

## Connexional Team Workplan 2009-10

### Basic Information

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| <b>Status of Paper</b>                         | Final   |
| <b>Action Required</b>                         | Decision  |
| <b>Draft Resolution</b>                        | The Council welcomes the key emphases for the Connexional Team's work in 2009-10 outlined under headings I - III. |
| <b>Alternative Options to Consider, if Any</b> |   |

### Summary of Content

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| <b>Subject and Aims</b>  | This paper summarises the proposed main emphases for non-routine work in the Connexional Team in 2009-10 for consideration by the Council.  |
| <b>Main Points</b>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The provisional workplans in the agreed 2009-10 budget and the decisions of the 2009 Conference have shaped this work.</li> <li>• There is an issue with the volume of instructions handed down from Conference to the Team, which are not clearly linked with decisions about resources.</li> <li>• Much of the work gathers around the chosen emphasis on Discipleship.</li> <li>• There are also major tasks proposed to better equip those in the Connexion who themselves equip others.</li> <li>• The Team supports in vital ways the Connexional infrastructure and twelve areas for special attention are identified.</li> </ul> |
| <b>Background Context and Relevant Documents (with function)</b> | The budget report to 2009 Conference: Agenda item 33.<br>The discussion on Discipleship at the September 2009 Council meeting.  |
| <b>Consultations</b>   |   |

## **CONNEXIONAL TEAM WORKPLAN 2009-10**

### **Context**

1 The Council received the draft budget for 2009-10 in April, which was constructed on the basis of the best judgements at the time about what work the Team should do in 2009-10. Some descriptions of key work projects in each of the five staff clusters were included. The Council and the Conference accepted the Team's suggestion that it would not present to the Conference a comprehensive line by line workplan for the whole Team, but that the September Council would address this in the light of Conference decisions.

2 Since the budget was prepared, there have been two significant developments. First, the theme of Discipleship as a central motif for the General Secretary's work and the interaction of the Team with the wider Connexion has received support from a range of informal and governance bodies, including the Strategy and Resources Committee (SRC). This can now more confidently be used as a lens through which to assess competing demands for work. And secondly the Conference has met.

### **Contribution of the Conference**

3 The Conference accepted the budget and therefore established the volume of resources, in money and staff, available to the Team for 2009-10.

4 At Wolverhampton the Conference also gave instruction for 75 distinct pieces of work, most of which would rely to a greater or lesser degree on input from the Team. These are listed in Appendix 1. Some of these were promoted by the Council and carry forward work already planned, but many fitted less obviously. Some newcomers to the Conference expressed surprise at the ease with which these additional tasks can be agreed. Rarely was any explicit link to the Conference's chosen Priorities made. The resource implications of proposals were often unclear.

5 In addition there are currently 79 pieces of work that appear to be outstanding from earlier Conferences (see Appendix 2). In practice some of these have been completed but not formally reported as such; others have been subsumed in later work, eg the 2007 Conference passed a series of resolutions about climate change which can be deemed superseded by the major report *Hope in God's Future* received this year. There remain a significant number which have never come near the top of the list of priority work and now have to be seen in the context of the implementation of the Conference decision to reduce markedly the size of the core staff Team.

6 Whatever views there may now be about these various Conference instructions, it remains the case that they all have the authority of having been passed by the Conference and the Team has no wish to be a poor servant of the Conference. Therefore the Team intends to offer suggestions to the SRC, for possible recommendation to a future Council meeting, of how this overhang of potential work can most responsibly be addressed.

### **Practical Prioritisation for 2009-10**

7 In the light of the acceptance of the budget and the other decisions of the Conference, the Team workload in 2009-10 has been further reviewed. The advice of the SRC was to be rigorous rather than attempt to offer more than could reasonably be delivered by the existing staff resources. The management is certainly very conscious that in some areas of the Team in 2008-9 workloads were chronically excessive and assumes the Council does not wish to be viewed as an uncaring employer.

8 As a result of weighing these factors, the following key themes are suggested as the main priorities for work in 2009-10. No attempt is made to produce a comprehensive list of small items or of the regular work done in every Cluster which is paid for out of the Connexional core costs part of the budget. Nor is there any attempt to predict those unexpected important opportunities, arising from Districts or elsewhere, for which the Team will wish to make room. Listed are the main aspects of what in the budget was referred to as Priority Discretionary work.

