

10. COMMISSION ON EPISCOPAL NEEDS

In September 1996, the Standing Committee received the draft report from the Commission on Episcopal needs. In September, the Standing Committee noted the report and gave its permission for the circulation of the draft report by the Commission to Diocesan Councils. In November, the Standing Committee suggested to the Commission that in order to allow sufficient time for consideration and comment by the Dioceses, a final report should be presented to the General Synod in 1998. In January 1997, the Standing Committee considered the draft report in some detail and forwarded to the Commission a summary of its comments.

11. CONDUCT OF THE BUSINESS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE

In November, the Standing Committee resolved to alter the rules for the Conduct of the Business of the Standing Committee in order to provide that the annual January meeting would commence at 10.15 am rather than 12.15 pm.

12. COPYRIGHT

- (a) In June 1996, the Rev. C. Warren, Tuam, was given permission to reproduce the words for which the Church of Ireland holds the copyright in a booklet entitled "Music for the Holy Communion and the Late Evening Office".
- (b) In September, permission was given to the Prior General of the Order of St. Luke Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary to reproduce a number of blessings from the Alternative Prayer Book in "The Daily Office after the Use of the Order of St. Luke".
- (c) In November the Rev. M. Counsell was given permission to reproduce a number of collects from the Alternative Prayer Book 1984 in a publication entitled "More Prayers for Sundays".
- (d) In March permission was given for the negotiation of a prayer from the Book of Common Prayer in a large-print book of prayers to be published by Hodder and Stoughton.

13. EUROPEAN AFFAIRS

The Standing Committee, in April 1996, noted that the Role of the Church Committee had established a working group on European Affairs. The establishment of the is group had been proposed following consultation between the Role of the Church Committee and the Committee for Christian Unity, in response to the motion adopted at the General Synod 1995 on the issue of Europe.