

The Church of Scotland
General Assembly
2018



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NOTES

1. The General Assembly stand
 - (a) When The Lord High Commissioner or the Moderator enters the Hall before the constitution of any Session;
 - (b) When Her Majesty's Commission to The Lord High Commissioner and Her Majesty's Letter to the General Assembly are read;
 - (c) When The Lord High Commissioner addresses the General Assembly, or the Moderator addresses The Lord High Commissioner; and
 - (d) When a distinguished visitor is brought into the Hall to address the General Assembly.
2. The General Assembly do not stand when The Lord High Commissioner retires from the Hall.

COMMISSIONERS' TRAVELLING EXPENSES AND SUBSISTENCE EXPENSES

GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2018

These are as listed on the Expenses Claim Form

Expense Claim Forms will be received in the New College Foyer on:
Friday 25 May – 10.00 am to 3.00 pm

or returned to the Principal Clerk's Office as soon as possible after the General Assembly

Voting Handsets and swipe cards may be returned to the Assembly Office or handed in with Expense Claim Forms as above

COMMITTEES

| Name of Committee | Place of Meeting | Time of Meeting |
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| Business Committee | Clerks' Desk | 19 May at close of morning session |

ROLL AND STANDING ORDERS

| ASSEMBLY OFFICE-BEARERS | | |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------|
| Title | Name | No |
| Moderator | Rt Rev Dr Derek Browning * | 843 |
| Moderator-Designate | Rev Susan Brown * | 844 |
| Chaplains | Rev James C Stewart * | 845 |
| | Rev Mary J Stobo * | 846 |
| Principal Clerk | Rev Dr George J Whyte † | 847 |
| Acting Depute Clerk | Ms Christine Paterson † | 848 |
| Procurator | Ms Laura Dunlop QC † | 849 |
| Law Agent | Miss Mary Macleod † | 850 |
| Precentor | Rev Dr Martin C Scott | 787 |
| Chief Steward | Mr Alexander F Gemmill | |
| Assembly Officer | Mr William Mearns † | |
| Assistant Assembly Officer | Mrs Karen McKay † | |
| BUSINESS COMMITTEE | | |
| Convener Nominate | Ms Judith J H Pearson † | 851 |
| Vice-Convener Nominate | Rev Fiona E Smith † | 852 |

* Communications should be delivered to the Moderator’s Room, not to boxes.

† Communications should be delivered to the Clerk’s Desk, not to boxes.

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ROLL OF COMMISSIONERS

1. Presbytery of Edinburgh

Minister

1. Rev Benjamin J A Abeledo, Edinburgh: Blackhall St Columba's
2. Rev Ian W Alexander, Secretary, World Mission Council
3. Very Rev Russell Barr DD, Edinburgh: Crammond
4. Rev David C Cameron, Edinburgh: Dalmeny l/w Queensferry
5. Rev Prof David A S Fergusson FRSE, University Lecturer, New College
6. Rev Carol H M Ford, Edinburgh: St Margaret's
7. Rev Dr Margaret R Forrester, (Edinburgh: St Michael's)
8. Rev Joanne G Foster, Edinburgh: Inverleith St Serf's
9. Rev Dr Richard E Frazer, Edinburgh: Greyfriars Kirk
10. Rev James J Griggs, Edinburgh: Corstorphine St Anne's
11. Very Rev James Harkness KCVO CB OBE DD, (Chaplain General)
12. Rev Jack Holt, Edinburgh: Polwarth
13. Rev Stuart D Irvin, Edinburgh: St Catherine's Argyle
14. Rev Alistair H Keil, Edinburgh: St Andrew's Clermiston
15. Rev Dr Thomas M Kisitu, Edinburgh: St Nicholas' Sighthill
16. Rev Ian A MacDonald, Edinburgh: Holy Trinity
17. Rev Cameron Mackenzie, Edinburgh: Tron Kirk (Gilmerton & Moredun)
18. Rev James G Mackenzie, (Jersey: St Columba's)
19. Rev Calum I Macleod, Edinburgh: High (St Giles')
20. Rev Michael J Mair, Edinburgh: St David's Broomhouse
21. Rev Angus R Mathieson, Acting Council Secretary, Mission & Discipleship Council
22. Rev Moira McDonald, Edinburgh: Corstorphine Old
23. Rev Marjory McPherson, Presbytery Clerk
24. Rev Mary B Morrison, (Edinburgh: Stenhouse St Aidan's)
25. Rev William R Taylor, Chaplaincy Adviser, Scottish Prison Service
26. Very Rev Prof Iain R Torrance Kt TD DD, Edinburgh: Slateford Longstone
27. Rev Ian J Wells, Edinburgh: Ratho
28. Rev Jenny Williams, Edinburgh: Drylaw

