

# AGENDA PAPER OF THE GENERAL SYNOD 2021

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## ORDER OF BUSINESS

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2021

1. Protocol/procedural Announcements
2. The Archbishop of Armagh takes the chair, welcomes Synod members, and invites Rev Canon Aisling Shine to open Morning Worship with a reading from Holy Scripture and prayer.
3. The Bible and the Book of Common Prayer are laid on the table and the President announces that the General Synod is now in session.
4. List of members of the Synod to be laid on the table.
5. Presidential Address.
6. Nomination of an Assessor by the President.
7. Election of Honorary Secretaries
8. Motion on Procedure:

<p><b>MOTION NO. 1 – THE HONORARY SECRETARIES (WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE PRESIDENT)</b> That in accordance with Standing Order 56, the time available under Standing Order 3 be allocated as follows:</p>
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### FIRST DAY

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| 11am  | President takes the chair<br>Reading from Holy Scripture and Prayer<br>List of members of the General Synod to be laid on the table<br>Nomination of an Assessor by the President   |
| to    | President's Address<br>Welcome of official Guests<br>Election of Honorary Secretaries<br>Motion No. 1 (Timetable)   |
| 1pm   | Formal business and communications<br>Answers to requests for information (if any) (SO 51)<br>Motion No. 2 (Standing Orders Committee)<br>Motion No. 3 (Petitions Committee)<br>Motion No. 4 (Elections Committee)<br>Motion No. 5 (Record Committee)<br>Motion No. 6 (Bills Committee)<br>Motion No. 7 (Legislation Committee)<br>Report of Election to Standing Committee<br><b>Report of the Bills Committee</b><br>Bills No. 1 to 5 |
| 7-9pm | Continuation of Bills No. 1 to 5 (including the GS Representation Bill)   |

### SECOND DAY

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| 2.30pm | Reading from Holy Scripture and Prayer<br>Formal business and communications |
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- to **Report of the Standing Committee** (not more than 2 hours)  
Motion No. 8-12 – Bishops’ Appeal
- 4.30pm **Commission on Ministry**  
Motion No. 13 - membership  
**Church of Ireland Youth Department**
- 7.30-9pm **Report of the Representative Church Body** (not more than 2 hours, inclusive of related motions)  
(Including reports of the Church of Ireland Clergy Pensions Trustee DAC and the Church of Ireland Pensions Board)  
Motion No. 14 (Allocations)  
Motion No. 15 (Pensions Board)  
**Council for Mission**
- THIRD DAY**
- 10am Reading from Holy Scripture and Prayer  
Formal business and communications  
Answers to requests for information (if any) (SO 51)  
Bills No. 1 to 5: Further stage as ordered on the first day
- to **Board of Education** (not more than 1 hour)  
- Board of Education RoI  
- Board of Education NI  
**Church of Ireland Marriage Council**  
Motion No. 16 - membership  
**Liturgical Advisory Committee**  
**Commission for Christian Unity and Dialogue**  
Motion No. 17 - membership  
**Covenant Council**  
Motion No. 18 (membership)  
**Motion No. 19 (Journal of the General Synod) (not more than 5 minutes)**

If business listed for any period is completed before the hour appointed, reports listed for Saturday afternoon will be taken in reverse order, commencing with the Covenant Council. References in this motion to a “report” shall include any motions accompanying such report on the agenda paper.

9. Reports to be laid on the Table.
10. Communication from the Record Committee.
11. Communications from Diocesan Synods/New Diocesan Rules and Regulations.
12. Presentation of Petitions.
13. Answers to requests for information (if any) (SO 51).
14. Election of Standing Orders Committee (Motion No. 2).
15. Election of Petitions Committee (Motion No. 3).
16. Election of Elections Committee (Motion No. 4).
17. Election of Record Committee (Motion No. 5).
18. Election of Bills Committee (Motion No. 6).
19. Election of Legislation Committee (Motion No. 7).
20. Report on the Election of the Standing Committee.

