

# CHURCH OF IRELAND – GENERAL SYNOD 2012

## 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

#### 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. PETITIONS COMMITTEE

#### THE HONORARY SECRETARIES

That the following be elected members of the Petitions Committee:

The Rev Simon Doogan  
Mr Graham Richards  
The Honorary Secretaries

### 3. ELECTIONS COMMITTEE

#### THE HONORARY SECRETARIES

That the following be elected members of the Elections Committee:

The Rev Simon Doogan  
Mr Graham Richards  
The Honorary Secretaries

### 4. BILLS COMMITTEE

#### THE HONORARY SECRETARIES

That the following be elected members of the Bills Committee:

The Assessor (Ex-officio)  
The Rt Rev Paul Colton  
Ven Raymond Hoey  
Canon Lady Sheil  
Ven Robin Bantry White  
Rev Stephen Farrell  
The Hon Mrs Justice Catherine McGuinness (Consultant)

**5. LEGISLATION COMMITTEE**

**THE HONORARY SECRETARIES**

That the following be elected members of the Legislation Committee:

Ms Claire Bruton BL  
The Rt Hon Sir Anthony Campbell  
The Hon Mrs Justice Catherine McGuinness  
Ven Philip Patterson  
Canon Lady Sheil  
The Honorary Secretaries

**6. STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE**

**THE HONORARY SECRETARIES**

That the following be elected members of the Standing Orders Committee:

Ven Philip Patterson  
Rev John McKegney  
Mr Graham Richards  
The Honorary Secretaries

**7. RECORD COMMITTEE**

**THE HONORARY SECRETARIES**

That the following be elected members of the Record Committee:

His Honour Judge Derek Rodgers  
Ven Richard Rountree  
Mr Graham Richards  
The Honorary Secretaries

**8. CLERGY CODE OF DUTY AND CONDUCT COMMITTEE**

**MRS ETHNE HARKNESS**  
**VEN STEPHEN MCBRIDE**

That the Clergy Code of Duty and Conduct Committee 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.

**9. PRIMARY SCHOOLS IN THE REPUBLIC OF IRELAND**

**DR ANNE LODGE**  
**REV BRIAN O'ROURKE**

That the General Synod of the Church of Ireland is greatly concerned about the serious threat to Church of Ireland primary schools in the Republic of Ireland as a result of budgetary measures and recent Department of Education and Skills policies. The General Synod encourages its members to apprise the Board of Education regarding primary school issues arising at a local level, to ensure that the Board is fully informed in its discussions with the Department of Education and the Minister.

## **10. COMMISSION FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY AND DIALOGUE**

**ARCHBISHOP OF DUBLIN  
REV NIALL SLOANE**

That the following be elected as members of the Commission for Christian Unity and Dialogue for the coming year:

The Archbishops and Bishops  
Rev Canon Patrick Comerford  
Rev Canon David Crooks  
Mr Samuel Harper  
Rev Canon Dr Ian Ellis  
Rev Darren McCallig  
Mr Philip McKinley  
Mrs Roberta McKelvey  
Dr Kenneth Milne  
Mr Trevor Morrow  
Rev Daniel Nuzum  
Rev Niall Sloane  
Rev Canon Helen Tarneberg-Steed  
Ms Catherine Turner

## **11. LEUENBERG CHURCH FELLOWSHIP**

**ARCHBISHOP OF DUBLIN  
REV NIALL SLOANE**

That the General Synod approves the Memorandum of Agreement between the British and Irish Anglican Churches and the Community of Protestant Churches in Europe (the Leuenberg Church Fellowship).

## **12. COVENANT COUNCIL**

**VERY REV NIGEL DUNNE  
THE BISHOP OF MEATH**

That the following be elected as Church of Ireland representatives on the Covenant Council for the coming year:

The Most Rev Richard Clarke  
Ms Evra Byrne

Very Rev Nigel Dunne  
 Rev Dr Maurice Elliott  
 Rev Barry Forde  
 Rev Canon Ginnie Kennerley  
 Mr Cyril McElhenney  
 Rev Dr Peter Thompson

### 13. COVENANT COUNCIL

#### **VERY REV NIGEL DUNNE THE BISHOP OF MEATH**

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

### 14. ALLOCATIONS

#### **MR ROBERT NEILL THE BISHOP OF CLOGHER**

That the General Synod hereby notes that the Representative Body has made the following provisions for allocations for 2012:

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Group A – Maintenance of the Stipendiary Ministry	1,448,672
Group B – Pension related costs	731,612
Group C – Training of Ordinands	1,287,261
Group D – General Synod Activities	924,980
Group E – Miscellaneous	5,500
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### 15. CHURCH OF IRELAND VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS SCHEME

