

GENERAL SYNOD 2010

THE CHURCH OF IRELAND YOUTH DEPARTMENT REPORT
Proposed by Mr Andrew Brannigan, Down & Dromore Youth Officer
(In response to comments from the floor)

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Thank you for hearing/responding to this report. It is no light burden to be charged by General Synod with responsibility for the developments and co-ordination of Church of Ireland youth ministry. There are many, many challenges and we value (and need) your continued support.

We are proud (if that is the right word) to be Church of Ireland and we appreciate our heritage. And (as a plug for something) CIYD has been involved in the development of a Church of Ireland history and identity book for young people (and old). It is free to you and copies are available at the stand – although clergy will be posted one.

Despite the challenges there are still many stories of growth year on year –through CIYD, Dioceses and of course in parishes. Praise God for our volunteers – there are around 5,000 of them working with young people. Praise God for their faithfulness and for their dedication. It would cost somewhere in the region of €8.7m per year to pay them. Praise God that they work for free!

I move that the report of CIYD be received by General Synod.