Elder

29. Mrs Muriel Armstrong, Edinburgh: Fairmilehead
30. Mr Philip P Barnes, Edinburgh: Greenbank
31. Miss Fiona E Beveridge, Edinburgh: Meadowbank
32. Mrs Margaret B P Bisset, Edinburgh: Ratho
33. Mr James R Byers, Edinburgh: Corstorphine St Ninian's
34. Dr Arthur Chapman, Edinburgh: St Andrew's & St George's West
35. Mrs Eleanor E Davidson, Albany Deaf Church
36. Mrs Audrey Downie, Edinburgh: Polwarth
37. Mr David Drummond, Edinburgh: Corstorphine Old
38. Mr John Endicott, Edinburgh: Broughton St Mary's
39. Mr Grant Gordon, Edinburgh: Currie
40. Mr Ian Graham, Edinburgh: Palmerston Place
41. Dr Hazel Hastie, Depute Presbytery Clerk
42. Mrs Caroline Kehoe, Edinburgh: Greenbank
43. Mrs Karen Keil, Edinburgh: St Andrew's Clermiston
44. Mrs Patricia V Kingston, Edinburgh: Gorgie Dalry Stenhouse
45. Mr Jack Macdonald, Edinburgh: Fairmilehead
46. Miss Patricia Macdonald, Edinburgh: Craiglockhart
47. Mr Roger Macklin, Edinburgh: Duddingston
48. Mr David MacLennan, Edinburgh: Gorgie Dalry Stenhouse

Roll of Commissioners

49. Mr Michael Merriman, Edinburgh:
Juniper Green
50. Mrs Norma Packham, Edinburgh: Liberton
Northfield
51. Mrs Anna Robertson, Edinburgh:
Corstorphine Craigsbank
52. Lindsay Sawyer, Edinburgh: St Giles'
53. Mrs Sheila Ward, Edinburgh: Slateford
Longstone
54. Mrs Alexandra Watson, Edinburgh:
Cramond
55. Mr Ross Wilkinson, Edinburgh: Inverleith
St Serf's
56. Miss Rachel Wright, Edinburgh:
Canongate

Deacon

57. Mrs Margaret Gordon DCS, (Edinburgh:
Currie)
58. Miss Anne Mulligan DCS, Hospital
Chaplain

2. Presbytery of West Lothian

Minister

59. Rev Sandra Black, Interim Minister,
Bathgate: High
60. Rev Dr Jonanda Groenewald, Polbeth
Harwood l/w West Kirk of Calder
61. Rev Derek R Henderson, Abercorn l/w
Pardovan, Kingscavil & Winchburgh
62. Rev W Richard Houston, Linlithgow:
St Ninian's Craigmalen
63. Rev Robert J Malloch, Breich Valley
64. Rev Duncan Shaw, Presbytery Clerk
65. Rev Julia C Wiley, Armadale

Elder

66. Mrs Patricia A Chapman, Linlithgow:
St Ninian's Craigmalen
67. Mrs Elizabeth M Dyer, West Kirk of
Calder
68. Mrs Helen W Macfarlane, Armadale
69. Mrs Lynne McEwen, Strathbrock
70. Mrs Mary M McKenzie, Breich Valley
71. Mr George Stott, West Kirk of Calder
72. Mr James Wilson, Bathgate: High

Deacon

73. Mr Gordon Pennykid DCS, Livingston: Old

3. Presbytery of Lothian

Minister

74. Very Rev John B Cairns KCVO DD LLD,
(Aberlady with Gullane)
75. Rev Andrew Don, OLM, Newton
76. Rev Neil J Dougall, North Berwick:
St Andrew Blackadder
77. Rev Tom J Gordon, (Chaplain, Marie Curie
Hospice, Edinburgh)
78. Rev Dr Robin E Hill, Gladsmuir l/w
Longniddry
79. Rev Alexander G Horsburgh, Dalkeith:
St Nicholas' Buccleuch
80. Rev Malcolm Lyon, Musselburgh:
St Michael's Inveresk
81. Rev Alison P McDonald, Musselburgh:
Northesk
82. Rev John C C Urquhart, Penicuik: St Mungo's
83. Rev John Vischer, Garvald & Morham l/w
Haddington: West
84. Rev Michael D Watson, Deputy Clerk
85. Rev Neil H Watson, Belhaven l/w Spott

