief Executive of TMCP in order to find ways to continue to improve the service provided to the Connexion. Whilst this work is ongoing, the Conference is of the opinion that a more fundamental review of the way that Managing Trustees are supported in respect of the care and development of property is now required. As such, the Conference accepts the memorial and directs the Methodist Council to consider it as part of the work directed in the response to M26.</p> <p>TMCP [DR 7/38] ...the Conference recognises that there are ongoing concerns about the service TMCP are able to provide and therefore directs the Methodist Council to enter into discussions with the Board and Chief Executive of</p>		2017		To be undertaken as part of the review outlined above.

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	<p>TMCP to try and find ways to continue to improve the service provided to the Connexion.</p> <p>The Conference directs the Methodist Council to report back to the Conference at the earliest practical opportunity, but no later than 2017, on the outcome of the discussions.</p>				
M14	<p>Support for circuit stewards [DR 8/5/5]</p> <p>... The memorial raises some important issues about communication and the Conference therefore directs the Methodist Council to identify appropriate mechanisms for regular communication with circuit stewards on policy, strategy and good practice.</p>	January 2017		Support Services, Discipleship and Ministries (work ongoing in DMLN)	
M23	<p>Connexional requirements upon office holders [DR 8/5/5]</p> <p>... Each area of data gathering has its own guidance notes and the facility for the relevant members of the Connexional Team to be contacted with specific queries. The Conference feels this is sufficient, but directs the Methodist Council to ensure that the Connexional Team continues to engage actively with local office holders in order to ensure that the interactive websites are as user-friendly as possible.</p>			Support Services	Update will be provided to the Council as part of reports on the work of the Team.
M34	<p>Arms exports [DR 8/5/5]</p> <p>The Conference thanks the Wolverhampton and Shrewsbury District Synod for drawing attention to this important matter. Since the start of the conflict in Yemen over 6,000 people have been killed, almost half of them civilians, and over 30,000 people have been injured. The Conference accepts this memorial and directs the Methodist Council to ensure that information about engagement on these issues and suggestions for action by Methodists be made available, with the agreement of our ecumenical partners, at www.jointpublicissues.org.uk.</p>			Mission and Advocacy (JPIT)	An update will be provided to the Council as part of reports on the work of the Team.
M35 M36	<p>Support for refugees [DR 8/5/5]</p> <p>Campaigning on this issue, on behalf of the Methodist Church and our ecumenical partners, is being led by the Joint Public Issues Team (JPIT). Without seeking to prescribe the detailed priorities of that work, in a constantly changing international political context, the Conference directs the Methodist Council to ensure that JPIT continues to give high priority to campaigning on refugee and asylum issues with the aim of</p>			Mission and Advocacy (JPIT)	The ongoing work continues and an update will be provided to the Council as part of reports on the work of the Team.

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	securing a much-improved humanitarian response from the UK Government and encouraging the international community to seek just and peaceful solutions.				
12.	Methodist Independent Schools Trust (MIST)				
12/2.	The Conference directs the Council, in consultation with the Methodist Independent Schools Trust, to bring recommendations on the legal restructuring of the 1903 Trust and the holding of the legal title for independent school property, and to report to the Conference in 2017. [DR 5/9/2]	No later than April 2017	2017	Conference Office	To come into effect 1 September 2017
22.	3Generate 2015 – Methodist Children and Youth Assembly				
22/4.	The Conference directs the Methodist Council to: a) ensure the themes in paragraph 26 are included in the work plans of the Connexional Team or other committees or groups as appropriate; b) make information available on the Methodist Church website of the work in progress under each theme; and c) receive an update on these matters no later than April 2017. [DR 5/19/2]	Update in October 2016 as part of the workplan paper		Discipleship and Ministries	
6.	Connexional Allowances Committee: Review of Allowances above Stipend				
6/7.	The Conference directs the Council to establish a working group to review the matter of university funding for the children of ministers stationed in the Channel Islands, the Isle of Man, Gibraltar and Malta and make appropriate recommendations. [DR 5/20/2]	Appoint group October 2016		Conference Office	
6/8.	The Conference directs the Council to report on the reciprocal state contribution and benefit arrangements between the UK and the Channel Islands, the Isle of Man, Gibraltar and Malta and make appropriate recommendations. [DR 5/20/2]	Update on progress January 2017		Support Services (Finance)	The Team would benefit from a small scrutiny group to assist in this matter.
6/9.	The Conference directs the Council to review the matter of public sector employment arrangements between the UK and the Channel Islands, the Isle of Man, Gibraltar and Malta as it affects the spouses of ministers, and offer appropriate advice. [DR 5/20/2]	Update on progress January 2017		Support Services (Finance)	The Team would benefit from a small scrutiny group to assist in this matter
29.	Marriage and Relationships Task Group				
29/4.	The Conference directs the Methodist Council to make recommendations, in consultation with the Law and Polity Committee, to the 2017 Conference on the question of whether a Standing Order would be appropriate to clarify	October 2016: Appointment of group	2017	Law and Polity Committee	Council appointed group to look at this

