

THE METHODIST COUNCIL
Woodland Grange Conference Centre,
Leamington Spa

2-4 April 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

Saturday 2 April

13:00 **LUNCH**

13:45 **Session 1**

Opening Prayers - The Chaplains

1. Apologies, Welcomes, Letters, Announcements, Observers
2. Minutes of the Methodist Council held on 26-27 January 2015 – **to approve**
3. Matters Arising [**MC/16/33**] – **to note**
4. Decisions made since the last meeting of the Council [**MC/16/34**] – **to note**
5. Report from the Strategy and Resources Committee (SRC) held on 26-27 February [**MC/16/35**] – **for decision**
6. Connexional Team report [**MC/16/36**] – **to note**
7. Mapping a Way Forward: Regrouping for Mission research outcome [**MC/16/37**] – **for decision**

16:00 **TEA BREAK**

16:30 **Session 2**

8. The Budget [**MC/16/38**] – **for discussion and decision**
Following presentation of the Budget the Council will be invited to discuss the proposed level of the Methodist Church Fund Assessment in groups. This will be an opportunity for a more detailed consideration of the options prior to a plenary discussion and vote. Groups will not be required to make a report back to the Council, instead members of the Council will be invited to speak in light in the discussion.
9. District Allocations [**MC/16/39**] – **to approve**

18:30 **DINNER**

20:15 **Session 3**

10. Ministries Committee **[MC/16/40] – for decision**
11. Code of Conduct for Ministers **[MC/16/41] – to approve**
12. Flexible patterns of working for Ministers **[MC/16/42] – to approve**

21:30 **Evening Prayers**

Sunday 3 April

08:30 **BREAKFAST**

09:30 Service of Holy Communion

10:15 **COFFEE**

10:30 **Session 4**

13. Review of Mission Alongside the Poor programme **[MC/16/43] – for decision**
14. Model Trust 20 request **[MC/16/44 to follow] – for decision**
15. 24 Somerset Road – request for increased budget **[MC/16/45] – for decision**
16. MMPS – result of consultation **[MC/16/46] – for decision**
17. Resourcing Leadership **[MC/16/47] – to approve**

13:00 **LUNCH**

15:00 **Session 5**

18. Speaking of God: The task of Christian apologetics - Group Discussions

16:00 **TEA BREAK**

16:30 **Session 6**

19. Pay and Grading Review **[MC/16/48 to follow] – for decision**
20. Safeguarding Report **[MC/16/49] – to approve**

18:30 **DINNER**

20:15 **Session 7**

21. Authorisation of small property works [M20 2015] **[MC/16/50] – to approve**

21:30 **Evening Prayers**

Monday 4 April

08:15 **BREAKFAST**

09:30 **Session 8**

22. *En bloc* items
23. Reflections from the President and Vice-President on their year of office
24. Replacement projects – guidance on classification **[verbal update] – to approve**

11:00 **COFFEE**

11:30 **Session 9**

25. Closed Session
26. Releasing Property – proposals for Property Development Committee **[MC/16/51] – to approve**
27. Joint Public Issues Team – membership of the Church of Scotland **[MC/16/52] – to approve**
28. Attesting the Journal of the 2015 Conference

12:45 **Closing Worship**

13:00 **LUNCH and DEPART**

En bloc items

1. Nominations and Appointments **[MC/16/53]**
2. Homeworking Policy **[MC/16/54]**
3. Annualised Hours Policy **[MC/16/55]**
4. Connexional Allowances Committee report **[MC/16/56]**
5. Ending of Reciprocal Arrangement with the URC **[MC/16/57]**
6. Finance Sub-Committee terms of reference **[MC/16/58]**
7. Investment Committee **[MC/16/59]**
8. Southlands **[MC/16/60]**
9. Dates of future Conferences **[MC/16/61]**
10. PCR Implementation Group – update **[MC/16/62]**
11. Faith and Order Committee **[MC/16/63]**

12. Exemptions from DBS – revised process [**MC/16/64**]
13. Connexional Grants Committee [**MC/16/65**]
14. Membership of the Council [**MC/16/66**]
15. MMPS and PASLEMC appointments [**MC/16/67**]