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Wednesday Session 4

Notice of Motion 206 : World Church Relationships

In response to particular concerns expressed during our World Church Relations PreConference Consultation:

1. The Conference, eager to promote true unity between Methodists in every part of the world, directs the Secretary of the Conference/General Secretary to pursue a dialogue with the Council of Bishops of the United Methodist Church to further develop the Concordat agreement of 1968, and present a progress report to a future Conference, no later than 2015;

2. The Conference directs the World Methodist Committee, in consultation with our Partner Churches, to deepen and broaden the conversation within the World Methodist Council on protocols for mission within countries where more than one Member Church operates - sometimes with an unhelpful ethos of competition.

3. The Conference, affirming its commitment to being interdependent with our world partners in mission, directs the Methodist Council to explore with our World Church partners the most appropriate means of deepening and broadening: a. our dialogue with our World Church partners regarding the ongoing development and implementation of our mission strategies beyond Britain; and b. the input of our World Church partners into the ongoing development and implementation of our

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mission strategies for Britain;and report progress to future Conferences and review the process in 2015.

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