

**CHURCH OF IRELAND – GENERAL SYNOD 2018
MOTIONS**

Motions received by the Honorary Secretaries of the General Synod not less than one month before the day appointed for the opening of the session of the General Synod at which the motion is to be moved (Standing Order 31).

TIMETABLE (SEE SEPARATE SHEET)

Proposer: The Honorary Secretaries

A motion or motions to allocate the time available between the items listed on the agenda paper (Standing Order 56). (See Timetable Motion on separate sheet).

STANDING ORDERS

Proposer: Mr Kenneth Gibson (on behalf of the Standing Orders Committee)

Seconder: Rev Canon Gillian Wharton

That Standing Order 31 (d) (iv) shall be amended by deletion of the words “printed copies of” and that Standing Order 31 (d) (v) shall be amended by the replacement of the words “copies of such amendments” with the words “the text of such amendments”.

STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE

Proposer: The Honorary Secretaries

That the following be elected members of the Standing Orders Committee:

The Honorary Secretaries
Ms Yvonne Blennerhasset
Rev Canon Shane Forster

PETITIONS COMMITTEE

Proposer: The Honorary Secretaries

That the following be elected members of the Petitions Committee:

The Honorary Secretaries
Mrs Pauline High
Canon Graham Richards

ELECTIONS COMMITTEE

Proposer: The Honorary Secretaries

That the following be elected members of the Elections Committee:

The Honorary Secretaries
Rev Canon Simon Doogan
Canon Graham Richards

RECORD COMMITTEE

Proposer: The Honorary Secretaries

That the following be elected members of the Record Committee:

The Honorary Secretaries
Mrs Yvonne Blennerhasset
Canon Graham Richards
Ven Leslie Stevenson

BILLS COMMITTEE

Proposer: The Honorary Secretaries

That the following be elected members of the Bills Committee:

The Rt Rev Michael Burrows, Bishop of Cashel, Ferns and Ossory
Ven George Davison

Rev Stephen Farrell
Rev Barry Forde
Mrs Ethne Harkness
Canon Lady Sheil
The Honourable Mrs Justice Catherine McGuinness (consultant)
The Assessor (ex-officio)

LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

Proposer: The Honorary Secretaries

That the following be elected members of the Legislation Committee:
The Rt Rev Dr Kenneth Kearon, the Bishop of Limerick and Killaloe
Ven George Davison
The Honourable Mrs Justice Catherine McGuinness
Rev Canon Simon Doogan
Ms Claire Jackson
Rev Barry Forde

COLLABORATIVE MOTION FROM THE CHURCH OF IRELAND BISHOPS' APPEAL AND THE CHURCH OF IRELAND COUNCIL FOR MISSION

Proposer: The Rt Rev Patrick Rooke

Secunder: Mr Derek Neilson

That General Synod supports the request of the Church of Ireland Bishops' Appeal and the Church of Ireland Council for Mission to provide the resources needed to carry out a scoping study into the potential for greater collaboration

- (i) Between existing Church of Ireland committees and
- (ii) Between the Church of Ireland and groups associated with it.

The research should explore further areas for collaboration for linking local and global justice issues such as (but not limited to) hunger, displacement, homelessness, poverty, wealth inequality, unfair tax and trade, climate change and gender based violence. The finding of such a scoping study should be delivered to the General Synod 2019 and it should form the basis for decisive, focused and collaborative action on such issues moving forward.

REPRESENTATIVE CHURCH BODY - ALLOCATIONS

Proposer: Canon GC Richards

Secunder: Ven AM Wilkinson

That the General Synod hereby authorises the Representative Body to make the following allocations from General Funds in 2018:

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A. Maintenance of the stipendiary ministry	1,283,387
B. Pension related costs	112,042
C. Training of ordinands	1,188,846
D. General Synod activities	996,881
E. Miscellaneous	15,878
	<hr/> 3,597,034

REPRESENTATIVE CHURCH BODY – DIOCESAN CONTRIBUTION (SAFEGUARDING)

Proposer: Canon GC Richards

Secunder: Ven AM Wilkinson

That, in accordance with the Statute Chapter III of 2006 or such legislation as may be passed by the General Synod in 2018 in place of that Statute, the General Synod hereby affirms the decision of the Representative Body that the rate of contribution from each diocese towards costs relating to

Safeguarding in respect of the year 2019 be set at 0.9% of the Minimum Approved Stipend in force at 1 January 2019 multiplied by the sum of the number of cures, including vacant cures, in such diocese at 30 June 2018.

CHURCH OF IRELAND PENSIONS BOARD - MEMBERSHIP

Proposer: The Rt Rev John McDowell, Bishop of Clogher

Seconder:

That, in accordance with the provisions of Section 25 (b) of Chapter XIV of the Constitution, the following be elected as members of the Church of Ireland Pensions Board:

Canon Lady Sheil

Rev John Auchmuty

Mrs Cynthia Cherry

PRIVATE MEMBER'S MOTION – FOSSIL FUELS

Proposer: Mr Stephen Trew

Seconder:

The RCB will continue the positive work of collaborative engagement, increasing investments in renewable investments and reducing exposure to fossil fuel producers, so that by 2020, companies where more than 10% of turnover is derived from fossil fuel extraction, will be excluded.

LITURGICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Proposer: The Rt Rev Dr Harold Miller, Bishop of Down and Dromore

Seconder: Rev Julie Bell

That, in accordance with the provisions of Section 26 (1) of Chapter I of the Constitution, leave be given for the introduction of a Bill in the General Synod of 2019 to approve for use in the Church of Ireland *The Service of Prayer and Naming and The Funeral Service in Cases of Miscarriage, Stillbirth and Neonatal Death* as set out in the Schedule to this Resolution.

(See Appendix 1 for Schedule)

LITURGICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Proposer: The Rt Rev Dr Harold Miller, Bishop of Down and Dromore

Seconder: Rev Julie Bell

That, in accordance with the provisions of Section 26 (1) of Chapter I of the Constitution, leave be given for the introduction of a Bill in the General Synod of 2019 to approve for use in the Church of Ireland *Holy Communion by Extension for Persons Unable to be Present at the Public Celebration* as set out in the Schedule to this Resolution.

(See Appendix 2 for Schedule)

COVENANT COUNCIL

Proposer: Rev Canon Dr Maurice Elliott

Seconder: Rev Barry Forde

That the following be elected as Church of Ireland representatives on the Covenant Council for the coming year:

The Rt Revd. Alan Abernethy, Bishop of Connor (Co-Chair)

Ms Elva Byrne

Very Revd. Nigel Dunne

Revd. Canon Dr Maurice Elliott

Revd. Barry Forde

Mr. Harold Giboney

Revd. Dr Peter Thompson

COVENANT COUNCIL

Proposer: Rev Canon Dr Maurice Elliott

Seconder: Rev Barry Forde

That General Synod continues to encourage congregations to celebrate the Covenant relationship with neighbouring Methodist congregations on or around John Wesley Day, 24th May, each year.