

GENERAL SYNOD 2016

Report of the Church of Ireland Council for Mission Seconder: Mr Derek Neilson

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As seconder of this report I would like to draw members' attention to the section at the bottom of page 339. Two years ago, the Church of Ireland Council for Mission organised a conference on local mission at Dromantine near Newry which was attended by about 60 members of the Church Ireland from all over the island. The feedback from those who attended the event was extremely positive and this allied with the results from the 'break-out' session at the General Synod later that year, led to a report prepared by the Council which was submitted to last year's General Synod.

Following on from this and the encouragement that we have received, the Council committed to organise a conference on global mission.

A sub-committee of the Council has been working to organise a one day conference for this autumn which will take place at two venues – on 5th and 12th November in Enniskillen and in Tullamore. The principal speakers at the conference will be Lydia Monds of Bishops' Appeal and Reverend Dr Mark Welsh, Mission Development Officer with the Presbyterian Church in Ireland. As with the previous conference, there will also be a number of workshops to discuss relevant issues relating to global mission.

Full information on the conference will be available shortly and this will also include a survey to be completed by every parish both before and after the conference.

The Council would like to encourage everyone within the church who has an interest in mission to come and take part in this conference. It is being organised to assist members of our church to discuss the issues and participate in global mission. We are convinced that everyone who attends the conference will benefit and that this will be advance global mission within the Church of Ireland.