

**THE METHODIST COUNCIL**  
**Woodland Grange Conference Centre,**  
**Leamington Spa**

**1-3 April 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

**Chaplains: Mr Tim Baker and the Revd Dr Sheryl Anderson**

**Saturday 1 April**

13:00 **LUNCH**

13:45 **Session 1**

**Opening Prayers - The Chaplains**

1. Apologies, Welcomes, Letters, Announcements
2. Minutes of the Methodist Council held on 25-26 January 2017 – **to approve**
3. Review of training [**MC/17/28 to follow**]

15:40 4. Matters Arising [**MC/17/29**] – **to note**

5. Report from the Strategy and Resources Committee (SRC) held on 22-23 February [**MC/17/30**] – **for decision**

16:00 **TEA BREAK**

16:30 **Session 2**

6. Connexional Team report [**MC/17/31**] – **to note**
7. Accounts [**distributed in advance, resolutions shown on MC/17/32**] – **to approve**
8. Report of the Audit Committee [**MC/17/33**] – **to approve**

17:30 9. Pornography working group [**MC/17/34**] – **for decision**

18:30 **DINNER**

20:15 **Session 3**

10. Closed Session [**confidential paper, MC/17/35, to follow**]

21:30 **Evening Prayers**

**Sunday 2 April**

08:00 Holy Communion

08:30 **BREAKFAST**

09:30 **Session 4**

11. Nomination of the Assistant Secretary of the Conference [**to be tabled**]

12. District Commissions [**MC/17/36**] – for discussion

10:30 **COFFEE**

10:50 **Session 5**

13. Safeguarding

(a) General report [**MC/17/37**] – to approve

(b) Increasing DSO time across Districts [**MC/17/38**] – for decision

(c) Arrangements for supervision of DSOs [**MC/17/39**] – for decision

(d) Risk assessment policy [**MC/17/40**] – for decision

14. Covenants of Care [**MC/17/41**] – for decision

12:00 15. Accessibility to the Conference [**MC/17/42**] – for decision

13:00 **LUNCH**

15:00 **Session 6**

16. Annual report of the Ministries Committee [**MC/17/43**] – for decision

17. Review of Listed Buildings Advisory Committee [**MC/17/44**] – to approve

18. MIC Ltd – trusts upon which property is held [**MC/17/45**] – to approve

16:00 **TEA BREAK**

16:30 **Session 7**

19. Supervision policy [**MC/17/46**] – for decision

20. The Budget [**MC/17/47**] – for decision

21. District Allocations **[MC/17/48] – for decision**

22. Fellowship Groups **[MC/17/49] – for decision**

18:30 **DINNER**

20:15 **Session 8**

23. Connexional Grants Committee **[MC/17/50] – for decision**

24. Statistics for Mission – triennial report **[MC/17/51] – to note**

21:15 **Evening Prayers**

**Monday 3 April**

08:15 **BREAKFAST**

09:30 **Session 9**

25. *En bloc* items

26. MIST legal structure **[MC/17/52 to follow] – to approve**

27. Reflections from the President and Vice-President on their year of office

11:00 **COFFEE**

11:30 **Session 10**

28. EDI Committee – Towards an Inclusive Church **[MC/17/53] – for discussion**

29. Past Cases Review Implementation Group **[MC/17/54] – to approve**

30. World Council of Churches General Assembly **[MC/17/55] – for decision**

31. Attesting the Journal of the 2016 Conference

12:45 **Closing Worship**

13:00 **LUNCH and DEPART**

## **En bloc items**

1. Nominations and Appointments **[MC/17/56 to be tabled]**
2. Dates of future Conferences **[MC/17/57]**
3. Faith and Order Committee **[MC/17/58]**
4. Legal and Property Support for Managing Trustees – update from working group **[MC/17/59]**
5. Connexional Allowances Committee **[MC/17/60]**
6. Westminster College Oxford Trust appointments **[MC/17/61]**
7. Local Preachers and Worship Leaders Studies Board **[MC/17/62]**
8. Management Responsibility for Mission Partners Superannuation Scheme **[MC/17/63]**
9. World Methodist Committee report **[MC/17/64]**
10. Investment Management Committee report **[MC/17/65]**
11. Mapping a way forward research phase 2 **[MC/17/66]**
12. One Mission Forum **[MC/17/67]**
13. Armed Forces Covenant **[MC/17/68]**
14. Persons with Significant Control – Company Law (update) **[MC/17/69]**
15. Pensions and Assurance Scheme for Lay Employees of the Methodist Church (PASLEMC) **[MC/17/70]**
16. Decisions made since the last meeting of the Council **[MC/17/71]**
17. Shared Maternity Leave **[MC/17/72]**
18. Ecumenical Associate Members of the 2018 Conference **[MC/17/73]**
19. The Wesley Trust **[MC/17/74]**
20. Annual report of the Property Development Committee **[MC/17/75]**