Conference 2016 actions

The following items are taken form the longer Conference report to Synod and is a list of the actions from Conference that directly impact Churches and Circuits. To fully understand them they should be considered alongside the full report and the particular Conference agenda item which is noted in brackets.

* **The revised charter for incoming and outgoing ministers was accepted and there is particularly good information in this on the condition of manses. (Council 13)**
* **The recommendation from Council of better resourcing of Churches to effectively engage with the debate on the value of human life was adopted. (Council 13)**
* **Conference received the manifesto and directed Districts, Circuits and local Churches to engage with children and young people on these issues. (3 Generate 22)**
* **This report confirmed the main Connexional allowances including confirming a car travel rate of £0.45 per miles and a living wage of £9.40 in London and £8.25 elsewhere. (Connexional allowances 14)**
* **The report also reinstated the sabbatical levy of £50 per Minister in 2016/17 rising to £60 in 2017/18 until further notice. It also recommended the maximum amount of expenses that can be claimed during a sabbatical continues to be £1000 until September 2018. (Connexional allowances 14)**
* **Feedback from Churches on the Issues of Connexionalism in 21st Century will be warmly welcomed. (para 3.2) (Faith and Order 32)**
* **Para 5.4 has an extremely useful list of issues for consideration by local congregations on the impact of worship. (Faith and Order 32)**
* **Conference also encourages Circuits and Districts to use exiting resources and encourage the Methodist people to make space and time to engage in bible sturdy and spiritual literacy. (marriage and Relationships 29)**
* **Appendix B gives the lists of those required to complete the leadership and foundation modules. (Past case review 34)**
* **The report also included a recommendation that Creating Safer Spaces training frequency should be increased to every 3 years. After discussion, it was agreed that the frequency would be every four years. (Safeguarding 30)**