

CHURCH OF IRELAND – GENERAL SYNOD 2021 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).

1. 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).

2. STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE

Proposer: The Honorary Secretaries

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

The Honorary Secretaries

Very Rev Shane Forster

Ms Heather Pope

3. PETITIONS COMMITTEE

Proposer: The Honorary Secretaries

That the following be elected members of the Petitions Committee:

The Honorary Secretaries

Mr Oswyn Paulin

Canon Graham Richards

4. 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

5. RECORD COMMITTEE

Proposer: The Honorary Secretaries

That the following be elected members of the Record Committee:

The Honorary Secretaries

Mrs Kaye Nesbitt

Canon Graham Richards

Ven Leslie Stevenson

6. BILLS COMMITTEE

Proposer: The Honorary Secretaries

That the following be elected members of the Bills Committee:

Ms Patricia Barker

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

Rt Rev George Davison

Rev Stephen Farrell

Ven Barry Forde

Mr Oswyn Paulin

The Assessor (ex-officio)

7. LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

Proposer: The Honorary Secretaries

That the following be elected members of the Legislation Committee:

A member of the House of Bishops (TBC)

The Honorary Secretaries

Mr Garrett Casey

Rev Canon Simon Doogan

Ven Barry Forde

Mrs Judy Peters

8. STANDING COMMITTEE (BISHOPS' APPEAL COMMITTEE)

Proposer: The Rt Rev Patrick Rooke

Secunder: Mrs Iris Suitor

That the General Synod welcomes the re-launch recommendations (attached).

9. STANDING COMMITTEE (BISHOPS' APPEAL COMMITTEE)

Proposer: The Rt Rev Patrick Rooke

Secunder: Mrs Iris Suitor

That the name of Bishops' Appeal be changed.

10. STANDING COMMITTEE (BISHOPS' APPEAL COMMITTEE)

Proposer: The Rt Rev Patrick Rooke

Secunder: Mrs Iris Suitor

That, subject to the Synod agreeing that the name of Bishops' Appeal should be changed, the new name for Bishops' Appeal be CORD.

11. STANDING COMMITTEE (BISHOPS' APPEAL COMMITTEE)

Proposer: The Rt Rev Patrick Rooke

Secunder: Mrs Iris Suitor

That the Committee be made up of a bishop (Chair), 3 representatives nominated by Standing Committee to serve up to six years and 11 Diocesan Link Persons – one from each of the 11 dioceses – to serve for six years.

12. STANDING COMMITTEE (BISHOPS' APPEAL COMMITTEE)

Proposer: The Rt Rev Patrick Rooke

Secunder: Mrs Iris Suitor

That the Terms of Reference be adopted.

13. COMMISSION ON MINISTRY

Proposer: Ven Barry Forde

Secunder: Ms Hazel Corrigan

That the following be elected as General Synod clerical members of the Commission on Ministry:

Ven Elizabeth Cairns

Very Rev Paul Draper

Rev Rob Jones

14. REPRESENTATIVE CHURCH BODY - ALLOCATIONS

Proposer: Canon GC Richards

Seconder: Rt Rev GTW Davison

That the General Synod hereby authorises the Representative Body to make the following allocations from General Funds in 2021:

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A. Maintenance of the stipendiary ministry	
• Episcopal costs	898,534
• Chaplaincy costs	278,397
• Miscellaneous	90,935
B. Pension related costs	107,626
C. Training of ordinands	1,269,725
D. General Synod activities	1,038,170
E. Miscellaneous	15,857
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15. CHURCH OF IRELAND PENSIONS BOARD - MEMBERSHIP

Proposer: Canon GC Richards

Seconder: Rt Rev GTW Davison 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:

Rev John Auchmuty

Mrs Cynthia Cherry

16. MARRIAGE COUNCIL

Proposer: Rev Jonathan Campbell-Smyth

Seconder: Rev John Ardis

That the following be elected as members of the Marriage Council:

Rev Jonathan Campbell-Smyth (Chairperson)

Ms Kay Clarke

Mrs Patsy Devoy

Rev John Godfrey

Rev Nicola Halford

Rev Ian Linton

Ms Dianne Morris

Rev Emma Rutherford

Rev William Steacy

17. COMMISSION ON CHRISTIAN UNITY AND DIALOGUE

Proposer: Rt Rev Dr Kenneth Kearon

Seconder: Ms Cate Turner

That the following be elected to serve on the Commission:

Dr Kenneth Milne

Mr Glenn Moore

Ms Cate Turner

Rev Canon Dr Daniel Nuzum

Rev Canon Elaine Murray

Rev Canon Patrick Comerford

Rev Cathy Hallissey

Rev David White

Rev Suzanne Cousins

The Archbishop of Dublin
The Bishop of Cashel, Ferns & Ossory
The Bishop of Derry & Raphoe
The Bishop of Limerick & Killaloe
Very Rev Niall Sloane

18. COVENANT COUNCIL

Proposer: Rt Rev Michael Burrows

Seconder: Rev Canon Dr Maurice Elliott

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

The Rt Rev Michael Burrows, Bishop of Cashel, Ferns and Ossory (Co-Chair)

Ms Elva Byrne

Very Rev Nigel Dunne

Rev Canon Dr Maurice Elliott

Ven Barry Forde

Rev Claire Kakuru

19. JOURNAL OF THE GENERAL SYNOD

Proposer: The Honorary Secretaries

That the Honorary Secretaries of the General Synod be instructed to publish with as little delay as possible, the Journal of the Proceedings of the General Synod during this session, with such appendices as they think expedient.

