

BASIC INFORMATION FOR POTENTIAL NEW MEMBERS

NAME OF COUNCIL OR COMMITTEE:

World Mission Council

BRIEF SUMMARY OF AREA OF WORK:

The World Mission Council seeks to encourage “attentive accompaniment” between the Church of Scotland and partners from different parts of the world church. All of us have gifts to share and opportunities to learn. In walking together, learning together, praying and worshipping together we have the chance to understand each other better and know Christ in our midst. In building and developing a network of friendships around the world, a key aim is to help the Church of Scotland, its members, congregations and Presbyteries, to really get to know those from another place, build a relationship and share the fellowship which Christ intended for all his followers.

NAMES OF CONVENER AND SECRETARY:

Convener: Very Rev John Chalmers

Council Secretary: Rev Ian Alexander

NUMBER OF MEMBERS:

33. Convener, two Vice-Conveners, 30 members, one appointed by Presbytery of Europe, plus a representative from the Guild.

FREQUENCY, TIMING AND VENUE OF MEETINGS:

Five meetings per year, three at 121 George Street, Edinburgh, and two residential meetings, (June and November. June meeting includes an orientation to WMC for new members).

DETAILS OF SUB-COMMITTEES, TASK GROUPS ETC:

Sub-Committees

Africa and Caribbean

Europe & Americas

Asia

Local Development, including HIV Programme

Business Committee

Middle East

EXPECTATIONS OF MEMBERS:

- Around 15-20 days per year.
- Participation in the 7 days of Council meetings within the year and WM report to GA.
- Attend and contribute to the decision-making of at least one subcommittee; around 5 days per year.
- Willingness to undertake overseas travel is also normally expected.
- Knowledge of, and enthusiasm for, the international relationship building of the Council.
- Willingness to take part in conferences and other events in Presbyteries and congregations throughout Scotland.

GENERAL SKILLS/EXPERIENCE SOUGHT:

Passion for the world church, and for justice, poverty alleviation and the environment

Experience of the mission dimension of church life

Strategic thinking

Communication & creativity particularly in relation to resourcing churches

Understanding of the needs of Scottish Congregations, including public speaking

Experience of living and working overseas

PARTICULAR SKILLS SOUGHT FROM 2019:

Strategic financial understanding – big picture and imagination

Experience in the hospitality industry

Ability to creatively link with Scottish congregations

Regional awareness - esp South/Central America