

CHURCH OF IRELAND – GENERAL SYNOD 2022 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

Proposers: The Honorary Secretaries

That, contingent on Bill No. 1 (To amend Chapter I, Chapter II, and Chapter III of the Constitution of the Church of Ireland) being read a third time and passed, the Standing Orders of the General Synod shall be amended as follows:

- In Standing Order 1 the words “of the table of the Synod Hall” shall be deleted and replaced by the words “in front of the President”.
- In Standing Order 2, the words “, during which time the doors shall be closed” shall be deleted.
- Standing Order 3 (a) (ii) shall be amended by the insertion of the words “or conclude” following the word “commence”.
- Standing Order 5 shall be deleted and replaced by the following: “Every member shall be issued with details of how to gain admission to the meeting of the Synod, as will members of the Representative Body and its Chief Officer and Secretary, the Assessor of the General Synod and other officers of the Synod. Representatives of Churches invited by the General Synod or by the Standing Committee shall also be admitted to the meeting of the Synod.”
- In Standing Order 6, the word “Hall” shall be deleted.
- In Standing Order 9, the word “standing” shall be deleted and replaced by the word “speaking”.
- Standing Order 10 shall be amended to read: “At a physical meeting of Synod, no member shall pass between the Chair and a member who is speaking.”
- Standing Order 15 shall be deleted and replaced by the following: “Every member desiring to speak shall address the Chair, and when two or more members indicate a desire to address the Chair the President shall decide which of them shall speak.”
- Standing Order 17 shall be deleted and replaced by the following: “Whenever the President indicates that they wish to speak any member shall desist from speaking until the President indicates that the said member may continue.”
- Standing Order 44 shall be amended by the insertion of the following before SO 44 (a): “This Standing Order and Standing Order 45 shall apply to physical meetings of Synod.”
- The Standing Orders presently numbered 46-65 shall be re-numbered sequentially as Standing Orders 47-66.
- A new Standing Order 46 shall be inserted to read as follows:
 - 46. This Standing Order shall apply to electronic meetings of Synod.
 - (a). During an electronic meeting of Synod, when any question is to be put to the Synod or to a Committee of the whole Synod, the President shall announce that “The question is that ...”,

and thereupon call for an electronic vote to be taken.

(b) A vote by orders shall be taken if ten members of either order or the provisions of Ch. 1 sec. 25 of the Constitution so require, and such vote shall be by means of an electronic poll or other appropriate mechanism unless a division is requested by the requisite number of members. A vote by division shall be taken if 20 members request a division.

(c) When a division is to be taken, an interval of five minutes shall be allowed after which no one further shall be admitted to the meeting and the question shall be put a second time. The President shall ensure that there is a suitable means of recording the vote of every member of the House of Representatives present, and wishing to vote. At the conclusion of the voting the President shall communicate the result to the Synod.

(d) No question shall be deemed to be carried in the House of Representatives unless, in the case of both orders voting together, there is a majority in favour of the same of the representatives voting thereon, or in the case of the votes being taken by orders there is a majority in favour of the same of the representatives of each order voting thereon. (But see S.O. 29(c) in the case of Special Bills.)

- The Standing Order presently numbered 46, which as provided above is to be re-numbered as 47, shall be deleted and replaced by the following:

All committees of the Synod shall make their reports available for inclusion in the Book of Reports to be sent to members. Such reports shall also be made available to lie on the table in front of the President.

- In the Standing Order presently numbered as 51, which as provided above is to be re-numbered as 52, the words “printed on the agenda for the said first day” shall be deleted and replaced by the words “made available to members on the said first day”.
- The following note shall be deleted from the end of the Standing Orders:

Venue for the meeting of the General Synod

In the Standing Orders of the General Synod the expression ‘Synod Hall’, wherever it occurs, shall be deemed to include the room in any building in which, for the time being, the General Synod of the Church of Ireland is meeting in Ordinary or in Special Session.