## **I Discipleship**

9 Major pieces in support of the central theme of Discipleship will include:

- i. Venture FX project (formerly known as Pioneering Ministries)
- ii. Inspire Network project
- iii. Belonging Together project
- iv. Develop fresh faith-sharing resource
- v. Develop new catechetical resource
- vi. Develop initiatives for Bible Fresh year of 2011
- vii. Promote Back to Church Sunday
- viii. Develop further circuit Evangelism enabler network
- ix. Review District Evangelism Enabler scheme
- x. Review Mission Partner and personnel programmes
- xi. Run annual Cell Conference for Methodists
- xii. Develop Local Preacher and Worship Leader initial and continuing training
- xiii. The new hymn collection selection
- xiv. Launch of new arrangements for Epworth Press
- xv. Complete work on nature of membership
- xvi. Explain and start the fundraising strategy
- xvii. Run consultation process and carbon footprint work arising from *Hope in God's Future*
- xviii. Support District engagement with regional media
- xix. Support Business Ethics network
- xx. Provide resources for the 2010 General Election
- xxi. Research about implementing Living Wage

## **II Equipping those who equip others**

10 In fulfilling its brief to focus on what it can uniquely or best do, the Team will often put its energies more into equipping those in authorised ministries to be as effective as possible in their relationships with the members, friends and contacts of local churches than into direct contacts with the grass roots. Major initiatives in this area in 2009-10 will include:

- i. Develop the New Superintendency training programme
- ii. Devise framework for ministerial reflection and learning development
- iii. Plan induction resources for intercultural ministry
- iv. Explore forms of support for chaplains
- v. Organise June 2010 Consultation for all Partner Churches

## **III Infrastructure of Connexion**

11 While much of the work of the Team, especially in the largest cluster – Support Services – supports the structures the Connexion chooses to operate, several areas will receive special attention in 2009-10:

- i. Review funding for ministerial training
- ii. Implement the restructuring of the Finance Office
- iii. Complete roll-out of Property Consents process
- iv. Review the Resourcing Mission Office in Manchester
- v. Develop evaluation tools for the Team's work
- vi. Consolidate the new in-house Methodist Publishing
- vii. Develop strategy for Methodist Heritage work
- viii. Develop Equalities and Diversity strategy for Connexion
- ix. Develop proposals for personnel files for Ministers
- x. Develop Safeguarding resources
- xi. Develop the Youth Assembly
- xii. Explore a possible Children's Assembly

## **Resolution**

The Council welcomes the key emphases for the Connexional Team's work in 2009-10 outlined under headings I – III above.

**Appendix 1: Work from 2009 Conference**

|                             | <b>Resolution/NM/<br/>Memorial</b> | <b>Text</b>  |
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| <i>Hope in God's Future</i> | 10/1 d)                            | directs the Council to investigate innovative approaches to the application of Methodist grant funds and reserves including the possibility of making available long-term affordable loans to enable circuits to meet the capital costs of improvements to buildings from the financial savings achieved in later years, thereby better enabling circuits to take advantage of available statutory grant-funding   |
|                             | 10/1 e)                            | directs the Council to establish a project to consult widely with circuits and districts   |
|                             | 10/1 f)                            | welcomes measures planned or underway to assess and reduce the carbon footprint of the Team and requests that the Council remain apprised of progress  |
|                             | 10/3                               | <p>Consultation process: the full draft statement shall be published in print and online by October 2009 a purposive sample covering a range of districts and a range of perspectives within the Connexion shall be drawn up by the Connexional Team and a focused consultation process conducted using group work and subsequent analysis of key issues an opportunity shall be offered on the Methodist website for any individuals, Local Churches, Circuits and Districts to submit a response no later than 30 September 2010.</p> <p>the Faith and Order committee shall be consulted for its advice</p> <p>a report arising from the responses shall be presented for debate at the Methodist Council in light of all the consultation, the draft statement shall be presented in its original or revised form (with proposed amendments highlighted) at the Conference 2011.</p> |
| <i>Youth Conference</i>     | 13/2                               | directs the Methodist Council to explore the possibility of (i) including training on the effective leading of worship at services intended primarily for young people or at which young people are expected to form a significant part of the congregation as a mandatory module in F&W (ii) making funding available specifically for courses on such services as part of CLPD   |
|                             | 13/3                               | Methodist Council to establish a working group to develop materials which will assist local churches and circuits to discuss and make clear the 1993 sexuality resolutions and encourage them to be more open to the discussion of all issues relating to sexuality  |