Bishops' Appeal Recommendations presented to the Standing Committee (June 2021) in response to the Audit undertaken by Williamson Consulting

1. **Re-launch** Bishops' Appeal (CIBA) in our 50th Anniversary year – at the General Synod 2022.
2. **Change the name** from CIBA to **Church of Ireland Overseas Relief & Development** – C.O.R.D. (formerly Bishops' Appeal). In Hebrew, the word for cord or rope, Tikvah, also means hope. It is often used in relation to our firm hope in the faithfulness of God. A cord is also several strands woven together – education, development, relief, justice, etc. *(A name change was regarded as essential by almost all those consulted in the Audit.)*

The Charities Regulator will be asked for permission to change the name re the two charities; Church of Ireland Bishops' Appeal (NI) and Church of Ireland Bishops' Appeal (RI) to Church of Ireland Overseas Relief & Development (NI) and Church of Ireland Overseas Relief & Development (RI). The association with Bishops' Appeal will be retained in both by including (formerly Bishops' Appeal).
3. **Strapline:** *Emergency relief, sustainable development, education and justice for all.*
 - Our strategic vision will fulfil Marks 3, 4 and 5 of the Anglican Communion's Five Marks of Missionⁱ, collaborating with other organisations to achieve a holistic response to all Five Marks.
 - Our vision will align with the Sustainable Development Goals; supporting development that is sustainable, in line with best practise and which builds resilience in communities around the world.ⁱⁱ
 - Our vision will be rooted in Biblical Justice.ⁱⁱⁱ
4. **Membership of the Committee** be made up of the Chair - a Bishop (nominated by the House of Bishops,) 3 representatives nominated by Standing Committee to serve up to 6 years and 12 Diocesan Link Persons – one from each diocese to serve for six years (11 when the number of dioceses is reduced).

Members of Standing Committee will be provided with a list of the skills required in those they are asked to nominate. It is envisaged that these three members of the C.O.R.D. Committee will each take on an oversight role in one of the following – Link Projects, Justice Projects, Annual Appeal, Communications, Legacies, Finance.

Each bishop will be given a job spec when invited to nominate their Diocesan Link Person (included in this will be the need for the Diocesan Link Person to seek out Parish Champions and develop a network of champions across the diocese). The greater involvement of the Diocesan Link Persons in the oversight of C.O.R.D. should ensure improved knowledge and communication between the C.O.R.D. Committee and the bishop, clergy and parishes in their own diocese.

5. **A resolution be brought to the General Synod 2021** proposing the new name, the revised structure of the Committee and the terms of reference (see 9 below).

6. **Expenses:** If and when General Synod Approval has been given for the above, the Representative Church Body be requested to consider that, from 2023, the re-launched Bishops' Appeal should be a body supported financially by Central Church. This might be on a matched-funding basis between the Allocations Committee and the Fabric & Development Fund – an initial total budget of 30K for education and communications (see Appendix 1).
It is also envisaged that Church House might consider providing administrative support at no cost – currently a 1% charge is made on all contributions.
(One of the criticisms in the Audit was that the small tax charged by CIBA for expenses creates a second tier of charges to add to the particular agency's percentage charge. A broader ownership of C.O.R.D., integrating it fully into the life of the Church, will remove this financial barrier to giving. Thus all funds donated through C.O.R.D. will go directly to the partner agencies.)
7. **Education Advisor:** That C.O.R.D. continues to employ a part-time Education Advisor to inform dioceses, parishes and other groups across the Church of Ireland of projects they may wish to support. S/he will be line-managed by the Committee's Chair. As the name suggests, the Education Advisor will also offer education on issues of social justice, climate change, gender justice, best practise in engaging in mission and development and other relevant issues of the day. The Education Advisor may also act as the Church of Ireland Justice Co-ordinator and will be the administrative link person on behalf of the Committee with dioceses and parishes.
8. **Communications Strategy:** That a new C.O.R.D. communications strategy be developed – *(as recommended in the Audit.)* This will aim to maximise online fora, to connect with the correct communication channels within dioceses and parishes and target updates to donors. This strategy will be developed under the guidance of the Committee in consultation with others skilled in communications. A strategically selected member of the C.O.R.D. Committee will ensure its successful implementation.
9. **Terms of Reference:** That the re-launched CIBA, Church of Ireland Overseas Relief & Development (C.O.R.D.) will incorporate:-
 - **EDUCATION** – C.O.R.D. will prioritise training and resourcing within the Church of Ireland to ensure engagement is in line with best practise, encourages sustainability, resilience and reciprocal partnership and discourages dependence. A focus on development education will highlight injustices and inequalities on a global level and integrate church and community engagement into a wider movement for a more just and fair world. Training will continue in co-operation and partnership with key agencies and will enhance diocesan link projects, an annual appeal and justice initiatives. A focus on biblical and theological responses to injustice will be further developed, and sermon outlines, prayers and other materials from partner agencies will be signposted.