21. An introduction to the Bills procedure at General Synod.
22. Report of the Bills Committee.
23. Bill No. 1 (Bills and Explanatory Memorandum p. 6; agenda p. 5).
24. Bill No. 2 (Bills and Explanatory Memorandum p. 10; agenda p. 5).
25. Bill No. 3 (Bills and Explanatory Memorandum p. 13; agenda p. 5).
26. Bill No. 4 (Bills and Explanatory Memorandum p. 15; agenda p. 5).
27. Bill No. 5 (Bills and Explanatory Memorandum p. 17; agenda p. 5).

**EVENING SESSION (7-9 pm)**

Continuation of Bills No. 1 to 5 (including the GS Representation Bill)

**FRIDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> OCTOBER (2.30 PM)**

28. The Archbishop of Armagh takes the chair, welcomes Synod members, and invites Rev Canon Aisling Shine to open Morning Worship with a reading from Holy Scripture and prayer.
29. Report of the Standing Committee (Book of Reports p. 165; agenda p. 6), to be proposed by Ven Adrian Wilkinson and seconded by Mrs Kaye Nesbitt.
30. Motion No. 8 – Motion No. 12 - Bishops’ Appeal, to be proposed by the Bishop of Tuam and seconded by Mrs Iris Suitor
31. Report of the Commission on Ministry (Book of Reports p. 297; agenda p.6) to be proposed by Ven Barry Forde and seconded by Ms Hazel Corrigan.
32. Motion No. 13 – Commission on Ministry membership - to be proposed by Ven Barry Forde and seconded by Ms Hazel Corrigan.
33. Report of the Church of Ireland Youth Department (Book of Reports p.277; agenda p. 6) to be proposed by the Bishop of Meath and seconded by Mr Simon Henry.

**EVENING SESSION (7.30-9 pm)**

34. Communication from the Representative Church Body.
35. Report of the Representative Church Body (Book of Reports p. 3; agenda p. 6) to be proposed by Canon Graham Richards and seconded by the Rt Rev George Davison
36. Motion No. 14 (Allocations) to be proposed by Canon Graham Richards and seconded by the Rt Rev George Davison
37. Motion No. 15 (Pensions Board) to be proposed by Canon Graham Richards and seconded by the Rt Rev George Davison.
38. Report of the Council for Mission (Book of Reports p.294; agenda p.6) to be proposed by Rev Adam Pullen and seconded by Very Rev Tim Wright.

**SATURDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> OCTOBER**

39. The Archbishop of Armagh takes the chair, welcomes Synod members, and invites Rev Canon Aisling Shine to open Morning Worship with a reading from Holy Scripture and prayer.
40. Answers to requests for information (if any) (SO 51).
41. Bills No. 1 to 5: Further stage as ordered on the first day.
42. Report of the Board of Education (Book of Reports p. 257; agenda p. 6), to be proposed by Rev Canon Henry Gilmore and seconded by Rev Catherine Simpson.
43. Report of the Church of Ireland Marriage Council (Book of Reports p.299; agenda p. 7), to be proposed by Rev Jonathan Campbell-Smyth and seconded by Rev John Ardis.
44. Motion No. 16 (Marriage Council membership)
45. Report of the Liturgical Advisory Committee (Book of Reports p. 292; agenda p. 7), to be proposed by the Very Rev Nigel Dunne and seconded by Very Rev Susan Green.
46. Report of the Commission for Christian Unity and Dialogue (Book of Reports p.289; agenda p.7) to be proposed by the Bishop of Limerick and seconded by Ms Cate Turner
47. Motion No. 17 (CCUD – membership)
48. Report of the Covenant Council (Book of Reports p. 287; agenda p. 7) to be proposed by the Bishop of Cashel and seconded by Rev Canon Dr Maurice Elliott.
49. Motion No. 18 (Covenant Council – membership) to be proposed by Bishop of Cashel and seconded by Rev Canon Dr Maurice Elliott.
50. Greetings to be brought to Synod by the President of the Methodist Church in Ireland
51. Motion No. 19 (Journal) proposed by Rev Canon Gillian Wharton in the names of the Honorary Secretaries.