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|  | 13/4         | Referred to Faith and Order Committee: Standing Orders to allow members of the Methodist Church to hold membership in more than one local church for the purpose of satisfying membership requirements related to the holding of office |
|  | 13/5         | directs the Methodist Council to produce proposals that will open programmes for EDEV to young people and equip them for ordained and lay ministry  |
|  | 13/6         | directs the Methodist Council to revise F&W so that it is accessible to everyone and includes more creative and varied approaches to training   |
| <i>Faith and Order Committee</i>                                   | 17/2         | establish a working party to develop a statement on the nature of pastoral care in the Methodist Church and to report through the Faith and Order Committee and the Methodist Council   |
| <i>Safeguarding and Safer Recruitment</i>                          | 25/2         | guidance for referrals to ISA for October 2009  |
|  |              | complete safer recruitment policy for churches by February Council  |
|  |              | further work on new safeguarding policy and guidance resource by April Council  |
|  |              | further work on policy and guidance on sex offenders in the church  |
|  | 25/2 (NM103) | development of policy and guidelines on working with vulnerable adults  |
| <i>Senior Officers of the Conference</i>                           | 30/1         | directs the Council to report to 2010 Conference  |
| <i>Living a Financial Discipleship</i>                             | 33/2 (NM107) | directs that the Training Assessment Fund be re-designated, releasing the remaining funds for the purposes of training and education for the whole church.  |
| <i>Interim Report of the (Shadow) Methodist Heritage Committee</i> | 34/3         | directs the Council to appoint the members of the Methodist Heritage Committee  |
|  | 34/4         | directs the Heritage Committee in liaison with the Faith and Order Committee to continue work on developing the theology of Methodist Heritage and Mission  |
|  | 34/5         | directs the Heritage Committee in liaison with the Archives and History Committee to bring appropriate SO changes   |
|  | 34/6         | directs the Heritage Committee to devise criteria to recommend to the Connexional Grants Committee to approve funds in the Heritage Grant Stream from September 09 and to report to the Methodist Council                               |

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| <i>Singing the Faith</i>                            | 35/2                           | MRG in consultation with the Methodist Council and Faith and Order Committee to continue its work to prepare a new authorised collection of hymns and to present full list of contents to 2010 Conference                                      |
|   | 35/4                           | MRG in consultation with the Methodist Council and Faith and Order Committee to continue its work to prepare a new rolling resource of commended material and directs the group to bring proposals to the Council for an appropriate timetable |
|   | DR 8/19                        | Secretary for Internal Relationships and Head of CCEA, in liaison with the Chair of MRG to reconfigure MRG and to bring additional names to next meeting of the Council  |
| <i>Update on Review of Committees</i>               | paragraph 3.5                  | Future scenario to be recommended to September Council who will be asked to approve amendments to SOs to be brought to the 2010 Conference   |
| <i>Annual Development Review</i>                    | 42/5                           | directs the Council to oversee ongoing work to develop a connexional ministerial review process for implementation from Sept 2011  |
| <i>World Church Relationships Staffing</i>          | 43/2                           | directs the Council to allocate an additional post within the WCR sub-cluster  |
| <i>Use of Internet Banking</i>                      | 44/3                           | directs the Council to prepare a guidance note on the safe use of internet banking   |
| <i>Our Ecumenical Calling</i>                       | 45/2                           | directs the Council to ensure that the Vision Statement is made available to Circuits and Local Churches   |
| <i>Youth Participation Strategy</i>                 | 46/2                           | authorises the establishment of a Youth Assembly to replace the Youth Conference   |
| <i>Responding to an Anglican-Methodist Covenant</i> | paragraph 8                    | Council undertake a detailed consideration of the report at its meeting in September 09  |
|   | paragraph 14                   | Connexional Team will initiate a consultation  |
| <i>Law and Polity Committee</i>                     | 52/16                          | directs the Law and Polity committee having consulted Faith and Order Committee and Warden of MDO, to report to Conference 2010 upon whether clause 4 of the Deed of Union might be amended re terminology and diaconal ministry               |
|   | 52/21                          | delegates to the Council the appointment of the Connexional Reconciliation Group   |
| <i>Memorials</i>                                    | M2 Support for Local Preachers | referred to Council for initial report to 2010 Conference  |
|   | M3 Local Preachers' Sunday     | referred to Council for initial report to 2010 Conference  |
|   | M4 Faith & Worship Course      | referred to Council for initial report to 2010 Conference  |

