

The Methodist Council
High Leigh Conference Centre
1 - 2 February 2010

A G E N D A

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

Monday 1 February

[Finance Induction for new members from 11:30]

13:00 **LUNCH**

13:30 **Session 1**

1. Opening Prayers - **The Chaplain**
2. Welcomes, Apologies, Letters Announcements; Observers
3. Announcement of Chair's Business
4. Minutes of the Methodist Council held on 21-22 September 2009 - **to approve**
5. Matters arising from the Council minutes [MC/10/01] – **to note**
6. Minutes of the Strategy and Resources Committee held on 15 October and 16 December and report from the Chair – **to note**
7. Matters arising from the SRC minutes – **oral report**
8. Report from Strategic Leaders – **oral report**
9. Report from the Connexional Leaders' Forum – **oral report**
10. Guidelines for the use of Social Media [MC/10/02] – **for decision**
11. Living Wage draft report for Conference [MC/10/03] – **for decision**
12. Revised Statement on Abortion [MC/10/04] – **for decision**
13. Review of Committees [MC/10/05] – **to approve**

16:00 **TEA**

16:30 **Session 2**

14. Rolling Resource group report [MC/10/06] – **for decision**
15. World Church Partnerships: Future Strategy
 - (i) Introductory Paper [MC/10/07] – **to note**
 - (ii) Background Paper: All Partners Consultation [MC/10/08] – **to note**
 - (iii) Background Paper: Grant Making [MC/10/09] – **to note**
 - (iv) Background Paper: Financial Trends [MC/10/10] – **to note**
 - (v) Background Paper: Personnel [MC/10/11] – **to note**
 - (vi) Mission Personnel Review [MC/10/12] – **to note**
 - (vii) Issues for the Council [MC/10/13] – **for discussion in groups (see below)**
16. Israel-Palestine Report [MC/10/14] – **for discussion in groups**

GROUP WORK: *Following introductions and any preliminary discussion in plenary session of Items 15 and 16, the Council will work in facilitated groups for about 90 minutes to discuss Item 15 (vii) (MC/10/13) and Item 16 (MC/10/14) in particular.*

19:00 **DINNER**

20:00 **Session 3**

17. Women's Network Report [MC/10/15] – **to note**
18. Epworth Press [MC/10/16] – **for decision**
19. Exhibitions and advertising policy for the Methodist Conference [MC/10/17] – **for decision**

21:00 **EVENING PRAYERS**

Tuesday 2 February

07.45 Holy Communion

08.30 Breakfast

09:15 **Session 4**

20. Working Party on the Role of the President and the Vice-President [MC/10/18] – **for discussion**
21. Ministers' Pension Fund Benefits Report [MC/10/19] – **for decision**
The General Secretary will speak on some of the pastoral implications of this report
22. One Connexion Report [MC/10/20] – **for discussion in groups**

11:00 **COFFEE**

11:15 **Session 5**

23. Discipleship paper [MC/10/21] – **to note**

24. Equality & Diversity Revised Work Timeline [MC/10/22] – **for decision**
25. Racism and Extreme Views paper [MC/10/23] – **for decision**
26. Urban Mission Report [MC/10/24] - **to note**
27. En bloc items – **see below**
28. Note any items to be referred to the Connexional Leaders' Forum
29. Note any items referred to Strategy and Resources Committee

12:45 Devotions

13.00 **LUNCH**

EN BLOC ITEMS

1. Research Best Practice Policy Paper [MC/10/25]
2. Governance Scrutiny Process changes [MC/10/26]
3. HIGF Interim Report [MC/10/27]
4. Carbon Reduction Project Report [MC/10/28]
5. Guidance on Internet Banking [MC/10/29]
6. Policy guidance to the Connexional Grants Committee [MC/10/30]
7. Report from the Business and Economic Affairs Forum (BEAF) [MC/10/31]
8. Membership of the Ministerial and Diaconal Candidate Selection Committees [MC/10/32]
9. Proposed amendment to scheme for Leys and St Faith's School, Cambridge [MC/10/33]
10. Nominations & Appointments [MC/10/34]

To Follow

11. 'Safer Recruitment' Safeguarding Report [MC/10/35]
12. Additional CGC stream members [MC/10/36]