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	that homophobia is contrary to the discipline of the Methodist Church. [DR 6/8/4]	April 2017: report			
29/5.	The Conference directs the Methodist Council to consider whether there is a need for new marriage preparation resources and, should the Council conclude that there is, to undertake such work if considered necessary. [DR 6/8/4]	Initial discussion Oct 2016		Support Services and Mission and Advocacy to assist with scoping	Additional Team resource available until November 2016
29/6.	The Conference directs the Methodist Council to ensure that work be progressed to identify the key issues for the Methodist Church to consider in order to ensure that people who are intersex or transgender are included in the life of the Church. [DR 6/8/4]			EDI Committee	
15.	Larger Than Circuit				
15/3.	(Recommendation 2) The Conference directs that a process of discernment is facilitated by the Methodist Council to identify and nurture potential leaders in the church; such a process would enable potential leaders to be guided to the most suitable of the wide variety of leadership roles that exist in the church. [DR 6/20]	January 2017		Secretary of the Conference	This will need to relate to a number of pieces of work on vocation and continuing vocational development.
15/8.	(Recommendation 7) The Conference directs the Council to bring a process for implementing the creation of a District Commission, and the nomination of those to be appointed by the Conference as District Commissioners to the 2017 Conference. [DR 7/13/2]	January 2017	2017	Secretary of the Conference	
33.	The Theology and Ecclesiology Underpinning the Diaconate - Interim Report				
33/2.	The Conference directs the Methodist Council, with the Methodist Diaconal Order and the Faith and Order Committee, to consider whether the religious order should be opened to receive into membership Methodists who are lay or ordained to presbyteral ministry and report to the 2018 Conference. [DR 7/8]	Appoint group October 2016	2018	Methodist Diaconal Order, Faith and Order Committee	
33/3.	The Conference directs the Methodist Council, with the Methodist Diaconal Order and the Faith and Order Committee, to consider whether those whom it ordains to the diaconal order of ministry continue to be required also to become members of the religious order and report to the 2018 Conference.	Appoint group October 2016	2018		

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	[DR 7/8]				
34.	Report on the Implementation of the Past Cases Review Report: Courage, Cost and Hope				
34/2.	The Conference directs the Methodist Council to review the required attendance for the Leadership Module of Creating Safer Space with a view to amending the list to:- a) include those lay persons who are appointed to exercise pastoral leadership within a local church; b) remove the Local Preachers and Worship Leaders; c) remove Safeguarding Officers Church and include in the warmly invited but not mandatory list for the Leadership Module. [DR 7/9/2]	January 2017		Conference Office, Safeguarding Committee	
34/3.	The Conference directs the Methodist Council to review the current 6th bullet point of the Required Attendance for the Leadership Module and to ensure its application is clearly defined. [DR 7/9/3]	January 2017		Conference Office, Safeguarding Committee	
30.	Safeguarding Report				
30/3.	The Conference directs the Methodist Council to oversee work on the practical and financial implications of increasing the minimum required number of hours worked by District Safeguarding Officers and to bring clear recommendations to the 2017 Conference. [DR 7/12/3]	January 2017	2017	Conference Office	
30/4.	The Conference directs the Methodist Council to bring to the 2017 Conference, as part of the 2017/18 budget preparation, fully costed proposals for achieving professional supervision for all District Safeguarding Officers. [DR 7/12/3]	January 2017	2017	Conference Office, Strategy and Resources Committee	
	Notices of Motion				
NOM 2016/202	DBS Checks [DR 7/14] The Conference notes an inconsistency in the Safer Recruitment Policy guidance on p751 of Volume 2 of CPD. Under “Part 1 Qualification for Appointment under S.O. 010(3), and Duty to Obtain Disclosures”, and specifically within the section “Note regarding Safeguarding”, there is at b) provision for Supernumeraries no longer capable of preaching to be exempt from having a criminal records check, but there is no similar exemption permitted, at c), for local preachers no longer capable of preaching.	The Council to decide in October 2016 whether or not it accepts the NOM, based on some input from Team on		Conference Office	The Conference did not vote on this notice of motion. If accepted this work needs to join with that for 43/2 –review of SOs relating to Safeguarding.

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	<p>The Conference therefore amends the Safer Recruitment Policy by harmonising b) and c) in this regard. Thus c) states: “All local preachers capable of preaching and worship leaders.”</p> <p><i>The Conference referred the Motion to the Methodist Council.</i></p>	options/impact.			
NOM 2016/208	<p>Evangelism and Church Growth [DR 7/23]</p> <p>the Conference affirms the priority of evangelism and church growth and directs the Methodist Council to examine all areas of work in the light of this priority and to ensure that there is evidence that this has been given adequate budget provision.</p> <p>The Conference adopted the Motion.</p>			Secretary of the Conference / Connexional Secretary	
NOM 2016/205	<p>Prospects Ministry [DR 8/28]</p> <p>The Conference:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • notes that the Prospects Ministry, through local churches, is reaching 3,000 adults with learning disabilities (there are 1.5 million adults with learning disabilities in the UK). • notes that Prospects, in partnership with churches, equips volunteers to offer accessible worship and Bible teaching in locally-run ministry groups to enable people with learning disabilities to feel welcomed and to express their faith in Jesus. Prospects also offers parallel programmes for adults with learning disabilities at major Christian festivals. • notes that many of our churches are not well resourced for enabling people of all abilities to express themselves in worship and encourages Methodist societies to make use of Prospects’ expertise in widening accessibility and participation. • directs the Methodist Council to ensure that the Connexional Team considers ways in which the Methodist Church can further engage with Prospects and the wider subject of worship that is accessible to people of all abilities. <p>The Conference adopted the Motion.</p>	Include report on here to October 2016		Mission and Advocacy (Engagement), Discipleship and Ministries	
NOM 2016/206	<p>Climate Change [DR 8/29]</p> <p>Climate change is a huge challenge. The Conference commends study of “Hope in God’s Future” and, bearing in mind the Paris Agreement in 2015, the Conference asks the Methodist Council to encourage further work to move from two degrees to one point five degrees (2°C to 1.5°C); and</p>	Report needed – no date set		Mission and Advocacy	The ongoing work continues and an update will be provided to the Council as part of reports on the work of

