

Yn Agglish Haasilagh ayns Mannin

The Methodist Church
in the Isle of Man



Marriage and Relationships Report Consultations

This year's Methodist Conference received a report from the Marriage and Relationships Task Group with recommendations about various issues to do with relationships in general and marriage in particular.

Conference agreed provisional resolutions on the qualities of good relating, an understanding of cohabitation, celebration of civil partnerships, prayers following the end of a marriage and permission for same-sex marriages to take place in Methodist Churches.

These resolutions were commended to the wider church for study and prayerful discussion. We now enter a period of consultation leading to votes at District Synods. A report will then be brought to the 2020 Conference based on those District responses.

Consultation Process and Timescale

At our District Synod this September it was decided that the consultation process would start by encouraging our congregations to attend just one of four planned open meetings:

Wednesday 23rd October, 7:30pm - at Peel Methodist

Thursday 24th October, 7:30pm - at Onchan Methodist

Tuesday 12th November, 7:30pm - at Ramsey St. Paul's Hall (Lounge)

Wednesday 13th November, 7:30pm - at Port Erin Methodist

We need to hear from a wide range of people representing the full spectrum of views on this report so whatever your views please come and share them.

December: (All Church Councils)

Church councils are encouraged to meet in December for prayerful discussion (but, no voting to take place at this stage). Synod/Circuit meeting reps are to note the 'feeling' of their church in order to make a fair representation to Synod.

January: (All Synod/Circuit meeting reps)

A special Synod has been arranged for voting on

Saturday 11th Jan 2020, 12:30 - 4pm, in St. John's Methodist Hall.

(commencing with a bring and share lunch and worship)

If you are a representative to Synod it is vital that you attend one of the consultations and take part in any conversations which happen in your local congregation.