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|  | M5 and M6 Contemporary Worship and Faith & Worship Course                              | referred to Council for initial report to 2010 Conference  |
|  | M7 and M8 Timing of Sabbaticals  | referred to Council for initial report to 2010 Conference  |
|  | M13 Calculation of Circuit Assessments   | directs the Council to remind Churches, Circuits and Districts of requirement to collect assessments in way that doesn't use membership as sole criterion and directs Law and Polity Committee to produce a SO |
|  | M15 Confidentiality and Prayer   | directs the Council to ensure that appropriate material be included in the initial and further training of all who lead worship  |
|  | M16 Legislative Burden on Voluntary Organisations                                      | Methodist representatives on CLAS to ensure concerns are noted and discussed   |
|  | M18-20 Authorisation to preside at Communion   | referred to Faith and Order Committee for report to Conference of 2010   |
|  | M21-22 City of Sanctuary   | directs the Council to ensure that information is made available to churches, circuits and districts   |
|  | M27 Circuit Advance Funds  | referred to Council for further investigation and report to the Conference of 2010   |
|  | M28-29 Candidating   | referred to Council for consideration  |
|  | M31 Sale of Methodist property to other denominations                                  | referred to Council to review policy and report to Conference in 2010  |
|  | M32 Timings for the calculation of district contributions to the Methodist Church Fund | referred to Council for feasibility study of annual assessment process for report to Conference no later than 2011   |
|  | M34 Training and support for LPs   | referred to Council for initial report to 2010 Conference  |
|  | M38 Absence by Presbyters and Deacons from work  | referred to Council for consideration and report to Conference no later than 2011  |
|  | M41 Annual Development Review  | referred to Council for report to Conference no later than 2011  |
|  | M48 Criteria for Candidating   | referred to Council for consideration alongside work on preparing handbook for candidates  |
| <i>NMs and Memorials referred to Council</i> | see updates on Previous Conferences list   |  |
| <i>Bristol District Resolution</i>           | Advertising of appointments  | referred to the Stationing Committee   |
| <i>Report from Ministerial Session</i>       | Presidential Inquiries   | directs Council to appoint small group to consider issues  |

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| <i>Report from Closed Session</i>                  |        | Faith and Order Committee and JIC to consider the issues raised   |
| <i>Notices of Motion (accepted)</i>                | NM M1  | see report from Ministerial Session above   |
|  | NM M2  | Theme of 2010 Celebration to be holiness  |
|  | NM 216 | Faith and Order working party on membership to take into account pastoral issues of those who request adult baptism (who have been previously baptised)   |
|  | NM 208 | designation of 2011 as year of the Bible  |
|  | NM 213 | Connexional Team to report to Conference of 2010 on initiatives being undertaken to support and develop preaching across connexion  |
|  | NM 207 | delegation led by President and Secretary of Conference to seek audience with Home Secretary re Border Agency and visa difficulties   |
|  | NM 226 | set up working group facilitated by JPIT to bring to Conference 2010 a statement on position re Israel/Palestine  |
|  | NM 230 | WCR staff to make contact with Foreign Office re situation in Fiji  |
|  | NM 224 | Faith and Order Committee in consultation with others to explore possibility of suitable order of service for joint diaconal and presbyteral ordination service   |
|  | NM 215 | Connexional Team to invite and pursue conversations with other members of the World Methodist family with view to furthering visible and practical unity of the world parish; responses to these conversations to be brought to Conference of 2011  |
|  | NM 223 | send letter of encouragement to organisers of ECG   |
|  | NM 203 | Council be directed to explore changes needed to give fuller effect to principle that being member of organisation which promotes racism is incompatible with being member of Methodist Church; Team makes available resources to enable engagement with issues; that JPIT engage with government |
|  | NM 209 | Conference documentation be sent to ordinands   |
|  | NM 106 | Fresh Ways Working Group, Fresh Expressions and JAMWPEEC to engage in discussion to enable fresh expressions to become recognised as mature expressions of church - include guidance in reports to 2011 Conference  |
| <i>Notices of Motion (referred to the Council)</i> | NM 202 | Availability of CPD, Minutes etc for free download from website   |
|  | NM 204 | Reflecting equality and diversity issues in electing people to offices  |