<b>BILL NO. 1</b>	<b>MR KEN GIBSON</b> <b>VEN RUTH ELMES</b> (at the request of the General Synod)	
Explanatory Memorandum		4
To amend Chapter I of the Constitution		6
<b>BILL NO. 2</b>	<b>MS HAZEL CORRIGAN</b> <b>MR WILFRED BAKER</b>	
Explanatory Memorandum		9
To amend Chapter IV of the Constitution		10
<b>BILL NO. 3</b>	<b>MS HAZEL CORRIGAN</b> <b>MR WILFRED BAKER</b>	
Explanatory Memorandum		12
To amend Chapter IV of the Constitution		13
<b>BILL NO. 4</b>	<b>MS HAZEL CORRIGAN</b> <b>MR WILFRED BAKER</b>	
Explanatory Memorandum		14
To amend Chapter IV of the Constitution		15
<b>BILL NO. 5</b>	<b>REV CANON GILLIAN WHARTON</b> <b>REV CANON MALCOLM KINGSTON</b>	
Explanatory Memorandum		16
To provide procedures for the election of a bishop for the United Dioceses of Tuam, Limerick and Killaloe in the event of the sees of Limerick and Killaloe and of Tuam, Killala and Achonry falling vacant simultaneously.		17

## **REPORTS FOR CONSIDERATION**

**1. REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE (p. 165)**

**VEN ADRIAN WILKINSON  
MRS KAYE NESBITT**

That the Report of the Standing Committee be received and adopted.

**2. REPORT OF THE COMMISSION ON MINISTRY (p.297)**

**VEN BARRY FORDE  
MS HAZEL CORRIGAN**

That the report of the Commission on Ministry be received.

**3. REPORT OF THE CHURCH OF IRELAND YOUTH DEPARTMENT (p.277)**

**THE BISHOP OF MEATH AND KILDARE  
MR SIMON HENRY**

That the report of the Church of Ireland Youth Department be received.

**4. REPRESENTATIVE CHURCH BODY REPORT (p. 3)**

**CANON GRAHAM RICHARDS  
THE BISHOP OF CONNOR**

That the Report of the Representative Church Body, incorporating the report of the Church of Ireland Clergy Pensions Trustee DAC, be taken into consideration.

**5. REPRESENTATIVE CHURCH BODY REPORT (p 3)**

**CANON GRAHAM RICHARDS  
THE BISHOP OF CONNOR**

That the report of the Representative Church Body, incorporating the report of the Church of Ireland Clergy Pensions Trustee DAC, be adopted subject to the resolutions already passed relating thereto.

**6. REPORT OF THE COUNCIL FOR MISSION (p.294)**

**REV ADAM PULLEN  
VERY REV TIM WRIGHT**

That the report of the Church of Ireland Council for Mission be received.

**7. REPORT OF THE GENERAL SYNOD BOARD OF EDUCATION (p. 257)**

**REV CANON HENRY GILMORE  
REV CATHERINE SIMPSON**

That the report of the General Synod Board of Education be received.

**8. REPORT OF THE CHURCH OF IRELAND MARRIAGE COUNCIL (p.299)**

**REV JONATHAN CAMPBELL-SMYTH  
REV JOHN ARDIS**

That the report of the Church of Ireland Marriage Council be received.

**9. REPORT OF THE LITURGICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (p.292)**

**VERY REV NIGEL DUNNE  
VERY REV SUSAN GREEN**

That the report of the Liturgical Advisory Committee be received.

