

CHURCH OF IRELAND - GENERAL SYNOD 2007

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. **THE MOST REV RL CLARKE** **DR K MILNE**

That the name of the Committee for Christian Unity be changed to 'The Church of Ireland Commission for Christian Unity and Dialogue' and that the following terms of reference replace those of 1995:

- (a) To promote within the Church of Ireland the vision of Church unity;
- (b) To promote and support movements in Ireland towards co-operation among the various Christian bodies;
- (c) To maintain Church of Ireland membership of, and participation in, national and international ecumenical bodies.
- (d) To address developments within the Anglican Communion;
- (e) To encourage and engage in inter-faith encounter and dialogue.
- (f) To report annually to the General Synod.

3. **REV PG McGLINCHEY**

That the General Synod approves the revised Constitution of the Church of Ireland Youth Department, which is responsible for the development and co-ordination of Church of Ireland youth ministry.

Structure and Function

The Church of Ireland Youth Department shall be composed of:

The Central Board which shall meet twice yearly or more frequently as it considers necessary, and shall be responsible for:

- (a) defining policy towards young people in the Church of Ireland;
- (b) the acquisition, development and distribution of resources;
- (c) the appointment, direction, management and terms and conditions of its staff;
- (d) directing specific programmes of activities and events.

Composition

The Central Board shall be composed of 22 (twenty-two) members nominated as follows:

- (a) **House of Bishops:** 1 (one) of its members, who shall be President of the organisation and shall preside over the triennial election of the Executive. The President shall chair the *Central Board* meetings or nominate another member to act as chairperson.

(b) **General Synod Standing Committee:** 2 (two) of its members, one each from Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland respectively.

(c) **Bishops' Nominees:** each of the twelve bishops shall nominate 1 (one) person, clerical or lay, from that bishop's diocese

(d) **Co-options:** 6 (six) co-opted annually on the basis of specialised interests, e.g. School/University Chaplains, specific programmes, communication skills, legal expertise etc., as the need arises

(e) **Youth Ministry Co-ordinator is *ex officio***

Terms of Appointment

(a) Members of the Central Board, who shall normally be members of the Church of Ireland, shall be appointed for three years.

(b) The Central Board shall hold a triennial election for the positions of Vice Chairperson, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer and any other officer positions which the Central Board may determine from time to time.

Executive

The Central Board shall elect an Executive Committee to oversee the implementation and management of decisions made by the *Central Board*.

The Executive Committee shall consist of the President (or chair of the *Central Board* if not the President (see 2(a) above)), the Vice-Chair of the *Central Board* (who shall chair the Executive Committee), Treasurer, and two representatives from Northern Ireland and two from the Republic of Ireland and the Youth Ministry Co-ordinator.

The Executive Committee shall elect from its membership a Secretary and shall meet at least five times a year.

Reporting

The Church of Ireland Youth Department shall report regularly to the General Synod.

General

(i) The Central Board may appoint sub committees as the need arises

(ii) Any casual vacancies occurring in any of the organisations of the Youth Department shall be filled as soon as practicable by the electing body;

(iii) Diocesan Youth officers who are not nominated members of the Central Board may be invited to make a contribution to meetings of the Central Board from time to time;

(iv) The Vice Chair acts also as the Line Manager of the Youth Officer;

(v) If the President of CIYD delegates responsibility to a Chairperson of the Central Board, the President may be considered as a regional representative of the Executive;

(vi) It is desirable that the Secretary of the Executive should also act as Secretary of the Central Board;

(vii) The Church of Ireland Youth Department was established on 1st September 1999 and took over responsibility for the Church of Ireland Youth Council on 1st January 2000.

**4. REV DA CATTERALL
MRS F STEWART-MAUNDER**

This Synod does not believe that it is able to engage in a practical way with Social Action in the Republic of Ireland.

**5. REV DR MJ ELLIOTT
VERY REV NK DUNNE**

1. That the report of the Covenant Council be received.
2. That the General Synod set in motion a process of reflection on and response to the Interim Statement on Interchangeability and Oversight appended to this report.
3. That the General Synod continue to encourage Church of Ireland congregations to celebrate the Covenant relationship with neighbouring Methodist congregations on or around September 26th each year.
4. That the following be appointed as the Church of Ireland members of the Covenant Council:

Rt Rev Harold Miller	Rev Canon Adrian Empey
Mr David Brown	Rev Canon Virginia Kennerley
Ms Elva Byrne	Mr Cyril McElhinney
Very Rev Nigel Dunne	Dr Andrew Pierce
Rev Dr Maurice Elliott	Rev Peter Thompson

**6. MR JMD COUCHMAN
REV CANON WD SINNAMON**

That this Synod support initiatives by the International Community that would lead towards a resolution of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, so that the people of the Palestinian Territories – Christian and Muslim - may live in freedom, and the siege conditions and intolerable restrictions placed upon them be lifted, so as to enable all people of Israel and the Occupied Palestinian Territories – Christian, Jew and Muslim – to live with dignity in security and peace.

**7. JOURNAL OF THE GENERAL SYNOD
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.