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|  | NM 217 | Summary sheets to be included with all Conference reports |
|  | NM 222 | Single system of transfer to British Methodist Church     |
|  | NM 229 | Conference exhibitions                                    |

## Appendix 2: Work from Previous Conferences

|  | Resolution/NM/Memorial | Text  |
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| <i>Senior Leadership in the Methodist Church</i>         | R20/2B (2007)          | Council to establish a working party to review the roles of President and Vice-President and report back to 09 Conference   |
|  | R20/2C (2007)          | Council to bring to 09 Conference proposals for review of representative lay leadership across the connexion  |
| <i>Annual Development Review</i>                         | R22/1 (2007)           | Implementation of Annual Development Review - full report and SOs to come to 2009 Conference  |
| <i>Caring for Creation in the face of climate change</i> | R29/1(g) (2007)        | directs the Connexional Team to identify available resources for churches, circuits and districts to monitor and reduce carbon emissions  |
|  | R29/1(h) (2007)        | directs the Council to consider updating the Environment Policy and report to 08 Conference   |
|  | R29/1(l) (2007)        | directs Council to consider ways of making manses more environmentally friendly including consideration of how to support poorer circuits   |
| <i>Safeguarding Training Framework</i>                   | R33/3 (2007)           | Implementing Safeguarding Training Framework and bring SOs to Conference 2008   |
|  | NM115(2007)            | Council to consider what further steps need to be taken in area of ensuring that safeguarding best practice is adhered to   |
| <i>Safeguarding: Time for Action</i>                     | R6/3(2006)             | Council to follow up recommendations and report on progress on each recommendation to Conference of 2008  |
| <i>Team Focus</i>  | R41/4 (2007)           | Council to oversee review of all committees, advisory groups and reference groups which relate to Team  |
|  | R41/6 (2007)           | Council to review formal statements of purposes of major restricted and designated funds in light of Team Focus report and report to 08 Conference  |
|  | R41/11 (2007)          | Standing Order changes re property consents   |
| <i>Grievance Procedures</i>                              | R53/3 (2007)           | Council to implement grievance procedures in all districts on trial basis. Report to Conference 09 outlining lessons learned from the trial and bring proposals for permanent system  |
| <i>Memorials</i>   | M27 (2007)             | Deadline for submitting standard form of accounts - referred to Council for further consideration to report back to 09 Conference   |
|  | M29 (2007)             | Payment of utility bills for ministers who live in their own homes - criteria and processes for permission for ministers to live in own property to be reviewed. Referred to Council for report no later than 2010 Conference |

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|                                     | M34 (2007)                       | Team look into effectiveness of health warnings re alcohol and engage with the industry to promote sensible drinking  |
|                                     | M47 (2007)                       | Equal Opportunities policy - follows on from E&D report to 08 Conference  |
|                                     | M55 (2007)                       | Nature of membership - referred to Faith and Order Committee. Interim reply in 2008; full reply to come to 2009 Conference  |
|                                     | M38 (2005)                       | Guidelines for Local Ecumenical Partnerships  |
|                                     | M15 (2005)                       | Terms of service - accommodation and furnishing - Methodist Council report to 08 Conference on handbook for presbyters, deacons and circuit stewards. Formal reply to be brought in 2009.   |
|                                     | M16 (2006)                       | Use of assets   |
|                                     | M39 (2006)                       | Bullying and Harrassment - referred to Council  |
| <i>With Integrity and Skill</i>     | R18/2 recommendation 13.4 (2008) | the Methodist Council be directed to prepare a scheme whereby those with pastoral responsibilities shall enter into formal arrangements for supported reflective practice.  |
|                                     | R18/2 recommendation 13.5 (2008) | The Council in consultation with the Ordained Ministries Committee be requested to establish a working party to develop a suitable code of ethics for those involved in recognised pastoral roles.  |
|                                     | R18/2 recommndation 13.6 (2008)  | That information about models of pastoral supervision be included in the information pack sent to new probationers  |
|                                     | R18/2 recommendation 13.7 (2008) | Council be directed to explore the development of the use of personnel files for ministers  |
|                                     | R18/2 recommendation 13.8 (2008) | Council be directed to arrange for a short guidance document of best practice in retaining records to be drawn up for churches and Circuits and made available by Conference 09   |
|                                     | R18/2 recommendation 13.9 (2008) | F&O Committee be invited to consider whether now is the time to develop a theological statement on the nature of Pastoral Care in the Methodist Church and include its response to this in its report to Conference 09                                    |
| <i>Created in God's Image</i>       | R19/2 (2008)                     | JPIT to oversee and resource the production of material by summer 09 to enable church groups and individuals to study the issues raised in this report  |
|                                     | R19/3 (2008)                     | Council to appoint a group to do further work on issues surrounding abortion, including drafting a revision of the Methodist Statement on Abortion  |
| <i>Youth Participation Strategy</i> | R21/3 (2008)                     | Youth Participation Strategy Group to bring annual report to Conference liaising with F&O Committee to develop appropriate theological resourcing for the strategy  |
| <i>Covenant Relationship</i>        | R29/2 (2008)                     | Council to produce a consultation questionnaire to accompany the report, to receive comments from Circuits, Districts and other interested parties and to report the outcomes and any resulting recommendations to Conference 09                          |
| <i>Youth Conference</i>             | R31/4 (2008)                     | Council to establish and support a new project led by young people and resourced by ecumenical and statutory bodies if possible to investigate the roles that Local Churches can play in addressing the issues which create and result in youth violence. |