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	<p>thereby to try to save Pacific Island States like Tuvalu and Kiribati from drowning; and invites all Methodist Congregations to take the Eco Church challenge.</p> <p>The Conference adopted the Motion.</p>				the Team.
<p>NOM 2016/207</p>	<p>Fracking [DR 8/32]</p> <p>Hydraulic fracturing, the process known as fracking, involves drilling into the earth and directing a high-pressure water mixture at the rock to release the gas inside. There has been relatively little research into fracking but areas of the United States have suffered small earthquakes and water pollution believed to have been caused by fracking, as fracking involves shale gas, it seems that this process will contribute to climate change.</p> <p>The Conference therefore:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • directs the Joint Public Issues Team to research fracking and to consider producing resources on this issue. • directs the Joint Advisory Committee on the Ethics of Investment to consider the ethics of companies involved in fracking, especially following recent discussions regarding fossil fuels. <p><i>The Conference referred the Motion to the Methodist Council.</i></p>	January 2017		Mission and Advocacy (JPIT), JACEI	
<p>NOM 2016/209</p>	<p>Listening for the Voice of God [DR 8/33]</p> <p>The Conference recognises the invaluable work of local preachers and worship leaders in the life of the Methodist Church and gives thanks to God for this witness in Local Churches and Circuits throughout the Connexion. The Conference also recognises the significant challenges faced by many Circuits in filling the plan, and a discernible shortage of local preachers and worship leaders in our Church.</p> <p>Therefore, the Conference calls on Methodist people of all ages to listen for the voice of God calling them to share in this ministry. As well as this, the Conference encourages Circuits to engage enthusiastically with this important issue, to ensure that this affirmation of the Conference is heard and appropriate support is given to those discerning God’s call.</p> <p>Whilst acknowledging resources already produced in Methodism, such as the recent booklets, <i>Called to Preach?</i> and <i>Called to Lead Worship?</i>, and the work done by the Discipleship and Ministries Learning Network to roll out the new Leading of Worship and Preaching course across the network, we</p>	October 2017		Discipleship and Ministries, Conference Office (linking to work on vocations), Mission and Advocacy	

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	<p>believe that the time is right to have a connexional approach in encouraging more people to hear God calling them to the ministry of preaching and worship-leading.</p> <p>To this end, the Conference strongly encourages the Methodist people to hear the voice of God, specifically to listen for a call to preach or lead worship in the Methodist Church and to respond in faith. Further, the Conference directs the Council to consider creative ways of re-emphasising the place of both Vocations Sunday and Local Preachers' Sunday, to consider whether new resources would be appropriate for the church to use, and to promote these as appropriate throughout the Connexion.</p> <p>The Conference adopted the Motion.</p>				
Connexional Leaders' Forum					
22.	3Generate 2015 – Methodist Children and Youth Assembly				
22/3.	The Conference directs the Connexional Leaders' Forum to consider how the themes in paragraph 26 can be taken forward within Districts and report on progress to the 2017 Conference. [DR 5/19/2]	N/A	2017		CLF in September 2016
The Conference					
6.	Connexional Allowances Committee: Review of Allowances above Stipend				
6/11.	The Conference defers the consideration of whether all ministers appointed to Circuits in the Scotland District should receive an allowance above stipend based on the custom that wedding and funeral fees are not paid or claimed, until after the Faith and Order Committee has reported to the 2017 Conference. [DR 5/20/2]	October 2017	2017 or later	Connexional Allowances Committee, Faith and Order Committee	
Connexional Allowances Committee					
	Memorials				
M9	Support for ministers or their partners requiring care [DR 5/21/2] ... the Conference recognises the importance of these matters to presbyters and deacons, and therefore directs the Connexional Allowances Committee to explore them further with other interested parties, including the Methodist Ministers' Housing Society (MMHS), Methodist Ministers'	January 2018	2018	MMHS, MMPS, the Conference Office and others	

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	Pension Scheme (MMPS) and the Conference Office, and to report back to the 2018 Conference.				

Marriage and Relationships Task Group					
29.	Marriage and Relationships Task Group				
29/9.	The Conference directs that the new task group shall report to the 2018 Conference with a draft text of a new statement which shall include: a) consideration of all relevant Reports produced and Resolutions passed by the Conference as set out in paragraph 3.5.1 above; b) consideration of the definition of marriage, including the matters raised throughout section 3 of this report. [DR 6/14/2]	January/April 2018	2018	Conference Office	
NOM 2015/219	Cohabitation [DR 7/21/3] The Conference, recognising that a response to cohabitation is a critical part of the whole debate and not something to be considered in isolation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> directs the Marriage and Relationships Task Group, in consultation with the Faith and Order Committee, to ensure that amongst the resources to be identified or produced, to facilitate and support further discussion on the wide-ranging nature of human relationships, the issues around cohabitation are not overlooked; directs the Task Group and the Faith and Order Committee to ensure that, should the Conference decide to revisit the question of embarking upon a process of revising the Methodist Church's definition of marriage, consideration of cohabitation should form part of this process.	January/April 2018?		Faith and Order Committee to revisit earlier draft and then discuss with Mission and Advocacy	

The Secretary of the Conference					
15.	Larger Than Circuit				
15/2.	(Recommendation 1) The Conference directs that the Secretary of the Conference oversees a review of: a. the use of District Chairs to chair or serve on working groups appointed by the Council/Conference; b. the roles performed by the District Chair (and identify the roles that might be more appropriately carried out by the Connexional Team thereby	January 2017	As soon as possible		

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	allowing District Chairs further to exercise spiritual leadership); and c. the title 'District Chair', and whether an alternative title would be more appropriate; and bring recommendations to the Conference as soon as possible. [DR 6/20]				
15/4.	(Recommendation 3) The Conference directs the Secretary of the Conference to review the processes for the selection of District Chairs with the aim of increasing gender and ethnic diversity among the District Chairs. [DR 6/20]	January 2017			
15/6.	(Recommendation 5) The Conference directs that training for leadership development of District Chairs be produced to cover the issues raised in paragraphs 28-41, and provided to existing and future District Chairs, and that this is overseen by the Secretary of the Conference. [DR 6/20]	October 2017			EDI Committee are also working on leadership development.

