

GENERAL SYNOD 2017

Council for Mission Report Secunder: The Rt Revd Ferran Glenfield

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In seconding the Council for Mission Report of 2017, I want to draw Synod's attention to a recent report, *The Church of Ireland – Apologetic for Mission?* compiled by the Mission to End Leprosy, formerly known as the Leprosy Mission Ireland. The report asks whether or not the Church of Ireland shares a commitment to mission, to carry the message beyond itself.

It does so by asking four questions:

1. Does the Church of Ireland have an apologetic for mission, including global mission?
2. If such an apologetic exists, does the Church of Ireland demonstrate it in action?
3. What factors affect the ability of the Church of Ireland to deliver on any stated priority, including mission?
4. Are there key changes the Church of Ireland can make to increase its effectiveness in mission?

In the coming year, it is hoped that the Council of Mission will seek to explore these pertinent questions and to alert the Church to its findings. The full report is available to download online at missionreport.leprosy.ie