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|  | R31/5 (2008)             | Council to look into ways of better supporting young people in their calling and report to Conference 09   |
| <i>Methodist Heritage and Contemporary Mission</i> | R34/2 (2008)             | Create Methodist Heritage Committee  |
|  | R34/3 (2008)             | Council to take responsibility for development of proposals 2-4 (transitional arrangements, create Heritage Officer post, timetable) and report to 09 Conference   |
| <i>Team Focus</i>                                  | R37/4 (2008)             | Council to make appointments to the role of Companion  |
|  | R37/6(b) (2008)          | Connexional Team to propose to Council for approval a list of Districts in which a pilot project for regulation of property schemes will operate during 08/09, and to formulate the Scheme and oversee its operation in the Districts so approved  |
| <i>The Gambia Autonomy</i>                         | R45/3 (2008)             | approval of draft of Methodist Church Act and Deed of Church Order; Council to secure execution of Deed  |
|  | R45/6 (2008)             | Methodist Council to report to Conference 09 on functions delegated to it in resolutions 45/3, 45/4 and 45/5   |
| <i>JIC</i>   | R46/3 (2008)             | Council to consider 'Embracing the Covenant', ensure that it is studied in Districts, Circuits and Churches and responses sent to Assistant Secretary of Conference by 31st December 2009  |
| <i>Stationing Review Group</i>                     | R48/4 (2008)             | Council and Stationing Committee to bring integrated and prioritised plan for implementation of recommendations or where practical to proceed to earlier implementation  |
| <i>Flexible Retirement: Implementation</i>         | R49/1 (2008)             | Standing Orders to be brought to 09 Conference   |
| <i>Equalities and Diversity</i>                    | R50/5 (2008)             | As part of future work, Council to ensure that there is practical expert help available to advise and support in any potential conflict  |
|  |                          | Bring Equal Opportunities Policy   |
|  |                          | Theological work   |
| <i>1993 Resolutions</i>                            | R51/4 (NM107) (2008)     | Council to consider implications of Equalities and Diversity work on 1993 resolutions and if necessary to report back  |
|  | R51/6 (NM109) (2008)     | Council to consider in conjunction with the F&O Committee and the CCEA cluster how resources might be made available to the church that build on the report <i>Living with Contradictory Convictions in the Church</i>   |
| <i>Signalling Vocation, Clarifying Identity</i>    | R52/3 (2008)             | L&P to report to 2009 Conference on the revision of eg CPD, proofing of future Conference reports and resolutions, re-labelling of Ministerial Session of Conference   |
| <i>Singing the Faith</i>                           | R53/1 (2008)             | Detailed costings to come to Conference 2009   |
| <i>Fresh Ways Working Group</i>                    | R54/2 (2008)             | Council to receive and approve the guidelines to be produced by the Fresh Ways Working Group   |
| <i>Committee Appointments</i>                      | Item 57 (DR 8/59) (2008) | The Conference delegated to the Methodist Council the appointment of people to accompany the President and Vice-President to the Conference of the Methodist Church in Ireland in 2009 or to fill the vacancies in the membership of committees and other bodies indicated in the Agenda or Order Paper. |