Stationing Committee					
15.	Larger Than Circuit				
15/5.	(Recommendation 4) The Conference directs that the Stationing Committee gives consideration to the direct stationing of District Chairs. [DR 6/20]		2018	Conference Office in support of the Stationing Committee	
	Notices of Motion				
NOM 2016/203	Deployment and resourcing of ministry [DR 7/22] The Conference welcomes the Vice-President's exhortation, in her address to the Conference, to stand with the poor and not to withdraw from areas of poverty. However, it is in those very areas of deprivation and poverty that resourcing of ministry can be most difficult due to the lack of financial resources. Circuits are usually staffed on their ability to be able to afford ordained ministry rather than need. This appears to be an unjust way of distributing ministry resources and seems at odds with John Wesley's encouragement to go to these who need us most. The Conference therefore calls on the Stationing Committee in conjunction with the Ministries Committee and the Faith and Order Committee		2018	Stationing Committee, Ministries Committee, Faith and Order Committee	Consult with circuits and districts

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	<i>[amended DR 8/44/1]</i> urgently to review the methods of funding and deploying ordained ministry across the Connexion and asks the committee to consult with districts and circuits on this matter. The Conference adopted the Motion.				
	Memorials				
M4	The circuit reinvitation process [DR 8/5/3] ... The Conference directs that the Code of Practice for all involved in the Invitation and Stationing Process 2018 be updated accordingly.			Stationing Committee	
M2	Itinerant ministry and stationing [DR 8/5/5] ... The Conference therefore declines the request for a further review of the stationing process but directs the Stationing, Ministries, and Faith and Order Committees to ensure that the matters raised in this memorial are kept in mind in their future work and reports.		N/A	Ministries Committee, Faith and Order Committee	

Law and Polity Committee					
43.	Committee on Methodist Law and Polity (2)				
43/2.	The Conference directs the Law and Polity Committee, in consultation with the Safeguarding Committee, to undertake a review of Standing Orders relevant to safeguarding processes. [DR 7/26/3]	?	2018	Safeguarding Committee	Link with related pieces of work
43/11.	The Conference directs the Law and Polity Committee to make recommendations to the 2017 Conference on amendments to Standing Orders that enable Circuit Meetings to charge a minister who leaves a manse in an unreasonable condition. [DR 7/26/3]		2017		
24.	Methodist Council, part 2				
24/8.	24/8. The Conference resolves that the maximum period between acceptance as a candidate and reception into full connexion, including any period of deferment, suspension or extension, should not normally exceed seven years. [DR 8/4]				Revised Standing Orders to come to the 2017 Conference?
	Memorials				
M31	Use of local church benevolence funds by deacons [DR 8/5/1] ... The Conference is reluctant to break that link and therefore declines the specific request in the memorial. However, it recognises that a deacon		2017		

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	might well have a role to play in the distribution of benevolence fund monies and therefore directs the Law and Polity Committee to give expression to this by drafting a revision to Standing Order 651(3).				
Ministries Committee					
	Memorials				
M3	Questions asked in the Presbyteral Session of Synod [DR 7/28] ... The Conference declines the Memorial, but directs the Ministries Committee to circulate to all presbyters a statement, based on the above reply which affirms the significance and centrality of the questions of the annual inquiry.			Discipleship and Ministries, Secretary of the Conference	To be undertaken in Autumn 2016?
M1	Criteria for candidating for the ministry [DR 8/5/1] The Conference accepts the memorial and directs that the Ministries Committee bring a considered response to the 2017 Conference. [The Conference further directs MCPOC to bring a proposed revision to SO 710(1) to the 2017 Conference in accordance with the second paragraph of this reply.]		2017	MCPOC	
M5 M6	Nurturing the vocation of supernumerary ministers [DR 8/5/1] ... The Ministries Committee is engaged in a piece of work which reflects on the ministry of supernumeraries, in the light of SO 792. A guidance note on best practice in this area is being prepared, with the intention that it will be circulated following the meeting of the Ministries Committee in July 2016. The Conference therefore directs the Ministries Committee to circulate its guidance to Presbyteral Sessions of District Synods, the Convocation of the Diaconal Order and Circuit Meetings for their consideration and response.				
M24	Circuits in tragedy and crisis [DR 8/5/2] ... However the Conference recognises that the question of support for the circuit – that is, for the affected circuit as a community – has not been addressed and directs the Ministries Committee to create a small group to listen to circuits affected in this way and consider what form additional support would take in order to address the issues raised. The group should report through the Ministries Committee to the 2017 Conference.	April 2017	2017	Support Services (Wellbeing Adviser)	
M2	Itinerant ministry and stationing [DR 8/5/5]			Stationing	

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	... The Conference therefore declines the request for a further review of the stationing process but directs the Stationing, Ministries, and Faith and Order Committees to ensure that the matters raised in this memorial are kept in mind in their future work and reports.			Committee, Faith and Order Committee	
M11 (2015)	Sabbaticals [DR 7/38] The Conference directs the Ministries Committee to undertake a review of sabbatical policy reporting back no later than the 2017 Conference. The Conference directs the Ministries Committee to liaise with the Connexional Allowances Committee to identify any potential financial impact in relation to the sabbatical levy and permitted expense limits.	Ministries Committee report April 2017	2017	Discipleship and Ministries, Connexional Allowances Committee	To the Ministries Committee in September 2016
M7	Sabbaticals [DR 8/5/5] The Conference thanks the Bradford North Circuit Meeting for its memorial. The Conference draws attention to the response to M11 (2015) on sabbaticals which requested the Ministries Committee to undertake a review of sabbatical policy reporting back no later than the 2017 Conference. The Conference directs the Ministries Committee to note the views expressed by the Bradford North Circuit Meeting and to consider them alongside other perspectives expressed during the review.				

