

# **CHURCH OF IRELAND – GENERAL SYNOD 2011**

## **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. STANDING ORDERS**

#### **STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE**

- (i) That Standing Order 22 be amended by the inclusion of the words “with the proposed bill” after the words “honorary secretaries of the Synod” and before the words “at any time not less than one week”.
- (ii) That, in order to enable the correction of clerical errors in Special Bills in the same way as such errors may be corrected in Ordinary Bills, in Standing Order 30 (a) for the words “omissions or grammatical errors” there shall be substituted the words “omissions, grammatical or clerical errors”.

### **3. SPEAKING RIGHTS FOR ECUMENICAL GUESTS**

#### **STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE**

That, in order to enable ecumenical guests to address the Synod on reports and motions, for Standing Order 21 there shall be substituted the following:-

- ‘21. Members of the Representative Body and its Chief Officer and Secretary shall be entitled to address the House on any question before it. Ecumenical guests shall be entitled to address the House on reports and motions, but shall not be entitled to address the house on bills. Only those who are members of the House shall be entitled to vote.’

**4. BOARD OF EDUCATION NI**

**RT REV KENNETH GOOD**  
**REV IAN ELLIS**

- a) The General Synod of the Church of Ireland welcomes a public debate on the potential for shared education in Northern Ireland and encourages dialogue between schools and educational sectors with the aim of developing closer relationships through opportunities for collaboration and sharing.
- b) The General Synod of the Church of Ireland strongly supports recent efforts to identify factors contributing to educational underachievement particularly among disadvantaged Protestant communities in Northern Ireland. The Synod calls for the identification of policy and practical measures to help address these issues.

**5. COMMISSION ON MINISTRY**

**VEN GARY HASTINGS**  
**MS RUTH HANDY**

That the terms of reference of the Commission on Ministry be amended by deleting the following from Section 2:

“Provided that no member shall be eligible for re-election or appointment or co-option if he has served for three consecutive triennial terms of appointment”

That the following be elected members of the Commission on Ministry:

**Elected by Clerical Members of the General Synod**

Ven Gary Hastings  
Rev Dorothy McVeigh  
Rev Canon Terence Scott

**Elected by Lay Members of the General Synod**

Ms Ruth Handy  
Mr Andrew McNeile  
Mr Denis Johnston

**6. ANGLICAN COVENANT**

**RT REV MICHAEL BURROWS**  
**RT REV HAROLD MILLER**

Seeing that the Anglican Covenant is consonant with the doctrines and formularies of the Church of Ireland, the General Synod hereby subscribes the Covenant.

## **7. CODE OF DUTY AND CONDUCT FOR CLERGY**

**VEN ROBIN BANTRY WHITE**  
**REV SIMON DOOGAN**

That the General Synod appoints the following to the Clergy Code of Duty and Conduct Committee to produce a Clergy Code of Duty and Conduct and make a report to the General Synod in 2012, with an interim report to the Standing Committee in January 2012 and that the Committee be afforded the power to co-opt members:

The Rt Rev Paul Colton  
 Rev Stephen Farrell  
 Rev Maria Jansson  
 Mrs Ethne Harkness  
 Ven Stephen McBride

Rev Terence Dunlop - Consultant

## **8. HARD GOSPEL IMPLEMENTATION GROUP**

**RT REV TREVOR WILLIAMS**  
**MRS ETHNE HARKNESS**

(a) That the Standing Committee appoint the following to the Hard Gospel Implementation Group for the period June 2011 – May 2013

Rev Andrew Forster  
 Mrs Ethne Harkness  
 Mr Geoffrey Perrin

The Rt Rev Trevor Williams (Chair)

(b)

(i) That the Hard Gospel Implementation Group continue its work until the final day of the ordinary session of the General Synod in 2013, reporting its progress regularly to the Standing Committee.

(ii) That the Hard Gospel Implementation Group adopts the following objectives for the next two years:

(a) The Group shall strive to raise awareness of issues relating to gender imbalance among parishes, dioceses and central church bodies both in terms of membership of those bodies and in the outputs of the work they undertake, with a view to increasing the participation of women in such groups.