**10. REPORT OF THE COMMISSION FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY AND DIALOGUE (p. 289)**

**THE BISHOP OF LIMERICK  
MS CATE TURNER**

That the Report of the Commission for Christian Unity and Dialogue be received.

**11. REPORT OF THE COVENANT COUNCIL (p. 287)**

**THE BISHOP OF CASHEL  
REV CANON DR MAURICE ELLIOTT**

That the report of the Covenant Council be received.

**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).

**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 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

**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

**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 Kaye Nesbitt

Canon Graham Richards

Ven Leslie Stevenson

**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)



**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

**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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**CHURCH OF IRELAND PENSIONS BOARD - MEMBERSHIP****Proposer:****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:

Rev John Auchmuty

Mrs Cynthia Cherry

**COVENANT COUNCIL****Proposer:****Seconder:**

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

**MARRIAGE COUNCIL****Proposer:****Secunder:**

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

**COMMISSION ON MINISTRY****Proposer:****Secunder:**

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

**COMMISSION ON CHRISTIAN UNITY AND DIALOGUE**

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

**STANDING COMMITTEE (BISHOPS' APPEAL COMMITTEE)**

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

**STANDING COMMITTEE (BISHOPS' APPEAL COMMITTEE)**

That the name of Bishops' Appeal be changed.

**STANDING COMMITTEE (BISHOPS' APPEAL COMMITTEE)**

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

**STANDING COMMITTEE (BISHOPS' APPEAL COMMITTEE)**

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.

**STANDING COMMITTEE (BISHOPS' APPEAL COMMITTEE)**

That the Terms of Reference be adopted.

**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.

## **VISITORS FROM OTHER CHURCHES**

Very Rev Dr William Henry

Presbyterian Church in Ireland  
Presbyterian Church in Ireland

Mrs Joan Doherty  
Rev Dr Sahr Yambasu

Methodist Church in Ireland  
Methodist Church in Ireland

Dr Nicola Brady

Irish Council of Churches

Rev Richard Wood

Church in Wales

## GENERAL SYNOD 2021

### Documents to be Laid on the Table

#### ON THURSDAY

##### **Members**

List of members of the Synod

##### **Reports**

Book of Reports

##### **Bills**

Report of the Bills Committee

Bills pamphlet

##### **Motions**

Notices of Motions received one month in advance of General Synod.

##### **New Diocesan Rules and Regulations**

- A communication has been received from the Diocese of Connor: their Diocesan Regulations have been updated and will be laid on the table.
- A communication has been received from the Diocese of Meath and Kildare: their Financial Scheme has been amended and will be laid on the table.
- A communication has been received from the Diocese of Down and Dromore: their Diocesan Regulations have been amended and will be laid on the table
- A communication has been received from the Diocese of Tuam, Killala and Achonry: their Diocesan Regulations have been updated and will be laid on the table.
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##### **Record Committee**

Communication from the Record Committee

Certified copy of the Statutes passed in 2020

## **Election of Honorary Secretaries**

### **SO 7 reads as follows:**

7. Four honorary secretaries, two clerical and two lay, shall be elected by their respective orders from among their own members. Any casual vacancy may be filled by the Standing Committee provided always that the clerical or lay representative so elected by the Standing Committee shall be deemed to hold office only until the day previous to the next meeting of the General Synod.

### **Procedure**

1. Proposals for two clerical Honorary Secretaries of the Synod are invited by the President from the clerical members of the Synod.
2. If two proposals are made, and seconded, those persons are deemed to be elected.
3. If there are more than two proposals, all of which must be seconded, a vote is held among the clerical members of the Synod.
4. Proposals for two lay Honorary Secretaries of the Synod are invited by the President from the lay members of the Synod.
5. If two proposals are made, and seconded, those persons are deemed to be elected.
6. If there are more than two proposals, all of which must be seconded, a vote is held among the lay members of the Synod.

**The newly elected Honorary Secretaries will hold office until the General Synod of 2024.**