Elder

86. Mrs Audrey Affleck, Traprain
87. Mr James F Couper, Longniddry
88. Mrs Margaret Hood, Dalkeith: St Nicholas'
Buccleuch
89. Miss Janet Johnston, Cockenzie & Port
Seton: Old
90. Mr Gordon MacDonald, Penicuik: St Mungo's
91. Mr John D McCulloch DL, Presbytery Clerk
92. Mrs Abigail Morrison, Longniddry
93. Mrs Helen M Napier, Athelstaneford
94. Mr Duncan A Nicholson, Spott
95. Mrs Margot Robertson, North Berwick:
St Andrew Blackadder
96. Mr Peter Strachan, Gladsmuir
97. Mrs Ena Wallace, Musselburgh:
St Michael's Inveresk

Deacon

98. Mrs Marilyn J Steele, Cockenzie & Port
Seton: Old

4. Presbytery of Melrose and Peebles

Minister

99. Very Rev A David K Arnott, (St Andrews:
Hope Park with Strathkinness)

- 100. Rev Rae A Clark, Channelkirk & Lauder
- 101. Rev Janice M Faris, Innerleithen, Traquair & Walkerburn
- 102. Rev Dr Leon Keller, Galashiels: Old & St Paul's l/w Galashiels: St John's
- 103. Very Rev Finlay A J Macdonald DD, (Principal Clerk)
- 104. Rev Julie M Rennick, Earlston

Elder

- 105. Mr James Borthwick, Innerleithen, Traquair & Walkerburn
- 106. Dr Daryl K Green, West Linton: St Andrew's
- 107. Mr John Mackay, Channelkirk & Lauder
- 108. Mr Peter Sandison, Galashiels: Old & St Paul's
- 109. Mr Mark Wands, Earlston
- 110. Mrs Susan M White, Ettrick & Yarrow

5. Presbytery of Duns

Minister

- 111. Rev David J Taverner, Coldstream & District Parishes l/w Eccles & Leitholm
- 112. Rev Norman R Whyte, Ayton & District Church

Elder

- 113. Mrs Margaret Dixon, Coldstream & District
- 114. Mrs Susan Patterson, Ayton & District

6. Presbytery of Jedburgh

Minister

- 115. Rev Charles J Finnie, Hawick: Burnfoot
- 116. Rev Lisa-Jane Rankin, Hawick: l/w Teviothead
- 117. Rev Alexander Young, Kelso: Old & Sprouston

Elder

- 118. Miss Helen Howden, Ruberslaw
- 119. Mr Robert Scott, Hawick: Trinity
- 120. Mrs Patricia Sutherland, Hawick: Teviot

7. Presbytery of Annandale and Eskdale

Minister

- 121. Rev Adam J Dillon, Presbytery Clerk

- 122. Rev Dr Frances M Henderson, Hoddam, Kirtle-Eaglesfield & Middlebie
- 123. Rev John G Pickles, Annan: St Andrew's l/w Brydekirk
- 124. Rev David G Pitkeathly, The Border Kirk

Elder

- 125. Mrs Mary Brown, Kirkpatrick Juxta
- 126. Mrs Liz Hudson, Annan: St Andrew's
- 127. Mr A John Moffat, Hoddam, Kirtle-Eaglesfield & Middlebie
- 128. Mr Daniel M Muir, Greta Old, Greta: St Andrew's & Kirkpatrick Fleming

Deacon

- 129. Mrs Angela Brydson DCS, Applegarth, Sibbaldbie & Johnstone l/w Lochmaben

8. Presbytery of Dumfries and Kirkcudbright

Minister

- 130. Rev Dr David S Bartholomew, Balmaclellan & Kells l/w Carsphairn l/w Dalry
- 131. Rev Dr Maurice S Bond, Dumfries: St Michael's & South
- 132. Rev Graham S Finch, (Cadder)
- 133. Rev Valerie J Ott, Gatehouse & Borgue l/w Tarff & Twynholm
- 134. Rev Gary J Peacock, Irongray, Lochrutton & Terregles
- 135. Rev Fiona A Wilson, Dalbeattie & Kirkgunzeon l/w Urr