*Explanatory Memorandum:*

*By resolution adopted on 21<sup>st</sup> May 1985, the General Synod approved the establishment of the Church of Ireland Voluntary Contributions Scheme (“the Scheme”) as a scheme of retirement benefits supplementary to the system provided by Chapter XIV of the Constitution of the Church of Ireland. By the same resolution, the General Synod appointed the Representative Body to act as trustee of the Scheme and authorised the Church of Ireland Pensions Board to arrange and administer the Scheme. The General Synod also directed that a report on the operation of the Scheme be included annually in the Report of the Church of Ireland Pensions Board.*

*The Representative Body is desirous of appointing The Church of Ireland Clergy Pensions Trustee Limited (“the Trustee Company”) to act as trustee of the Scheme and to administer the Scheme and proposes the following motion:*

#### **MR ROBERT NEILL THE BISHOP OF CLOGHER**

That the General Synod

- (a) appoints the Trustee Company to act as trustee of the Scheme and to administer the Scheme in place of the Representative Body and the Church of Ireland Clergy Pensions Board respectively;
- (b) authorises the Trustee Company to enact such rules as it considers appropriate to carry this resolution into effect;
- (c) directs that a report on the operation of the Scheme be included annually in the Report of the Trustee Company.

## **16. PENSIONS BOARD MEMBERSHIP**

**MR ROBERT NEILL  
THE BISHOP OF CLOGHER**

That the following be elected as members of the Church of Ireland Clergy Pensions Board for the period 2012-2015:

The Venerable Donald McLean  
Canon Lady Sheil  
Rev Edward Woods  
Mrs Cynthia Cherry  
Mr William Oliver

## **17. GUIDELINES ON PASTORAL RECONCILIATION, MEDIATION AND ARBITRATION**

**REV GEORGE DAVISON  
THE BISHOP OF LIMERICK**

That the Standing Committee shall establish a sub-committee to prepare guidelines on pastoral reconciliation, mediation and arbitration for the use of the Church of Ireland in accordance with the recommendations of the Report presented to the General Synod by the Standing Committee in May 2012 and to make recommendations on the future of the Severance Fund.

## **18. COMMISSION ON EPISCOPAL MINISTRY AND EPISCOPAL STRUCTURES**

**REV ANDREW FORSTER  
MR ANDREW McNEILE**

That the General Synod appoints the following to the Commission on Episcopal Ministry and Episcopal Structures:

3 members of the House of Bishops  
2 Honorary Secretaries  
Mrs June Butler  
Rev Andrew Forster  
Ven Gary Hastings  
Mrs Hilary McClay  
Mr Andrew McNeile  
Rev Sandra Pragnell  
Very Rev Victor Stacey  
Mr Roy Totten  
A representative of the Methodist Church in Ireland (non-voting member)  
A representative of the Roman Catholic Church (non-voting member)

**19. CHURCH OF IRELAND MARRIAGE COUNCIL**

**REV ARTHUR BARRETT**  
**REV BRIAN HARPER**

That the following be elected members of the Council for the period 1 June 2012 to 31 May 2014:

Rev Arthur Barrett  
Mrs Sarah Bevan  
Rev Bruce Hayes  
Rev Brian Harper  
Mrs Leslie Sandes  
Rev David Somerville  
Mrs Deirdre Whitley  
Ms Rosalind Willoughby

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

**REV ANDREW QUILL**  
**REV PETER GALBRAITH**

That the following be elected as members of the Church of Ireland Council for Mission until the last day of the General Synod in 2013:

The Very Rev Stephen Lowry  
The Rev Paul Hoey  
Mrs Felix Blennerhassett  
Rev Ruth West  
Rev Eileen Cremin  
Rev Rob Jones

**21. DEAN OF ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL, DUBLIN**

**MR DAVID MILLAR**  
**VERY REV PHILIP KNOWLES**

That General Synod, recognising the unique office held by the Dean and Ordinary of St Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin, as Dean and Ordinary of the National Cathedral of the Church of Ireland, resolves that the next time legislation is brought before it affecting the numerical content of General Synod, such legislation should incorporate a provision making the Dean and Ordinary of St Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin, an ex-officio member of the General Synod, with additional provisions to ensure clerical/lay balance in Synod membership.

## **22. COMMISSION ON MINISTRY**

### **THE BISHOP OF DERRY THE BISHOP OF CASHEL**

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

Rev Canon Terence Scott  
 Very Revd Katharine Poulton  
 Rev Dorothy McVeigh  
 Mr Andrew McNeile  
 Mr Denis Johnston  
 Rev George Davison (Honorary Secretary)

## **23. JOURNAL 2012**

### **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.