

CHURCH OF IRELAND – GENERAL SYNOD 2014

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. ALCOHOL AND TAXATION

MR DAVID WILSON
REV DAVID MCBETH

That this General Synod expresses grave concern about the ongoing high levels of alcohol related health and social damage in both Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland, and calls on the governments of both jurisdictions to introduce:

- i) An extra £0.30/€0.35 per unit tax on all off licence sales and transactions, which would be used as further funding for the health services for alcohol-related disease and preventative measures
- ii) Greater powers to be given to Customs & Excise, Police and the judiciary for dealing with those who import or distribute alcohol illegally.

3. FLESH AND BLOOD CAMPAIGN

REV ADRIAN DORRIAN
REV CANON SHANE FORSTER

Whereas the 'Flesh and Blood' (*fab*) campaign has been founded as a partnership between Kore and NHS Blood and Transplant, and aims to raise the profile of blood and organ donation within the church and encourage such donation as a personal gift as well as equipping individuals and churches as advocates for donation, the Synod resolves that:

1. The Church of Ireland shall become an Associate of *fab*, which will include advocacy for donation, distribution of information and the provision of resources where available.
2. The Church and Society Commission shall encourage the principles behind *fab* to be promoted on an all-Ireland basis.
3. The Synod requests that the Archbishops explore opportunities to encourage uptake of *fab* within and between other Christian traditions in Ireland.

4. BOARD OF EDUCATION (NORTHERN IRELAND)

**BISHOP OF DERRY & RAPHOE
DR KENNETH DUNN**

The General Synod notes with deep concern the continued disadvantaged position of Controlled Schools throughout Northern Ireland due to a lack of a dedicated advocacy and support body and calls upon the Minister of Education to take steps to resolve this injustice and ensure equality of treatment for all schools.

5. BOARD OF EDUCATION (REPUBLIC OF IRELAND)

**DR ANNE LODGE
VEN ADRIAN WILKINSON**

That the General Synod affirms the importance of Religious Education in primary schools under Church of Ireland Patronage and calls on the Board of Education RI to ensure that high quality standards are maintained in the delivery of the Follow Me Religious Education Curriculum.

6. REPRESENTATIVE CHURCH BODY - ALLOCATIONS

**MR ROBERT NEILL
THE BISHOP OF LIMERICK AND KILLALOE**

That the General Synod hereby authorises the Representative Body to make the following allocations from General Funds in 2014:

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Group A – Maintenance of the Stipendiary Ministry	1,224,608
Group B – Pension Related Costs	197,693
Group C – Training of Ordinands	1,383,963
Group D – General Synod Activities	945,354
Group E – Miscellaneous	5,500

	<u>3,757,118</u>

7. COMMISSION FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY AND DIALOGUE

**THE BISHOP OF CLOGHER
REV CANON IAN ELLIS**

That the following be appointed members of the Commission for Christian Unity and Dialogue.

The Archbishops and Bishops
Rev Ása Björk Ólafsdóttir
Rev Canon Patrick Comerford
Rev Canon David Crooks
Ms Georgina Copty

Rev Canon Dr Ian Ellis
Mr Samuel Harper
Rev Darren McCallig
Mrs Roberta McKelvey
Mr Philip McKinley
Dr Kenneth Milne
Mr Trevor Morrow
Rev Daniel Nuzum
Rev Niall Sloane
Ven Helene Tarneberg Steed
Ms Catherine Turner

8. COVENANT COUNCIL - MEMBERSHIP

REV DR MAURICE ELLIOTT
VERY REV NIGEL DUNNE

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

The Most Rev Dr Richard Clarke, Archbishop of Armagh (Co-Chair)
Ms Elva Byrne
Very Rev Nigel Dunne
Rev Dr Maurice Elliott
Rev Barry Forde
Mr Harold Giboney
Rev Ginnie Kennerley
Rev Dr Peter Thompson

9. COVENANT COUNCIL - CELEBRATIONS

REV DR MAURICE ELLIOTT
VERY REV NIGEL DUNNE

That General Synod continues to encourage congregations to celebrate the Covenant relationship with neighbouring Methodist congregations on or around John Wesley Day, 24th May each year.