- **DISASTER & EMERGENCY RELIEF OVERSEAS** - work with partner agencies in highlighting world disaster situations and encouraging dioceses, parishes and individuals to support these. All donations sent via C.O.R.D. will be forwarded directly to the relevant partner agency(ies).
- **DIOCESAN & PARISH LINK PROJECTS** – assist in linking dioceses and parishes to a specific project in areas of health, education and rural development, which are being promoted and run primarily, but not exclusively, by our seven main mission partner agencies – ie Christian Aid, Tearfund, Mothers’ Union, CMSI, USPG, Fields of Life and SAMS. (*The strongest positive responses in the Audit related to having specific projects a parish could choose from and link to.*)

C.O.R.D. can offer a valuable service by having a number of projects from different mission partners on their books at any given time that a parish can support without having to go to a specific agency. These projects and the links created will not be dependent upon immediate funding but time scheduling associated with commitments made must be adhered to. This designated funding for a particular project can come through C.O.R.D., if desired, or directly to the relevant partner agency. C.O.R.D.’s main task will be to act as an advocate in order to achieve wide support and links from across the Church of Ireland.

- **JUSTICE INITIATIVES** – Some parishes will prefer not to link with a particular project or partner agency but instead provide unrestricted funds to C.O.R.D. These funds will be made available without delay, with 75% being allocated (by the C.O.R.D. Committee) to a development project promoted by a partner agency in need of immediate funding. Where possible, these projects will look to address wider societal justice issues beyond the capacity of one parish’s support, such as human rights, climate justice, peace and reconciliation, migration and support initiatives advocating for change. The remaining 25% will be retained for emergency and disaster relief – see Finance below.
- **OVERSEAS RELIEF & DEVELOPMENT SUNDAY** – C.O.R.D. will promote the Sunday next before Lent each year (or parishes may decide on another suitable Sunday) as a Mission focused Sunday. C.O.R.D. will provide suitable material for parishes and clergy. This Sunday might be used by parishes to launch the Annual C.O.R.D. Appeal.
- **ANNUAL APPEAL(S)** – promote at least one annual appeal each year – Lent and Harvest are thought to be the most appropriate times. Through these, funds will be raised and prayer support given to seriously disadvantaged situations or groups of people. Committee members with interests in different mission or development agencies or with a passion for a particular issue can lead a wider C.O.R.D. response that involves awareness raising and

fundraising. These will be run in partnership with one of the partner agencies with all funds going via that partner to the project.

- **COMMUNICATIONS** - regularly update the communications strategy (*as envisaged in the Audit*). This should focus on C.O.R.D.'s Facebook page, twitter account, website, annual leaflet, diocesan reports, online videos and talks, targeted updates to donors and any other means deemed helpful in communicating the projects supported, promoting those requiring support and highlighting its educational emphasis on specific relevant topics.
- **LEGACIES** – members of the Committee will encourage donations that can be left to C.O.R.D. These will be allocated to projects presented by partner agencies and selected for this funding by the Committee. In order to ensure that legacies left to Bishops' Appeal are not nullified, all literature relating to C.O.R.D. with include 'formerly Bishops' Appeal'.
- **FINANCE** – All financial transactions made through C.O.R.D. will be passed to the relevant or selected agency without delay. The only circumstance where funds will be reserved will be to enable an immediate response to disaster or emergency relief requests. Annual Audited Accounts will be produced.

Appendix 1

BUDGET EXPENSES 2021

Salaries & PRSI	€25,000
Printing & Stationary	2,000
Admin Charge by RCB	3,000

TOTAL	€30,000
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Printing costs over the last 4 years have been as follows; 2017 - €8,245, 2018 - €8,855 and 2019 - €8,575. No printing was carried out in 2020.

Appendix 2

DISASTER & EMERGENCY RELIEF AT HOME – (*Many respondents refer in the Audit to funding for emergencies at home and other situations requiring support.*) This has never been part of the brief for Bishops' Appeal. While it might be possible for C.O.R.D. to communicate local appeals to the dioceses and parishes of the Church of Ireland and encourage support, it is the view of the Committee that this is something that needs to be addressed by Standing Committee.

ⁱ <https://www.anglicancommunion.org/mission/marks-of-mission.aspx>

ⁱⁱ <https://sdgs.un.org/goals>

ⁱⁱⁱ Tzedek, the Hebrew root of the word justice means righteousness or right relationships. Therefore Biblical references to the word justice mean "to make right." Justice is, first and foremost, a relational term — people living in right relationship with God, one another and the natural creation.



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