

## CHURCH OF IRELAND – GENERAL SYNOD 2016

### 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 (SEE SEPARATE SHEET)**

**Proposer: 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**

**Proposer: The Honorary Secretaries**

That the following be elected as a member of the Petitions Committee:  
Mrs Pauline High.

#### **3. BILLS COMMITTEE**

**Proposer: The Honorary Secretaries**

That the following be elected as a member of the Bills Committee:  
Ven George Davison.

#### **4. CHURCH OF IRELAND RESPONSE TO WORLD COUNCIL OF CHURCHES DOCUMENT**

**Proposer: The Honorary Secretaries**

That General Synod adopts the Church of Ireland's response, as endorsed by the Commission for Christian Unity and Dialogue and received by the Standing Committee, to the document *The Church: Towards a Common Vision*, published by the Faith and Order Commission of the World Council of Churches (Faith and Order Paper No. 214).

(The response is included in the Synod mailing)

#### **5. LITURGICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**Proposer: Ven Richard Rountree**

**Secunder: The Bishop of Cashel, Ferns and Ossory**

That, in accordance with the provisions of Section 26(1) of Chapter 1 of the Constitution, leave be given for the introduction of a Bill in the General Synod 2017 to amend *The Table of Readings* in *The Book of Common Prayer* (2004; rev.ed. 2005), in the following terms:

THE TABLE OF READINGS

In The Table of Readings immediately before the Sunday between 29 May and 4 June the following be inserted:

“The Sunday between 24 and 29 May  
*If after Trinity Sunday*  
*The provisions for the Second Sunday before Lent are used*”

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In The Table of Readings immediately after the Principal Service readings for The First Sunday of Christmas the following rubric be inserted:

*“When this Sunday is 1 January the readings for The Circumcision and Naming of Jesus are used.”*

## **6. LITURGICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**Proposer: Ven Richard Rountree**

**Secunder: The Bishop of Cashel, Ferns and Ossory**

That, in accordance with the provisions of Section 26(1) of Chapter 1 of the Constitution, leave be given for the introduction of a Bill in the General Synod 2017 to amend *The Table of Readings* and *The Collects* in *The Book of Common Prayer 2004 (rev. ed. 2005)*, in the following terms:

### THE TABLE OF READINGS

In The Table of Readings under the Sunday between 6 and 12 November the following be inserted:

“Remembrance Sunday  
Isaiah 2:1-5 or Isaiah 10.33-11.9 or Ezekiel 37:1-14  
Psalm 4 or Psalm 47 or Psalm 93 or Psalm 126 or Psalm 130  
Romans 8:31-39 or Revelation 1:1-7  
Matthew 5:1-12 or John15:9-17  
*Any combination of the above may be used.”*

### THE COLLECTS

In The Collects after The Third Sunday before Advent insert the following rubric:

*“Collect Two and the Post Communion Prayer above are suitable for use on Remembrance Sunday”.*

## **7. LITURGICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**Proposer: The Bishop of Down and Dromore**

**Secunder: Very Rev Gerald G. Field**

That the following be elected to the Liturgical Advisory Committee for the triennium term May 2016 – May 2019:

Rt Rev Harold Miller  
Very Rev Gerald Field

Ven Ricky Rountree  
Very Rev Nigel Dunne  
Rev Alan Rufli  
Rev Dr Peter Thompson  
Rev Robert Ferris  
Rev Ken Rue  
Rev Julie Bell  
Rev Abigail Sines  
Rev Nigel Pierpoint  
Rev Johnny Campbell Smith  
Mrs Jacqueline Mullen  
Mr John Morris.

**8. THE COVENANT COUNCIL**

**Proposer: Rev Barry Forde**

**Seconder: Rev Canon Dr Maurice Elliott**

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

**9. THE COVENANT COUNCIL**

**Proposer: Rev Barry Forde**

**Seconder: Rev Canon Dr Maurice Elliott**

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

The Rt Rev Alan Abernethy, Bishop of Connor (Co-Chair)  
Ms Elva Byrne  
Very Rev Nigel Dunne  
Rev Canon Dr Maurice Elliott  
Rev Barry Forde  
Mr Harold Giboney  
Rev Dr Peter Thompson.

**10. THE REPRESENTATIVE CHURCH BODY**

**Proposer: Mr R.S. Neill**

**Seconder: Bishop of Meath and Kildare**

**Allocations**

That the General Synod hereby authorises the Representative Body to make the following allocations from General Funds in 2016:

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Group A – Maintenance of the Stipendiary Ministry	1,296,146
Group B – Pension Related Costs	130,597
Group C – Training of Ordinands	1,363,185
Group D – General Synod Activities	1,081,546
Group E – Miscellaneous	11,571

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**11. THE REPRESENTATIVE CHURCH BODY**

**Proposer: Mr R.S. Neill**

**Secunder: The Bishop of Meath and Kildare**

**Clergy and Ministry Protection Fund**

That, in accordance with Clause 1 of the Statute Chapter XVI of 2003 as amended by Statute Ch III of 2015, the General Synod hereby affirms the decision of the Representative Body that the rate of contribution from each diocese to the Clergy and Ministry Protection Fund in respect of the year 2017 be set at 0.5% of the Minimum Approved Stipend in force at 1 January 2017 multiplied by the sum of the number of cures, including vacant cures, in such diocese at 30 June 2016.