10. COUNCIL FOR MISSION – REPORT AND DIOCESAN RESPONSE

REV PAUL HOEY
REV EILEEN CREMIN

That this Synod receives the report of the 2014 Mission Conference and affirms its effort to “articulate the mission of the Church of Ireland in a way that can be embraced and supported by all”. Furthermore, it calls on each diocese and body of the Church to note its key findings and to enact an appropriate response.

11. COUNCIL FOR MISSION – ASSOCIATION OF MISSION SOCIETIES

REV PAUL HOEY
REV EILEEN CREMIN

That the General Synod affirms the work of all those agencies advancing Mission at global and local level and especially commends to the prayers and support of the Church those agencies that work together as *The Association of Mission Societies (AMS)*.

12. COUNCIL FOR MISSION – MEMBERSHIP

REV PAUL HOEY
REV EILEEN CREMIN

(Note: This motion replaces that appearing in the Book of Reports page 369)

That the following be elected by General Synod to the Church of Ireland Council for Mission for the forthcoming triennial period:

Ms Johanne Martin
Rev Jake Worley
Rev Cliff Jeffers
Ms Julie Currie
Rev Simon Genoe
Capt. Colin Taylor

13. CHURCH MISSION SOCIETY IRELAND

THE BISHOP OF CONNOR
THE BISHOP OF TUAM, KILLALA AND ACHONRY

That, the Synod recognises the work of mission to be a call to the whole people of God at all levels of His Church and recognises the contribution that the Church Mission Society Ireland has made to that mission since its formation in 1814 as the Hibernian Church Missionary Society, through the sending of mission personnel, the resourcing of the Church in Ireland and through prayer and solidarity with Christians across the world.

We rejoice with the Church Mission Society Ireland in its bicentenary and welcome the special celebration events, those which have taken place and those being planned, including the Changing Times Conference and Celebration in Armagh from 15th – 16th May.

We recognise the ongoing influence that relationships forged through the Church Mission Society Ireland continue to have on the Church of Ireland, and commend the society's work to the wider Church.

14. PRIDE IN PEOPLE AND PAST

DR ALAN ACHESON

This house appeals to the Church to take pride in her people and in her past.

15. COMMISSION ON MINISTRY – MEMBERSHIP

VEN LESLIE STEVENSON
VERY REV KATHARINE POULTON

That the General Synod elects the following as a clerical General Synod representative on the Commission on Ministry for the remainder of the triennium:

Rev Anne Skuse

16. COMMISSION ON MINISTRY – SELF-SUPPORTING MINISTRY

VERY REV KATHARINE POULTON
BISHOP OF KILMORE, ELPHIN AND ARDAGH

That the General Synod encourages the Commission on Ministry, in consultation with the House of Bishops and the CITI, to continue the process of identifying means by which a diocesan based and locally effective self-supporting ministry might be developed as a distinctive vocation.

17. CHURCH OF IRELAND MARRIAGE COUNCIL - MEMBERSHIP

VERY REV ARTHUR BARRETT
REV CANON LYNDA PEILOW

That the following be appointed members of the Marriage Council for the next two years from 1 June 2014.

A bishop to be appointed by the House of Bishops

Rev John Ardis	Rev Canon Lynda Peilow
Very Rev Arthur Barrett	Rev David Somerville
Mrs Sarah Bevan	Mrs Deirdre Whitley
Rev Stephen Farrell	Ms Ros Willoughby
Mrs Lynn Heber	A representative from the Mothers' Union

18. COMMISSION ON EPISCOPAL MINISTRY AND STRUCTURES – EPISCOPAL TRAINING AND REVIEW

**MRS ETHNE HARKNESS
THE BISHOP OF LIMERICK AND KILLALOE**

That the General Synod respectfully requests that the House of Bishops progress work towards the introduction of arrangements for a systematic programme of induction and in-post training, development and ministerial review for the Archbishops and Bishops.

19. JOURNAL 2014

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.