Ministerial Candidates' and Probationers' Oversight Committee					
	Memorials				
M1	Criteria for candidating for the ministry [DR 8/5/1] [The Conference accepts the memorial and directs that the Ministries Committee bring a considered response to the 2017 Conference.] The Conference further directs MCPOC to bring a proposed revision to SO 710(1) to the 2017 Conference in accordance with the second paragraph of this reply.	January 2017	2017	Ministries Committee, Law and Polity Committee	

Faith and Order Committee					
	Memorials				
AM25	Order of service for baptisms [DR 8/5/1]			Mission and	An update will be

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	<p>... Given the resources that are already available, the guidance and texts within the Methodist Worship Book, and the diversity of contemporary British Methodism, the Conference does not believe it is appropriate to produce new orders of service for baptism at this time; but directs the Faith and Order Committee to produce some alternative baptism resources in accessible language that adhere to the structure of the authorised texts and thus retain the Methodist emphasis on prevenient grace. [The Conference also directs the Methodist Council to ensure that the Connexional Team gives further consideration to appropriate ways of making existing resources available in electronic formats and for on-screen use.]</p>			Advocacy	provided to the Council as part of reports on the work of the Team.
M2	<p>Itinerant ministry and stationing [DR 8/5/5] ... The Conference therefore declines the request for a further review of the stationing process but directs the Stationing, Ministries, and Faith and Order Committees to ensure that the matters raised in this memorial are kept in mind in their future work and reports.</p>			Ministries Committee, Stationing Committee	
M1 (2015) 39/2.	<p>Authorisation to preside at communion [DR 7/38] The Conference [...] directs the Connexional Authorisations Committee, with the Faith and Order Committee, to reconsider the criteria and to report to the 2016 Conference. [DR 7/38]</p> <p>Authorisations Committee [DR 8/27/1] The Conference adopts the Report as its further reply to M1 (2015). [... Several of the points raised in this review seem to indicate that a broader discussion regarding authorisations (covering more than the criteria alone) may be timely and appropriate. This could take into account, for example, ecumenical considerations, and the training of those who are authorised. However, in response to M1, the Committee, in consultation with the Faith and Order Committee, saw no need to amend the criteria at this time.]</p>		2017	Authorisations Committee, Connexional Ecumenical Officer	ASC to speak to the Chair of the Authorisations Committee, the Secretary of the Faith and Order Committee and the Connexional Ecumenical Officer

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Joint Advisory Committee on the Ethics of Investment					
Notices of Motion					
NOM 2016/207	<p>Fracking [DR 8/32] Hydraulic fracturing, the process known as fracking, involves drilling into the earth and directing a high-pressure water mixture at the rock to release the gas inside. There has been relatively little research into fracking but areas of the United States have suffered small earthquakes and water pollution believed to have been caused by fracking, as fracking involves shale gas, it seems that this process will contribute to climate change.</p> <p>The Conference therefore:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> directs the Joint Public Issues Team to research fracking and to consider producing resources on this issue. directs the Joint Advisory Committee on the Ethics of Investment to consider the ethics of companies involved in fracking, especially following recent discussions regarding fossil fuels. <p><i>The Conference referred the Motion to the Methodist Council.</i></p>	January 2017			

Referred Memorials and Notices of Motion

Memorials from the 2014 Conference

MEMORIALS	Work to be undertaken by (eg committee or cluster)	Deadline for report to the Conference	Current Situation
M8: Church stewards and lay leadership	Faith and Order Committee and Ministries Committee	No date set.	Discipleship and Ministries to check whether this can be included within work on support for circuit stewards.
M35: Covenants of Care	Methodist Council	2017	The Council has agreed the terms of reference for a working group, and appointed a group to undertake this work.

Memorials from the 2015 Conference

MEMORIALS	Work to be undertaken by (eg committee or cluster)	Deadline for report to the Conference	Current Situation

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M2-M7:	Review of training	Methodist Council	2017		The Council has agreed the terms of reference for a review group, and appointed the review group.
M11:	Sabbaticals	Ministries Committee	2017		
M19:	Management of listed buildings	Methodist Council	2016		Report to be brought to the 2017 Conference. (Property Development Committee)

Notices of Motion from previous Conferences referred for report to the Conference.

NM 109 (2013) Diaconal membership	Methodist Council	No later than 2015.	Work yet to be completed; referred to the work which is underway regarding the theological and ecclesiological underpinning of the diaconate.
NM 2015/101 Flourishing, fruitfulness and growth	Methodist Council	No date set	Connexional Secretary and SoC to tie this in with work on evangelism.