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| <i>Memorials</i>                      | M5 (2008): Circuit Responsibility for local church property | Referred to Council for consideration and report no later than 2010   |
|                                       | M7-14 (2008): Candidates for the Ministry                   | Referred to Council and TSRE for further consideration and report to 2009 Conference  |
|                                       | M24 (2008): Eligibility to vote on stipends                 | Referred to Council for consideration and report to the 2009 Conference   |
|                                       | M25 (2008): Consultation with Circuits and Districts        | Referred to Council as the connexion continues to discern appropriate ways of engaging in Christian conferring  |
|                                       | M26 (2008): Churches Agency for Safeguarding                | Referred to Council   |
|                                       | M27 (2008): Size of Circuit Meetings                        | Referred to L&P and Council for consideration and report to 2009 Conference   |
|                                       | M29 (2008): Use of renewable fuels (NM116)                  | Conference calls upon the Connexional Team to provide information about bulk purchase schemes for electricity from renewable sources to encourage further action by groups of churches to reduce their carbon footprints.   |
|                                       | M30 (2008): Internet banking                                | Referred to Council for report to 2009 Conference   |
| <i>Future of Methodist Publishing</i> | R61/1 (2008)  | Amendments to Standing Orders to come to 2009 Conference  |
| <i>District Resolutions</i>           | R62/3 (2008)  | Methodist Council to oversee implementation of policy of encouraging an increasing number of presbyters and deacons to serve in the active work with view to increasing projected number of new probationers  |
|                                       | R62/4 (2008)  | Council to develop proposals for a new and creative strategy for recruiting candidates under 30 through the creation of diverse candidating requirements, diverse training patterns and an initial three year station in a designated 'Training Circuit'                            |
| <i>Notices of Motion (adopted)</i>    | NM113 (2008): Candidating Portfolios                        | Suspend SO710(2)(iii) and bring new SO to Conference 2009   |
|                                       | NM103(para 4) (2008): Chairs of District as Conference reps | Council (once review of districts has taken place) to consider whether to retain the principle of all Chairs and co-Chairs being full members of Conference or to propose that a representative number only be full members of the Conference and to report back no later than 2012 |
|                                       | NM118 (2008): Law and Polity Committee                      | Council and L&P Committee to explore ways that recognition and encouragement of role of Lay Evangelist might be achieved  |
|                                       | NM119 (2008): Removal of Candidating Age Restriction        | Council to take such steps as are necessary to establish the effects of recommendation 32 from Stationing Review Group for individual candidates in respect of pension, housing, stationing etc in time for implications to be made clear to candidates in 2009                     |
|                                       | NM2 (2008): Zimbabwe  | Concerns to be brought to the attention of British Government, UN, Commonwealth, Southern African Development Community and the African Union   |
|                                       | NM111 (2008): Stationing Review Group                       | Work on distinctive understanding of Lay Ministry to be brought to future Conference  |
|                                       | NM125 (2008): Statistics for Mission                        | Council ensure that past and future 'Statistics for Mission' be made available with appropriate commentary.   |

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|  | NM102 (2008): Travel Allowances  | Connexional Allowances Committee to consider ways of responding to the higher costs of motoring, to continue to make representation to HM Revenue and Customs regarding the unrealistic current rates and should the rates not be raised, to bring to Conference 2009 options for realistic reimbursement of car travel expenses |
|  | NM112 (2008): World Church Relationships                                 | Secretary for External Relationships to report on progress to Council and Conference 2009 and where necessary to bring proposals for refinement or review of existing processes  |
| <i>Notices of Motion referred to the Council</i> | NM204 (2008): Church and Community Relationships                         |  |
|  | NM202 (2008): Church Premises - request for amendment to Standing Orders |  |
|  | NM6 (2008): Conference representatives expenses                          |  |
|  | NM203 (2008): Distinctive contribution of Diaconal representatives       |  |
|  | NM124 (2008): Grant-making framework                                     |  |
|  | NM9 (2008): President and Vice-President Nomination Process              |  |
|  | NM201 (2008): Project to reach out to young people                       |  |