

# CHURCH OF IRELAND – GENERAL SYNOD 2010

## 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

#### 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. BOARD OF EDUCATION

REV CANON JW MCKEGNEY

VEN REB WHITE

The General Synod of the Church of Ireland unreservedly supports the Transferor Representatives' Council (TRC) in seeking the continuation of rights given to the Church of Ireland, Presbyterian Church in Ireland and Methodist Church in Ireland, on the transfer of their schools to the State, namely the legal right to appoint governors to those transferred schools and their successors and the right to membership of the regional ownership and decision making bodies for those schools and their successors.

### 3. CHURCH OF IRELAND MARRIAGE COUNCIL

REV BJ HARPER

MRS DP CROMEY

That the following be elected members of the Council for the period 1 June 2010 to 31 May 2012:

#### MEMBERSHIP

##### *Appointed by the House of Bishops*

A bishop to be appointed by the House of Bishops

##### *Elected by General Synod*

Mr KAL Barrett

Rev BJ Hayes

Rev BJ Harper

Rev MEE McElhinney

Mrs L Sandes

Rev D Somerville

Mrs D Whitley

Ms R Willoughby

**4. CHURCH OF IRELAND COUNCIL FOR MISSION**

**MISS MK GIBBONS  
REV CANON FD CREIGHTON**

- (i) That Synod celebrates the giving of parishes to support the mission agencies of the Church and calls upon every parish to demonstrate its commitment to the priority of mission by strategic, prayerful, informed and costly giving in a time of financial stringency.
- (ii) That Synod encourages parishes throughout the Church of Ireland to avail of the *Back to Church* initiative on the last Sunday of 2010 and to work with other local churches to make the most of this opportunity to re-engage with many people.

**5. PIONEER TRAINING AND DEPLOYMENT**

**MR HRJ TOTTEN  
CAPT C TAYLOR**

That the General Synod of 2010 receives and welcomes the report of the Joint Group on Pioneer Training and Deployment and commends its recommendations to the Archbishops and Bishops for detailed consideration.

**6. THE COVENANT COUNCIL**

**MOST REV RL CLARKE  
REV DR MJ ELLIOTT**

The General Synod continues to encourage congregations to celebrate the Covenant relationship with neighbouring Methodist congregations on or around September 26 each year.

**7. STANDING COMMITTEE**

**VEN PF PATTERSON  
MR WF BAKER**

That the General Synod approves the following guidance documents for use by Church of Ireland Select Vestries or equivalent bodies registering as charities under the new charities legislation:

- Church of Ireland Statement of Charitable Purpose (Schedule I)
- Church of Ireland Statement on Public Benefit (Schedule II)

**SCHEDULE I**

**Statement of Charitable Purpose**

The principal function of the Select Vestry [or appropriate name of equivalent body] of the parish of \_\_\_\_\_ in the Diocese of \_\_\_\_\_ is to support the advancement of the Christian religion by promoting through the work of the parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. Being open to

and engaging with society as a whole and offering support for those needing help is fundamental to the practical delivery of the tenets of Christianity.

As a result of activity in pursuit of the advancement of the Christian religion, the parish has custody of a large body of records, materials and artefacts of significance to the cultural heritage, the maintenance of which is undertaken by the parish as a secondary charitable purpose.

## **SCHEDULE II**

### **Statement of Public Benefit**

The Select Vestry [or appropriate name of equivalent body] of the Parish of \_\_\_\_\_ in the Diocese of \_\_\_\_\_, supports the advancement of the Christian religion and through the work of the parish and by the application of its resources, provides:

- Sacred spaces, churches and public worship in the Christian tradition
- Public religious ceremonies
- Pastoral care, evangelism and ministry
- Facilities and services which help to support and benefit the social networks of the community
- Religious education, and active involvement in the provision of general education with a Christian ethos
- Support for a better society through active promotion of community harmony and responsible citizenship
- Other activities which are carried out as a practical expression of religious beliefs, which may also be charitable and which include
- Support for the poor, the ill and the suffering
- Support for the disadvantaged and for alienated members of society
- Support for development and the relief of poverty and disease in disadvantaged areas of the world
- Promotion and maintenance of the arts through music and other media contributing to the experience of worship
- Stewardship of buildings of general architectural and historical interest
- Maintenance and upkeep of church records, materials and artefacts for the public benefit

The Church of Ireland is open to all. The mission of the Church and its support networks and activities reach out to all in a spirit of growth, unity and service.

## **8. LITURGICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**RT REV MAJ BURROWS**

**VEN RB ROUNTREE**

### **(i) MEMBERSHIP**

That the following be elected to the Liturgical Advisory Committee for the triennium term May 2010 – May 2013:

The Rt Rev Harold Miller

The Rt Rev Michael Burrows

The Rev Canon Gerald Field  
The Rev Canon Michael Kennedy  
The Ven Ricky Rountree  
The Rev Elizabeth Hanna  
The Rev Maria Jansson  
The Rev Peter McDowell  
The Rev Alan Rufli  
Mrs Alison Cadden  
Mrs Jacqui Wilkinson  
Ms Julie Bell

(ii) LITURGICAL SPACE

That the document *Liturgical Space and Church Reordering: Issues of Good Practice* (see *Book of Reports* pg 420), including such appendices as may be deemed expedient, be approved and published by authority of the General Synod 2010.

**9. ENVIRONMENTAL GOOD PRACTICE**

**MS M YOUNG**  
**RT REV KR GOOD**

That this synod:

- (i) Recognises the need for the Church of Ireland as a whole to have an authoritative code of environmental good practice.
- (ii) Commends the existing green charter adopted by the Diocese of Cashel and Ossory as a possible way forward.
- (iii) Requests the Church and Society Committee to consider this and other appropriate documents and to submit a proposed code to the General Synod of 2011 with a view to its being promulgated with the endorsement of the General Synod

**10. JOURNAL 2010**

**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.