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Work from the 2015 Conference

Methodist Council					
22.	Methodist Council, part 1				
22/5.	The Conference directs the Council to undertake further work on the proposal to apply the levy in SO 955(6) to local church capital model trust funds and to report their recommendations to the 2016 Conference. [DR 7/10/3]	Initial report October 2015; further report April 2016	2017 (revised date)	Conference Office	The Council has delegated to the Chair of the Council and the Chair of the Strategy and Resources Committee authority to agree the terms of reference for a review of the extension and application of SO 955(6) and, if necessary, to appoint a working party to undertake the review (April 2016).
28.	Methodist Council, part two				
28/3A	Replacement Projects New Resolution [DR 7/11/4] The Conference directs the Council to bring draft detailed guidance on the classification of a project as a replacement project to the Conference in 2016. [See also two additional paragraphs at DR 7/11/2]	April 2016	2017 (revised date)	Conference Office	In April 2016, the Conference Officer for Legal and Constitutional Practice updated the Council on the work in this area. Work is ongoing and updated guidance will be brought to the Council during the next connexional year. [16/2/25]
45/2.	Report of the Working Party on Accessibility to the Conference The Conference adopts recommendation 1 and directs the Methodist	Group appointed Oct	2017	Conference Office: Working Party	Discussions held at the 2016 Conference

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R57/6 (2011)	<p>Council to agree the terms of reference for a working party, and to appoint such a working party which shall report to the Council and the Conference no later than 2017. [DR 6/22/1]</p> <p>The Conference further directs that the terms of reference for the working party shall include further consideration of the issue of accessibility, not just the logistics of running the Conference, but how people can engage with the Conference, regardless of experience, ability or confidence, challenging itself to engage in a radical rethink. The membership of the working party shall include those who have expertise in these areas. [DR 6/22/2]</p> <p>The Methodist Council to consider whether a change in the timing of the induction of the President and Vice-President is desirable to enable the outgoing Vice-President as well as the outgoing President to report to the Conference on their year of office before handing over to their successors.</p>	2015 Jan/Apr 2017 for report			To be incorporated into the work of the working party
48.	Past Cases Review: Implementation				
NOM 204	<p>Mapping a Way Forward: Regrouping for Mission [DR 7/16]</p> <p>The Conference:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Notes with appreciation the significant impact the initiative of <i>Mapping the Way Forward: Regrouping for Mission</i> has had on the life of the Methodist Church for almost a decade – helping Circuits to review their readiness for mission and the structures needed to facilitate that mission. Notes that a significant consequence of this work has been the reconfiguring of many Circuits. Recognises that there are many anecdotes as to the perceived positive and negative effects of such reconfigurations for both large and small Circuits. <p>However there has never been any quantitative or qualitative research into the impact and effect of <i>Mapping the Way Forward: Regrouping for Mission</i> for the mission of the Church. Given that the process has now been underway for almost a decade the Conference is of the view that the time for a formal research project examining the evidence would be extremely helpful to the Church as it continues to reshape for effective mission in the twenty-first century.</p>	Process agreed by the Council October 2015 then April 2016 for phase 1; April 2017 for phase 2	2016 for phase 1 2017 for phase 2	Discipleship and Ministries	

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	The Conference therefore directs the Methodist Council to make arrangements for and oversee such research and report its findings to the Conference of 2016.				
NOM 215	<p>Statement on pornography [DR 8/31]</p> <p>The Conference directs: That the Methodist Council appoint a Working Group to prepare a draft Conference Statement and discussion materials appropriate for different age groups on pornography and to report to the 2017 Conference. That the Working Group has a membership with expertise in sexual ethics, psychology and the nature of digital media, and also representatives from the 3Generate Age Group. The Terms of Reference be agreed by the Methodist Council in consultation with the 3Generate representatives to the Methodist Council.</p>	Working group appointed October 2015 Report to January 2017	2017		
M2 to M6	<p>Review of ministerial training [DR 7/13/2]</p> <p>The proposal endorsed by the 2014 Conference (Resolution 32/16) was in response to a memorial (M6) of the 2013 Conference which sought an urgent review to reconsider how ministerial training should be configured. By resolution 32/16 the Conference subsequently agreed the timescale of the review noting that the Ministries Committee, on behalf of the Methodist Council, would put in place a review process. Whilst this memorial goes beyond the view of the Methodist Council (Agenda 2014, p. 294) that the Ministries Committee should act on its behalf, the memorial helpfully sets out the responsibility for both determining the terms of reference of the review and appointing the membership of a panel to undertake the review. The Conference notes the concern implicit in the memorial for the independence of any process and accepts the memorial. The Conference, noting that the Ministries Committee is accountable to the Conference through the Council for matters of policy and process relating to ministerial training (Standing Order 32A1, clauses (2) and (3)) directs the Council to consult the Ministries Committee in the drafting of the terms of reference of the review.</p>	Jan 2017	2017		The Council has agreed the terms of reference for a review group, and appointed the review group.
M7	<p>Review of Fruitful Field [DR 7/13/2]</p> <p>The Conference accepts point (a) of the Memorial and directs the</p>	Oct 2015 Appoint	2017		