(b) The Group will work with the Church of Ireland Youth Department and the youth ministry structures of the Church in the dioceses and parishes to increase the participation of younger people in the governance and outreach structures of the Church, including engagement with the work of the General Synod.

(c) The Group will consider the materials presented by Changing Attitude Ireland, which has requested that the Church provide an information pack on pastoral issues affecting gay and lesbian Christians, and will return suggestions to the Standing Committee.

(iii) That members of General Synod commit themselves to encourage parish, diocesan and central bodies on which they serve to seek actively the inclusion of greater numbers of young adults and women in their membership and programme of work.

## 9. THE COVENANT COUNCIL

**MOST REV RICHARD CLARKE**  
**VERY REV NIGEL DUNNE**

- (i) That the General Synod receives the *Second Statement on the Interchangeability of Ministry and Episcopate (Book of Reports 2011 page 367)* and refers it to the Standing Committee for further implementation.
- (ii) The General Synod re-appoints its representatives to the Covenant Council for the coming year.

### **Church of Ireland**

The Most Rev Dr Richard Clarke, Bishop of Meath & Kildare (Co-Chair)  
Ms Elva Byrne  
Very Rev Nigel Dunne  
Rev Dr Maurice Elliott  
Rev Barry Forde  
Rev Canon Virginia Kennerley  
Rev Peter Thompson  
Mr Cyril McElhinney

- (iii) The General Synod continues to encourage congregations to celebrate the Covenant relationship with neighbouring Church of Ireland congregations on or around September 26 each year.

## 10. COMMISSION FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY AND DIALOGUE

**MOST REV MICHAEL JACKSON**  
**REV CANON PATRICK COMERFORD**

- (i) That the following be elected members of the Commission

The Archbishops and Bishops	
The Most Rev Dr Richard Clarke, Bishop of Meath & Kildare (Chair)	Rev John McDowell
Rev Canon Patrick Comerford	Mrs Roberta McKelvey
Rev Canon David Crooks	Dr Kenneth Milne (Honorary Secretary)
Rev Canon Dr Ian Ellis	Mr Philip McKinley
Mr Samuel Harper	Rev Niall Sloane
Rev Iain Knox	Rev Helene Tarnberg Steed
Rev Darren McCallig	Ms Catherine Turner
Mr Trevor Morrow	Rev Obinna Ulogwara
Rev Daniel Nuzum	

- (ii) That the General Synod welcomes the work of the Inter-Faith Working Group and encourages each diocese to appoint an Inter-Faith Resource Person to foster and encourage Inter-Faith initiatives at diocesan and parochial level.

## **11. CHURCH OF IRELAND COUNCIL FOR MISSION**

**REV PAUL HOEY**  
**CAPT COLIN TAYLOR**

That the constitution of the Church of Ireland Council for Mission be amended to read as follows:

### **Remit**

- to stimulate within the Church of Ireland a sense of the priority and urgency of mission;
- to advocate the complementary nature of mission globally and locally;
- To maintain close relationships with other bodies concerned with mission in particular with Diocesan Boards of Mission, the Association of Mission Societies and mission and overseas development agencies;
- to promote effective models of mission and evangelism;
- to encourage reflection on the theology of mission;
- to allocate funds from St Patrick's Memorial Fund and other funds at its disposal.

Membership, elected triennially, should consist of:

- one member nominated by the House of Bishops, elected triennially;
- six members nominated by General Synod, elected triennially;
- four members nominated (on a rotation basis) from within the Association of Mission Societies;
- One member nominated by the Covenant partners in the Methodist Church in Ireland
- one member nominated from among the students of the Church of Ireland Theological Institute;
- up to four members co-opted.

To address the issue of communication with dioceses the Council will host an annual network conference, with the purpose of listening and sharing and stimulating debate:

1. That each parish in the Church of Ireland should be encouraged to make the most of the missional opportunity afforded by Back to Church Sunday;
2. That the Council should continue with the important work of compiling the statistics that are already available in the dioceses of the Church of Ireland and, at an appropriate stage, widen out the pilot presently being conducted to include all the dioceses;
3. That endorsement be given to CMSI in its promotion of the Discover course and that parishes be encouraged to use it with as many different groups as possible.

## **12. JOURNAL 2011**

### **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.