3. IMPLEMENTATION OF ARRANGEMENTS PROVIDING FOR INTERCHANGEABILITY OF MINISTRY WITH THE MORAVIAN CHURCH

Proposer: The Bishop of Tuam, Limerick and Killaloe

Seconder: The Archbishop of Armagh

That the General Synod, pursuant to its Resolution of 2015

- recognises that the conditions now exist for the implementation of arrangements providing for interchangeability of ministry with the Moravian Church, in accordance with the attached agreement made between representatives of our Churches and endorsed by the House of Bishops;
- empowers the Standing Committee to take steps to set up the necessary reference group.

Agreement made between representatives of the Church of Ireland and the Moravian Province of GB and Ireland and endorsed by the House of Bishops

The following representatives of the Church of Ireland and the Moravian Province of GB and Ireland met in Armagh on November 8 2021

Bishop Sarah Groves
 The Rev Michael Newman
 The Rev Philip Cooper
 Dr David Johnston (Moravian Church)

Archbishop John McDowell
 Bishop Michael Burrows
 The Rev Canon Helene T Steed
 The Revd Dr Ian Ellis (Church of Ireland)

The purpose of the meeting was to consider and clarify any outstanding issues prior to putting in place an agreement to enable interchangeability of ministry between us. It has been the express desire of the synods of both our churches to achieve this since an earlier phase of conversations in the years leading up to 2015.

It is now our hope and expectation that this vision can come to pass in 2022, and we seek the support of the authorities of both our churches to bring this about.

In order to make this agreement possible, we have agreed to advise our churches of the following key points, with a view to strengthening our common life and mission.

- In our shared commitment to the threefold ministry including the historic episcopate as locally adapted, we are agreed that bishops should be consecrated to that office and function by at least three other bishops.
- We are agreed that, while the practical and liturgical functions of deacons vary within our polities, any Moravian deacon entering the ministry of the Church of Ireland will exercise diaconal ministry in the manner traditionally understood by the Church of Ireland, and vice versa. Further, any Church of Ireland priest wishing to serve a Moravian congregation would be received as a Presbyterian, and again vice versa.
- We wish to express our delight that the Church of England is content that Church of Ireland bishops take a full part in the consecration of Moravian bishops, even when this takes place in England, provided the local C of E bishop is informed as a courtesy. We will of course be making the C of E aware of the progress and outworking of our conversations here.
- As this agreement will touch on existing agreements between our churches and the Methodist Church In Ireland, we undertake to inform them of its substance and with them to consider its implications.
- This agreement will come into full effect, not by some formal Declaration, but - following due process - by participation in each others episcopal ordinations/consecrations. At some appropriate point we hope to mark what has been fruitfully achieved by a symbolic ceremony such as tree plantings in Grace Hill and in Dublin.
- We recognise that in the longer term there will need to be a reference group with members from both our churches to oversee the implementation and pastoral / missional outworking of this agreement. This group will also deal with matters where there is further work to be done, for example concerning a possible common Eucharistic Prayer, and the most respectful manner of dealing with remaining consecrated elements when the service is over. There are other issues too touching worship and liturgy where we can learn much from one another.
- The reference group will also need to consider necessary differences of practice between occasional and more permanent examples of movement in ministry between our churches, and consequent issues of pastoral discipline. In framing this agreement, we have been considering issues relating to long term or permanent movement in ministry between our churches, but different questions arise when such movement is on an occasional basis; for example, for a Church of Ireland deacon to preside at the Eucharist in a Moravian church in such a situation would not be acceptable.
- The reference group, furthermore, will need to consider the situation in relation to those received into ministry in the Moravian or Anglican contexts but who were not originally ordained in those contexts.
- We hope that this agreement will bring strength and enrichment to us both in our task of furthering the Kingdom together, and we see special possibilities not only in places where we both have parishes

and congregations, but also in the area of theological training. Even more importantly, we trust that our work will result in all God's people from both our churches feeling not just welcome but truly at home in the other.

- As we stated at the conclusion of our discussions in 2015, and following now in particular the discussions we have had more recently with the Church of England, we believe the time has come to move this matter towards a definite and joyful outcome.