**12. THE REPRESENTATIVE CHURCH BODY**

**Proposer: Mr R.S. Neill**

**Secunder: The Bishop of Meath and Kildare**

**The Church of Ireland Clergy Pensions Trustee Limited**

That, pursuant to section 56(1) of the Companies Act 2014 and in accordance with the provisions of the Memorandum of Association of the Church of Ireland Clergy Pensions Trustee Limited (the Company), the General Synod hereby consents to the Representative Body making such amendments to the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the Company (the Memorandum and Articles) as may be necessary:

- (a) to enable the registration of the Company as a designated activity company (DAC); and
- (b) to ensure that the Memorandum and Articles reflect the provisions of the Companies Act 2014; and
- (c) to provide that the consent of the Standing Committee and not the General Synod be required for any future amendment to the Memorandum and Articles.

**13. CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NETWORK**

**Proposer: Rev Canon Niall J. Sloane**

**Secunder:**

That this General Synod supports and encourages the ongoing discussions in making Children's Ministry a central, fundamental and integral part of the life of the Church of Ireland. This General Synod affirms the key importance of formulating a practical vision for Children's Ministry and looks forward to learning at a subsequent General Synod how this will be achieved in the short, medium and long term.

**14. COMMISSION FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY AND DIALOGUE**

**Proposer: Rev Canon Niall J. Sloane**

**Secunder: The Bishop of Clogher**

That this General Synod approves the restructuring of the General Synod Commission for Christian Unity and Dialogue (CCUD), consisting of a membership not exceeding 20.

**15. COMMISSION FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY AND DIALOGUE**

**Proposer: Rev Canon Niall J. Sloane**

**Secunder: The Bishop of Clogher**

That this General Synod approves the appointment of the following to the General Synod Commission for Christian Unity and Dialogue (CCUD) for the following year:

MAIN BODY  
Membership (total 20)

- The Bishop of Clogher
- Anglican & Ecumenical Affairs Working Group (The Bishop of Cashel)
- The Bishop of Connor
- Interfaith Working Group (The Bishop of Limerick)
- Ven Helene Steed
- European Affairs Working Group (The Bishop of Tuam)
- Rev Canon Maurice Elliott
- Rev Ken Rue
- Mr Wilfred Baker
- Rev Canon Niall Sloane
- Mr Sam Harper

Note: (3 working groups x 3 persons) to be suggested at the June meeting of CCUD and to be ratified by the Standing Committee in June.

**16. COMMISSION ON MINISTRY**

**Proposer: The Venerable Leslie Stevenson**

**Secunder:**

That this General Synod commends the proposals contained in Appendix One of the Report of the Commission on Ministry.

**17. COUNCIL FOR MISSION**

**Proposer: Rev Patrick Burke**

**Secunder: Mr Derek Neilson**

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

Rev Adam Pullen  
Rev Andrew Quill  
Rev Patrick Burke.

**18. COUNCIL FOR MISSION**

**Proposer: Rev Patrick Burke**

**Secunder: Mr Derek Neilson**

That the General Synod recognises that Christians are the most persecuted body of people on the planet; expresses its solidarity with its brothers and sisters in Christ throughout the world who are

persecuted for their faith and commits to supporting them in prayer; and charges the Council for Mission to raise awareness of this issue within the Church of Ireland and also in wider society in an effort to put an end to what is effectively genocide in certain parts of the world.

**19. COUNCIL FOR MISSION**

**Proposer: Rev Andrew Quill**

**Secunder:**

That the General Synod would ask the House of Bishops to remind the Government of the Republic of Ireland to implement the key recommendations of 'Protection, Resettlement and Integration: Ireland's Response to the Refugee and Migration 'Crisis'', a report compiled by a Consortium of Irish advocacy and aid agencies, including Actionaid, Christian Aid, Trócaire, Oxfam Ireland, The Irish Refugee Council, The Immigrant Council of Ireland, and many others, and of which the Church of Ireland is a signatory; these recommendations including:

- (A) Enhance legal channels for migration, and take our fair share of refugees;
- (B) Develop community approaches to reception conditions and the long-term integration of asylum seekers and refugees;
- and to
- (C) Uphold in Ireland and in the European Union a strong commitment to human rights, humanitarian aid and to addressing the root causes of conflict and inequality.

**20. MARRIAGE COUNCIL**

**Proposer: Rev John Ardis**

**Secunder: Rev Stephen Farrell**

That the following be appointed members of the Marriage Council for the next two years from 1 June 2016:

A bishop to be appointed by the House of Bishops

Elected by General Synod:

Mrs Sarah Bevan

Rev Stephen Farrell

Mrs Lynn Heber

Rev Canon Lynda Peilow (Hon Secretary)

Rev John Ardis (Chairperson)

Mrs Jennifer O'Regan

Rev Jonathan Campbell-Smyth

Rev Nicola Halford.

**21. JOURNAL OF THE GENERAL SYNOD**

**Proposer: 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.