Elder

- 136. Miss Edith Beeton, Dumfries: Maxwelltown West
- 137. Mr Colin Burnie, Castle Douglas
- 138. Miss Janet Byrom, Gatehouse & Borgue
- 139. Mrs Audrey Grieve, Balmaclellan & Kells
- 140. Mr Stewart McKean, Urr
- 141. Mrs Lilly K Stevenson, Dalbeattie & Kirkgunzeon

9. Presbytery of Wigtown and Stranraer

Minister

- 142. Rev Pamela A Bellis, Stranraer: High Kirk
- 143. Rev Joyce Harvey, Kirkinner l/w Mochrum l/w Sorbie

144. Rev Stephen Ogston, Luce Valley

Elder

145. Mrs Lesley Allen, Ervie Kirkcolm l/w
Leswalt

146. Mrs Louise McCandlish, Stranraer: High

147. Mr Samuel Scobie, Presbytery Clerk

10. Presbytery of Ayr

Minister

148. Rev Helen E Cuthbert, New Cumnock

149. Rev Kenneth C Elliott, Craigie l/w
Symington

150. Rev George R Fiddes, Prestwick:
St Nicholas'

151. Rev Abi T Ngunga, Ayr: Newton
Wallacetown

152. Rev John W Paterson, Ayr: Castlehill

153. Rev Derek Peat, Troon: St Meddan's

154. Rev David B Prentice-Hyers, Troon: Old

155. Rev Ian R Stirling, Fisherton l/w
Kirkoswald

156. Rev Alastair H Symington, (Troon: Old)
157.

Elder

158. Mrs Dorothy Ferguson, Troon:
St Meddan's

159. Miss Morag Ferrans, New Cumnock

160. Mr Neil A Inglis, Prestwick: South

161. Mr Gordon S Macdonald, Prestwick:
Kingcase

162. Miss Margaret W McIntosh, Prestwick:
St Nicholas'

163. Mr George Park, Ayr: St Columba

164. Mrs Margery G Paterson, Old Cumnock:
Old

165. Mrs Claire Pirrie, St Colmon

166. Mr Scott Riddex, Old Cumnock: Trinity

167. Mrs Christine Wilson: New Cumnock

11. Presbytery of Irvine and Kilmarnock

Minister

168. Rev H Taylor Brown, Presbytery Clerk

169. Rev David S Cameron, Kilmarnock: New
Lairg Kirk

170. Rev C Blair Gillon, (Glasgow: Ibrox)

171. Very Rev William C Hewitt,
(Presbytery Clerk)

172. Rev Kristina I Hine, Galston

173. Very Rev David W Lacy DLitt,
(Kilmarnock: Kay Park)

174. Rev George K Lind, (Stewarton:
St Columba's)

175. Rev T Edward Marshall, Crosshouse

176. Rev James McNaughtan, Kilmarnock:
St Andrew's & St Marnock's

177. Rev John A Urquhart, Kilmaurs: St Maur's
Glencairn

Elder

178. Dr Robin R Burnett, Irvine: Fullarton

179. Mr Jeffrey Davies, Kilmarnock: Kay Park

180. Mrs Janice Grant, Kilmarnock: New Lairg
Kirk

181. Mrs Elizabeth Highton, Darvel

182. Mrs Jane Johnston, Kilmarnock: St Johns
Onthank

183. Mrs Morag G Lindsay, Kilmarnock:
St Johns Onthank

184. Mrs Vanda McTaggart, Galston

185. Mr Peter Neish, Stewarton: St Columbas

186. Mrs Joyce Simm, Kilmarnock:
St Kentigern's

187.