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	<p>Methodist Council to ensure that the review raised in section (a) of the memorial takes place and to determine the most effective means of undertaking this review.</p> <p>a) Agree the terms of reference for the review which should include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the wider implementation of Fruitful Field (not just ministerial training) - the provision of resources for lay training - the impact of the new training arrangements on candidating. 	<p>review group</p> <p>then</p> <p>Jan 2017</p>			
M16	<p>Sale of model trust property for social housing [DR 7/38]</p> <p>The Conference therefore accepts the direction to review the types of social housing providers to whom Methodist premises can be sold at an undervalue.</p>	No date given	N/A		Dependent on policy determined by the Property Development Committee
M17	<p>Retaining mission opportunities in rural areas [DR 7/38]</p> <p>The Conference ... accepts part (a) of the memorial.</p> <p>(a) to direct that conversations be held with TMCP as Custodian Trustees to encourage and enable an appropriate interpretation of best value as against best price under charity law so that mission opportunities are not lost;</p> <p>The Conference directs the Council to ensure this <i>[part (b)]</i> forms part of the work being undertaken <i>[regarding Releasing Property for God's Mission]</i>.</p> <p>(b) to encourage Circuits and churches to look at more innovative ways of disposing of some of their church properties, for example, where suitable, in partnership with the Addington Fund who provide homes for retired farmworkers in rural areas. In this way missional benefit may be maximised in such disposals; it would also be possible to grant a 99 year lease giving a rental value to the Methodist Church and a renewed pastoral opportunity – possibly for rural chaplains;</p> <p>The Conference encourages all Districts, Circuits and churches to support rural chaplaincy and therefore accepts part (c) of the memorial.</p> <p>(c) to encourage Districts, Circuits and churches to give grants to rural chaplains so as to extend their work in these areas.</p>	Property Development Committee established by the April 2016 meeting of the Council	N/A	<p>Conference Office</p> <p>Support Services</p> <p>Discipleship and Ministries</p>	<p>Policy to be considered by new Property Development Committee</p> <p>Work underway to update and develop effective presence in rural communities (rewriting 'Presence').</p>
M19	<p>Management of listed buildings [DR/7/38]</p> <p>The Conference directs the Methodist Council to consider the contents of</p>	The Council has directed	Amended to 2017	Support Services (Conservation).	Also part of the Property Development

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	this memorial within the work it has committed to undertake and to include proposals in the report that it brings to the 2016 Conference.	the Connexional Team to undertake a review of the Listed Buildings Advisory Committee's terms of reference and appeals process.	[2016 – DR 8/18]		Committee's work. Would also be appropriate to consult Heritage Officer on proposals/guidelines as there could be Heritage implications.
M24	Safeguarding Co-ordinators [DR 5/10/2] The Conference... declines the Memorial [<i>requesting that Safeguarding officer roles be included in Standing Orders</i>] but directs the Methodist Council to review and update the safeguarding policies and where appropriate bring the amended policies to the 2017 Conference.	January 2017	2017	Conference Office	Links to work reviewing Standing Orders related to Safeguarding
M30	Tax Justice [DR 8/35] The Conference recognises that Tax Justice is a crucial element in challenging injustice and addressing inequality, both in the UK and the wider world, and that it will not be achieved without considerable long-term effort. The Conference directs the Methodist Council to ensure the Connexional Team continues to work with Joint Advisory Committee on the Ethics of Investment (JACEI), the Central Finance Board (CFB), the Joint Public Issues Team (JPIT) and the Methodist Tax Justice Network (MTJN) for at least the next three years, as resources allow, and directs the Methodist Council to review progress in this area of work in early 2018 and to report to the Conference of that year.	January 2018	2018	Mission and Advocacy	With JACEI, CFB JPIT, MTJN
Secretary of the Conference					
38.	Faith and Order Committee Report				
38/2.	The Conference adopts the guidance set out in Part B of the Report and directs the Secretary of the Conference to ensure that it is made available to	No date given		The Secretary of the Conference	

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	Superintendent Ministers. [DR5/15]				
39.	Report of the Working Group on ‘Fellowships Groups’				
39/2.	The Conference affirms the recommendations set out in the Report and directs that further work as indicated in the Report is overseen by the One Mission Forum and in respect of 7.2 by the Secretary of the Conference. [DR 7/14] [7.2 Consider whether an agreed number of representatives of ‘fellowship groups’ should be representatives to the Conference as a temporary measure. (The group is aware of the sensitivity of this recommendation, and the careful way in which the current size and construction of the Conference is determined, but believes that the Secretary of the Conference might oversee consideration of this matter.)]	No date given		The Secretary of the Conference, Accessibility to the Conference Working Party	One Mission Forum
Faith and Order Committee					
14.	Issues of Connexionalism in the 21st Century				
14/2.	The Conference: (DR 6/13/2)				
	(a) invites responses to be submitted to the Secretary of the Faith and Order Committee by 30 September 2016; (DR 6/13/2)			Conference Office	
	(b) Directs the Faith and Order Committee to present a further report to the 2017 Conference. (DR 6/13/2)	January 2017	2017	Conference Office in support of the Committee	ASC to speak to the Secretary of the Faith and Order Committee
37.	Holy Communion Mediated Through Social Media				
37/1.	The Conference receives the report as an interim report and directs that the further work be undertaken (including the involvement of those set out in the original response to the M13 (2011), young people involved with 3Generate, CODEC and others with broad, in-depth expertise in this fast developing area) and that a fuller report be presented to the Conference no later than 2018. [DR 7/36]	??	2018	Conference Office in support of the Committee Discipleship and Ministries 3Generate	
46/4.	Connexional Allowances Committee The Conference directs the Faith and Order Committee to undertake a major review of the theological foundation of all matters of ministerial remuneration and to report to the Conference of 2017. [DR 6/5/1]	April 2017	2017		

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	Ministries Committee				
28.	Methodist Council, part two				
28/10.	(Ministries Committee – Response to Memorials) The Conference adopts the further replies to:				
	M7 (2013) Local Preachers on Trial <i>The [2013] Conference therefore refers this memorial to the Ministries Committee to consider as part of their work on Local Preacher training and directs the committee to report back to the Conference no later than 2015.</i> The Ministries Committee recommends, at this stage, that no changes are made to standing orders but that consideration of the appropriate title form part of a consultation process with Local Preachers’ Meetings during 2015-16 with recommendations to the Ministries Committee in 2016-17 and, as appropriate, to the Conference of 2017.	January 2017	2017	Discipleship and Ministries	Board of Studies to report to the Council
	M8 (2013) Responsibilities of Worship Leaders <i>The [2013] Conference therefore refers this memorial to the Ministries Committee to consider as part of their work on worship leader training and directs the committee to report back to the Conference no later than 2015.</i> The Ministries Committee recommends that a consideration of the title and agenda of the Local Preachers’ Meeting form part of a consultation process with Local Preachers’ Meetings during 2015-16 with recommendations to the Ministries Committee in 2016-17 and, as appropriate, to the 2017 Conference.	January 2017	2017	Discipleship and Ministries	Studies Board to report to the Council
	M9 (2013) Length of appointment for worship leaders <i>The Conference therefore refers this memorial to the Ministries Committee to consider as part of their work on Worship Leader training and directs the committee to report back to the Conference no later than 2015.</i> The Ministries Committee recommends that no changes be made to the current length of appointment of Worship Leaders noting that there is already provision to extend appointments subject to review. In the light of increased expectations related to the initial training of Worship Leaders, the Committee recommends that Circuits pay careful attention to who is appointed to the role of Worship Leader noting that a Worship Leader is	January 2017	2017	Discipleship and Ministries	Studies Board to report to the Council