4. COVENANT COUNCIL - MEMBERSHIP

Proposer: Very Rev Nigel Dunne

Secunder: Ven Barry Forde

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 Tuam, Limerick, and Killaloe (Co-Chair)
 Ms Elva Byrne
 Very Rev Nigel Dunne
 Rev Canon Dr Maurice Elliott
 Ven Barry Forde
 Rev Claire Kakuru

5. REPRESENTATIVE CHURCH BODY - ALLOCATIONS

Proposer: Canon Graham Richards

Secunder: Ven Terry Scott

That the General Synod hereby authorises the Representative Body to make the following allocations from General Funds in 2022:

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A . Maintenance of the stipendiary ministry	
• Episcopal costs	893,131
• Chaplaincy costs	294,615
• Miscellaneous	81,192
B. Pension related costs	105,866
C. Training of ordinands	1,238,418
D . General Synod activities	1,107,740
E . Miscellaneous	16,066
	3,737,028
	3,737,028

6. COUNCIL FOR MISSION – MEMBERSHIP

Proposer: Rev Tim Wright

Secunder: Rev Jonathan McFarland

That the following be elected to the Council for Mission as a General Synod representative:

Rev Tim Wright
 Rev Colin McConaghie
 Rev Isaac Hannah

7. CHURCH AND SOCIETY COMMISSION – HOUSING NEEDS

Proposer: Mr Neville Armstrong

Seconder: Mrs June Butler

That the General Synod, recognises that:

- housing is a basic human right;
- there exists a housing crisis throughout the Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland which particularly harms the poorest and most marginalised in our communities, and
- helping those affected by the housing crisis must be considered an essential part of the mission and ministry of the Church of Ireland.

In recognising these the General Synod asks the RCB/Standing Committee to work with parishes and dioceses to identify ways in which the Church can directly help those in need and assist the relevant authorities in both Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland to respond to this crisis.

8. PIONEER MINISTRY WORKING GROUP – PROPOSALS

Proposer: The Bishop of Kilmore

Seconder:

That this General Synod commends the proposals contained in the Report of the Pioneer Ministry Working Group.

9. COMMISSION ON CHRISTIAN UNITY AND DIALOGUE - MEMBERSHIP

Proposer: Mr Glenn Moore

Seconder: Rev Canon Katharine Poulton

That the following be elected to serve on the Commission for Christian Unity and Dialogue:

The Archbishop of Dublin
 The Bishop of Derry and Raphoe
 The Bishop of Tuam, Limerick and Killaloe
 Very Rev Niall Sloane
 Rev Canon Dr Daniel Nuzum
 Rev Canon Elaine Murray
 Rev Suzanne Cousins
 Rev Cathy Hallissey
 Rev David White
 Ms Cate Turner
 Dr Kenneth Milne
 Mr Glenn Moore
 Rev Dr Christine O'Dowd-Smyth

10. LITURGICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE - MEMBERSHIP

Proposer: Very Rev Susan Green

Secunder:

That the following be elected to the Liturgical Advisory Committee for the triennium term May 2022 – May 2025:

The Most Revd Dr Michael Jackson
 The Very Revd Nigel Dunne
 The Revd Alan Rufli
 The Revd Dr Peter Thompson
 The Revd Canon Lynda Peilow
 The Revd Adrian Dorrian
 The Revd Canon Peter McDowell
 The Very Revd Susan Green
 The Revd Julie Bell
 The Revd Abigail Sines
 The Revd Nigel Pierpoint
 The Revd John McLoughlin
 Mrs Jacqueline Mullen
 Mr John Morris

11. LITURGICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE – USE OF LITURGIES FOR SEASON OF CREATION

Proposer: Very Rev Susan Green

Secunder:

That the General Synod recognizes that there already exists *de facto* within the liturgical calendar provision for a Season of Creation on the five Sundays from 1st September to 4th October and therefore commends the liturgies produced by the Liturgical Advisory Committee on this subject for use during this time, and at other appropriate times, across the Church of Ireland.

12. PRIVATE MEMBER'S MOTION

Proposer: Mr Simon Elliott

Secunder:

That the General Synod requests the Standing Committee to develop, in time for consideration by the General Synod in 2023, a Church of Ireland Policy on Welcome and Equality, prohibiting discrimination in the church's treatment of employees, office-holders, volunteers and contractors on the grounds of age, civil status, disability, family status, gender, membership of the Traveller Community, political views, race or sexual orientation, except in specific cases that will be stated in the policy.

13. 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.