

**The Methodist Council**  
**Royal Holloway College, Egham**  
**10 - 12 April 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

**Saturday 10 April**

*[Finance Induction for new members from 11:30]*

13:00 **LUNCH**

14:00 **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 1-2 February 2010 - **to approve**
5. Matters arising from the Council minutes – **to note**                    *to be tabled*
6. Executive action taken by the officers of the Council since it last met
7. Minutes of the Strategy and Resources Committee held on 17 – 18 February and report from the Chair – **to note**
8. Matters arising from the SRC minutes                    *oral report*
9. Report from Strategic Leaders                    *oral report*
10. Report from the March Connexional Leaders' Forum                    *oral report*
11. Early Retirement Through Ill-Health [MC/10/67] – **for decision**

16:00 **TEA**

16:30 **Session 2**

12. The Audit Committee Annual Report [MC/10/44] – **to note**
13. Draft Annual Report and Accounts for Conference [MC/10/68] – **for decision**

14. Draft Connexional Central Services Budget 2010-11 – **for decision**
15. Connexional Allowances Committee Report [MC/10/45] – **for decision**
16. Methodist Ministers' Pension Scheme (MMPS) – Review Of Benefits update [MC/10/46] – **for decision**

19:00 **DINNER**

20:00 **Session 3**

17. Review of Committees, Advisory Groups & Reference Groups [MC/10/46] - **for decision**
18. Equalities & Diversity [MC/10/47] – **for decision**
19. Permitted Gambling on Methodist Premises – **for decision** *to be tabled*
20. Amendments to Model Trust 20; Sale of Methodist Property to other Denominations [MC/10/69] – **for decision**
21. Amendments to Model Trust 16(e) on the power to let Model Trust property [MC/10/48] – **for decision**
22. Size of Circuit Meetings and Managing Trusteeship - **for discussion** *oral report*
23. Expectations of Various Groups [MC/10/70] – **for decision**

21:00 **EVENING PRAYERS**

**Sunday 11 April**

07.45 Holy Communion

08.30 Breakfast

09:15 **Session 4**

24. Ministries, Learning & Development [MC/10/49] – **for discussion**
25. Safeguarding Discussion
  - (i) Children & Young People Policy handbook [MC/10/37] – **for decision**
  - (ii) Safeguarding Adults Policy handbook [MC/10/38] – **for decision**

11:00 **COFFEE**

11:30 **Session 5**

26. Wesley College, Bristol [MC/10/43] – **for decision**
27. Fundraising Strategy Update [MC/10/50] - **for decision** *David Bennett*

13:00 **LUNCH**

15:00 **Session 6**

28. Review of the Resourcing Mission Office [MC/10/51] – **for decision**

29. Israel Palestine Working Group Report [MC/10/39] – **for decision**

16:00 **TEA**

16:30 **Session 7**

*This session will consist of separate group work sessions, each engaged in a thorough discussion of a single topic. The groups will be run twice, for about an hour each, so Council members will be able to elect to join two of them. The groups will feed back to a plenary session later in the agenda with any recommendations they wish to make. The plenary session will make any necessary decisions in the light of those recommendations. Council members will be given an opportunity to sign up for particular groups on Saturday. Any remaining Council members will be allocated to groups by Sunday afternoon.*

30. Personnel Files for Ministers [MC/10/74] – **for discussion**

31. Carbon Reduction Report [MC/10/40] – **for decision**

32. Ministries Learning & Development: Supporting Local Preachers [MC/10/49] – **for discussion**

33. Fundraising Strategy Update [MC/10/50] - **for discussion**

34. Fresh Ways Working Group 2010 Conference Report [MC/10/52] – **for decision**

19:00 **DINNER**

20:00 **Session 8**

35. Follow up on One Connexion Working Group Report [MC/10/71] – **for decision**

36. Feedback on Group Sessions

(i) General Feedback

(ii) Carbon Reduction Report [MC/10/40] – **for decision**

(iii) Fresh Ways Working Group 2010 Conference Report [MC/10/52] – **for decision**

21:00 **EVENING PRAYERS**

**Monday 12 April**

08:00 Breakfast

09:00 **Session 9**

37. Methodist International Centre; Spirituality of Hospitality [MC/10/53] – **for decision**
38. Social Media [MC/10/54] – **for decision**
39. Epworth Press [MC/10/55] – **for decision**

11:00 **COFFEE**

11:30 **Session 10**

40. Methodist Heritage Committee's Draft Report for Conference [MC/10/56] – **to approve**
41. "Singing The Faith" – The new Methodist hymn collection [MC/10/57] – **to note**
42. En bloc items – **see below**

12:45 **CLOSING PRAYERS**

13:00 **LUNCH**

#### **EN BLOC ITEMS**

1. Strategic guidance for the Connexional Grants Committee [MC/10/58]
2. Now is the time: Advocating for further progress towards a world free of nuclear weapons [MC/10/59]
3. Faith & Order Committee Report [MC/10/41]
4. Role of the President & Vice President [MC/10/42]
5. Special Resolutions [MC/10/60]
6. Homeworking Policy for Methodist Council Staff [MC/10/61]
7. ROOTS - Methodist Church Membership [MC/10/62]
8. Connexional Manses Trustees Annual Report [MC/10/63]
9. Missing Generation Research [MC/10/64]
10. Youth Participation Report 2010 [MC/10/73]
11. Revisions to the Complaints and Discipline Procedures – Appeals to the Conference [MC/10/65]
12. Financial Reporting in the Methodist Connexion (Annual Accounts) [MC/10/66]
13. Nominations & Appointments ***to be tabled***
14. Wesley Study Centre, Durham [MC/10/72]