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	someone who regularly takes a leading or co-ordinating role in the conduct of worship. The Ministries Committee also recommends that the possibility of a quinquennial review of Local Preachers be included as part of a consultation process with Local Preachers' Meetings during 2015-16 with recommendations to the Ministries Committee in 2016-17 and, as appropriate, to the 2017 Conference.				
Stationing Committee					
M10	<p>Maternity Leave [DR 7/38]</p> <p>The Conference ... notes the importance of appropriate arrangements for maternity, paternity, adoption and parental leave. The Conference notes changes in April 2015 to legislation regarding maternity leave and the subsequent revisions to Standing Orders 807, 807A, 807B and 807D considered by this Conference (Agenda, report 17).</p> <p>The request for guidance made in this memorial was considered by the Stationing Committee at its meeting in March 2015. The committee agreed that a set of guidelines should be developed and then presented to the Methodist Council for approval prior to its publication, to ensure that any such connexional guidelines are in keeping with recent changes to legislation.</p> <p>The Conference therefore accepts the memorial, noting that the Stationing Committee is already undertaking this work, and will present proposed guidelines for Circuits and churches regarding arrangements for maternity leave to the Methodist Council no later than October 2016.</p>	by Oct 2016		Support Services (Wellbeing Adviser)	
Connexional Leaders Forum					
NOM 101	<p>Flourishing, fruitfulness and growth [DR 5/5/2]</p> <p>The Conference welcomes the work of the Connexional Leaders' Forum (CLF) on 'the accountability and flourishing of our ministers and the fruitfulness and growth of our churches' (as outlined in paragraph 16 (Agenda p230) of Item 27. The General Secretary's Report) and invites the CLF to bring a report of their discussions to the Conference as soon as possible for wider discussion and action.</p>			Secretary of the Conference	

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JACEI/CFB					
NOM 216	<p>216 Fossil Fuels and Climate Change [DR 8/4/3] The Conference: Requests JACEI to continue to work with the CFB to develop clear criteria for possible divestment from fossil fuel companies, in accordance with the CFB Policy Statement on Climate Change, and including a timeline and conditions for possible reinvestment in the future, and to report on all these matters to Conference 2016, and subsequently as appropriate;</p>		2016	Mission and Advocacy	

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Work from the 2014 Conference

Methodist Council					
M35	Covenants of Care - ...The Conference ... refers this memorial to the Methodist Council and requests that the Council establishes a working group to review the arrangements for Covenants of Care and to formulate proposals. The working group should draw on the experience of the Safeguarding Advisory Panel and expertise within Districts, together with lessons learnt from the Past Cases Review, which is due to report to the 2015 Conference. The Conference requests that the Council report the conclusions of this review to the Conference no later than 2017. DR 6/18	January 2017	2017	Conference Office	Terms of reference agreed by October 2015 Council; group appointed by January 2016 Council

Faith and Order Committee					
35/2.	Faith and Order Committee - The Conference directs the Faith and Order Committee in consultation with the Ministries Committee to undertake work on the theology and nature of lay and ordained ministry in the Methodist Church. The Conference further reports that an interim report should be brought to the 2016 Conference, and a final report with any recommendations should be brought no later than the 2018 Conference. DR 5/24		Interim report 2016 Final report 2018	Conference Office in support of Faith and Order Committee	
R35/5 (2012).	The Conference directs the Faith and Order Committee in consultation with the Ministries Committee, Fresh Ways Working Group Practitioners Forum and VentureFX Pioneers to explore: a. ways in which the Methodist Church can promote further hospitality, collaboration and mutuality between our orders of ministry				To be incorporated into the work of the working party

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General	The Conference directs that a review be conducted into how discipline committees should respond in cases where there has been a conviction under sexual offences legislation. DR 6/27		2016	The Secretary of the Conference	

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Work from the 2013 Conference

Resolution/Memorial/ Notices of Motion /Task	Cluster/team leading or liaising with others	Committee/body responsible	Actions to be taken (including any deadlines)	Work Not Done
<p>Methodist Council 44/11. The Conference directs the Faith & Order Committee, in consultation with the Methodist Diaconal Order, to undertake work on the theology and ecclesiology underpinning the diaconate in Methodism, its place within the British Connexion and its place within the universal church.</p> <p>R35/4 (2012). Faith and Order. The Conference directs the Faith and Order Committee to explore with the Methodist Diaconal Order and the Ministries Committee the liturgical role of deacons within the Methodist Church and, if appropriate, find ways of affirming that.</p>	Conference Office	Faith and Order Committee	2018 Conference Discussions at January 2016 Council	<p>Interim report to the 2016 Conference noted that this work would be included in the report on ministry in the Methodist Church to be presented to the 2018 Conference</p> <p>To be incorporated into work on theology and ecclesiology underpinning the diaconate</p>