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The United Reformed Church
Minutes of a meeting of Mission Council held on 3-5 November 2014, at The Hayes, Swanwick, Derbyshire.

Monday 3 November 2014

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1. Mission Council accepts and supports the ongoing work of the Joint Property Strategy Group and the

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14/42 Paper C4 - Yearbook
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14/43 Paper C3 - Reform
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Mission Council notes that the Communications and Editorial Committee and staff team are focussed on increasing the number of subscriptions to the magazine, and committed to developing, and monitoring the use of, Reform within the United Reformed Church over the three-y

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7. Mission Council resolves that the group be at liberty to invite other committees and groups established by the General Assembly, by the Provincial Legal and T

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Mission Council asks the Ministries Committee, conferring with the Education and Learning, and Finance Committees, and West Midlands Synod, to bring forward recommendations about priorities for education and learning that will support the well-being and future vitality of the church’s recognised ministries.
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Paper H1 - Ministries Accreditation: Special Category Ministries
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Paper I1 - Mission Committee: Fresh Expressions post
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3. Mission Council resolves to request the Council for World Mission to de-designate the unused funds of the Mission Programme Support Fund phase 2 (MSP2) and to allocate the funds towards the expansion of the post

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14/60 Synod of Scotland Same-Sex Marriage
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1. Recognising:
• that the Synod of Scotland, living with difference itself, is and remains a convinced party to the 2007
Commitment, which calls the United Reformed Church to stay together, to work and pray together, to treat one another with respect, and to seek God’s gifts of unity, harmony, wisdom and deeper understanding;
• the different legal situation in Scotland in regard to marriage, which means that Church Meeting
decisions in Scotland in relation to marriage are subject to fewer constraints of civil law than in England and Wales, given that requirements for a valid marriage focus on the celebrant rather than on the building;
• that church buildings held for the purposes of the United Reformed Church are subject to trust
constraints on their use.
Mission Council further recognises aspects of the d