

5. Conference Arrangements

A. Future Conferences

The Methodist Council is required to recommend to the Conference the date for the commencement of the next Conference and, provisionally, that for the Conference after next and, when known, to print annually the plan for the location and venue of future meetings of the Conference. The responsibility for determining the venue rests with the Conference Planning Executive (SO 140(3)(i)).

2024	<i>to be confirmed</i>	27 June – 3 July
2025	<i>to be confirmed</i>	26 June – 2 July
2026	<i>to be confirmed</i>	25 June – 1 July

***RESOLUTION

5/1. The Conference adopts the Report.

B Associate Members

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5/2. The Conference invites the following Conferences, Churches and Christian bodies to appoint associate members of the Conference in 2024:

If there are to be six¹:

The Church of England
The Church in Wales
The Scottish Episcopal Church
The United Reformed Church
The Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales
Malankara Orthodox Church

If there are to be four:

The Church of England
The Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales

1 The number of associate members for the Conference of 2024 is dependent on the Conference's decisions in respect of the Composition of the Conference (that report to be found elsewhere in the Agenda).

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The United Reformed Church
The Scottish Episcopal Church

If there are to be twenty:

Africa

Presbyterian Church Cameroon
Methodist Church Gambia
Methodist Church Nigeria
Methodist Church Sierra Leone
Methodist Church of Southern Africa

Asia

Uniting Church of Australia
Church of Bangladesh
Methodist Church Fiji
United Church in Papua New Guinea
Church of South India

Europe

OPCEMI Italy
Igreja Evangelica Metodista Portuguesa
Iglesia Evangelica Española
UMC Northern Europe and Ukraine
UMC Southern and Central Europe

The Americas

Iglesia Metodista Bolivia
Iglesia Metodista El Salvador
Methodist Church of the Caribbean and the Americas
Iglesia Metodista México
Iglesia Metodista Perú

If there are to be fourteen:

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Methodist Church Gambia
Methodist Church Nigeria
Methodist Church of Southern Africa

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Iglesia Metodista El Salvador
Methodist Church of the Caribbean and the Americas
Iglesia Metodista Peru

C. Presbyteral Session

1. The Presbyteral Session defines by resolution who may normally be present at closed sessions. Attendance when it sits as a court of appeal is governed by Standing Order 1145(7).
2. For the sake of accuracy, it is desirable that the Presbyteral Session delegates to the Representative Session the responsibility for adopting the Record of its Sessions, thus allowing time for members to check its details.

*****RESOLUTIONS**

- 5/3. (Presbyteral Session) **The Presbyteral Session of the Conference resolves that whenever it goes into closed session its membership, except when Standing Order 1145(7) applies, or the Conference otherwise resolves, shall be confined to presbyters who are entitled to vote on the business under consideration, with the Conference Officer for Legal and Constitutional Practice in attendance as appropriate.**
- 5/4. (Presbyteral Session) **The Presbyteral Session of the Conference delegates to the Representative Session the adoption of the printed and written portions of the Daily Record for both days of its meeting.**

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- 5/5.** (Presbyteral Session) **The Conference directs that the total time available for the Presbyteral Session of the Conference of 2024 shall not be less than eight hours.**
- 5/6.** (Presbyteral Session) **The Conference invites the Vice-President of the Conference of 2023/2024 to attend the Presbyteral Session of the 2024 Conference, apart from any closed sessions, with the right to speak but without a vote.**
- 5/7.** **In accordance with Standing Order 105(1A) the Conference directs that the following Districts shall each elect at least one deacon to be a member of the Conference of 2024:**

Birmingham, Bristol, East Anglia, Manchester and Stockport, Newcastle upon Tyne, Nottingham and Derby, Southampton, Wolverhampton and Shrewsbury, Bedfordshire Essex and Hertfordshire, London, South East