

**THE METHODIST COUNCIL**  
**Horwood House, Mursley Road,**  
**Milton Keynes MK17 0PH**  
**25-26 January 2017**

**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 25 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 17-18 October 2016 – **to approve**
3. Decisions made by the Council since the last meeting [**MC/17/1**] – **to note**
4. Matters arising from the Council minutes [**MC/17/2**] – **to note**
5. Notification of Chair's Business
6. Report from the Strategy and Resources Committee (SRC) held on 24 November 2016 [**MC/17/3**] – **to note**
7. Report from the Connexional Team [**MC/17/4**] – **to note**
8. Report from the January meeting of the Connexional Leaders' Forum [**oral report**] – **to note**
9. Follow up from group discussions in October [**MC/17/5**] – **to note**
10. Transferring managing trusteeship from the Network Committee to the Property Development Committee [**MC/17/6 to follow**] – **to approve**
11. Pension contribution levels review (M17, M18 (2016)) [**MC/17/7**] – **to approve**

16:00 **TEA BREAK**

16:30 **Session 2**

12. Community of Methodist and Wesleyan Churches in Europe – community agreement **[MC/17/8] – to approve**
13. Budget principles **[MC/17/9] – for decision**
14. Equality Diversity and Inclusion Committee – changes to Standing Orders **[MC/17/10] – to approve**
15. Taking forward the Larger than Circuit Resolutions **[MC/17/11] – for decision**

18:30 **DINNER**

19:30 **Session 3**

16. Safeguarding policies – report of scrutiny group **[MC/17/12] – for decision**
17. The 2016 Conference Resolutions 34/2 and 34/3 **[MC/17/13] – for decision**
18. District Safeguarding Officers – increasing time across districts **[MC/17/14] – for decision**
19. Covenants of Care working group **[MC/17/15] – for discussion**
20. An audit of the implementation of the Past Cases Review **[MC/17/16] – to note**

21:00 Evening Prayer

**Thursday 26 January**

07:30 Holy Communion

08:15 **BREAKFAST**

09:15 **Session 4**

21. Review of training **[MC/17/17 to follow] – presentation, group discussions and feedback**

11:00 **COFFEE BREAK**

11:30 **Session 5**

22. *En bloc* items
23. Ministerial Code of Conduct Working Party **[MC/17/18] – for discussion**

12:15 23. Developing Vocations **[MC/17/19] – for discussion**

24. Note any items referred to the Strategy and Resources Committee, the Connexional Leaders' Forum or other bodies

12.45 Prayers

13:00 **LUNCH and Departures**

***En bloc items***

1. Framework for local unity – Churches Together in England **[MC/17/20]**
2. M21 (2016) Accounting Software **[MC/17/21]**
3. Appointments **[MC/17/22]**
4. Leasing of Methodist Premises **[MC/17/23]**
5. Fracking – Proposed response to Notice of Motion 2016/207 **[MC/17/24]**
6. Methodist Heritage Committee update on the European section of the World Methodist Historical Society **[MC/17/25]**
7. Joseph Rank Trust **[MC/17/26]**
8. Circuit Stewards – update on response to Memorial M14 (2016) **[MC/17/27]**