Deacon

188. Mrs Barbara Urquhart DCS, Kilmarnock:
New Lairg Kirk

12. Presbytery of Ardrossan

Minister

189. Rev M Scott Cameron, Stevenston: High

190. Rev Jonathan Fleming, Cumbrae l/w
Largs: St Johns

191. Rev David Sutherland, Stevenston: Ardeer
l/w Stevenston: Livingstone

192. Rev T David Watson, Largs: Clark
Memorial

193. Rev Tanya Webster, Ardrossan Park

194. Rev Jeanette Whitecross, Kilwinning: Old

Elder

195. Mr Andrew Campbell, Kilwinning: Old

196. Ms Judith Howieson, Fairlie

197. Mrs Jean C Q Hunter, Presbytery Clerk

198. Mr Brian Murray, West Kilbride

199. Mrs Deirdre Murray, West Kilbride
200. Mrs Alison Page, Lamlash

Deacon

201. Mrs Isobel Beck DCS, Kilwinning: Old

13. Presbytery of Lanark

Minister

202. Rev Helen Jamieson, Carluke: St Andrew's
203. Rev Bryan Kerr, Presbytery Clerk
204. Rev Dr Nikki Macdonald, Upper Clyde
205. Rev Maudeen I MacDougall, Carnwath l/w
Carstairs
206. Rev Dr Elijah O Obinna, Carluke: St John's

Elder

207. Mr Ian Conn, Forth: St Paul's
208. Mr Ross Hyslop, Lanark: Greyfriars
209. Mrs Betty McLeod, Carnwath
210. Mr Glenn B Walker, Carluke: St John's
211. Mrs Pamela Watt, Carluke: St Andrew's

14. Presbytery of Greenock & Paisley

Minister

212. Rev Stuart Davidson, (Pioneer Minister:
Paisley North End)
213. Rev Karen E Harbison, Greenock:
Westburn
214. Very Rev E Lorna Hood OBE DD, (Renfrew:
North)
215. Rev Maureen Leitch, (Barrhead Bourock)
216. Rev Eileen Manson, Auxilary Minister,
Greenock: St Ninian's
217. Rev Ann C McCool, Johnstone: High
218. Rev Dr Peter McEnhill, Presbytery Clerk
219. Rev Francis E Murphy, Greenock: East End
l/w Greenock: Mount Kirk
220. Rev Teri Peterson, Gourock: St John's
221. Rev Yvonne Smith, Bishopston
222. Rev Alan K Sorensen, Greenock: Wellpark
Mid Kirk
223. Rev Archie Speirs, Inverkip l/w Skelmorlie
& Wemyss Bay
224. Rev Philip Wallace, Renfrew: North
225.

Elder

226. Mr James Bain, Renfrew: North
227. Mrs Agnes Brown, Barrhead: Bourock

228. Miss Helen Bryers, Renfrew: Trinity
229. Mrs Anne Considine, Neilston
230. Mr William Dougan, Howwood
231. Miss Julie Ferguson, Port Glasgow:
St Martin's
232. Ms Jean Lindsay, Paisley: Lylesland
233. Mr Tom Macdougall, Greenock:
St Margaret's
234. Mrs Dianne Mathieson, Johnstone: High
235. Mr John Melrose, Houston & Killellan
236. Mr David Rourke, Inverkip
237. Mr Ian Russell, Paisley: Stow Brae
238. Mrs Margaret Sharp, Paisley: Abbey
239. Mrs Aileen Steel, Paisley: St Columba
Foxbar

16. Presbytery of Glasgow

Minister

240. Rev Dr S Grant Barclay, Giffnock:
Orchardhill
241. Rev Catherine J Beattie, Giffnock: South
242. Rev George S Cowie, Presbytery Clerk
243. Rev Stuart J Crawford, Newton Mearns
244. Rev Dr Valerie J Duff, Glasgow: Shawlands
Trinity
245. Rev Morris M Dutch, (Costa Del Sol)
246. Rev G Gray Fletcher, Glasgow:
Carmunnock
247. Rev Sally Foster-Fulton, Head of Christian
Aid Scotland
248. Rev R Stuart M Fulton, Glasgow:
Newlands South
249. Rev James Gemmell, Bishopbriggs:
Kenmure
250. Rev David P Hood, Glasgow: Merrylea
251. Rev Dr H Martin J Johnstone, Church &
Society Council
252. Rev Stuart Love, Glasgow: Clincarthill
253. Very Rev David W Lunan DD, (Presbytery
Clerk)
254. Rev George C Mackay, Glasgow: Broomhill
Hyndland
255. Rev Alasdair R MacMillan, Glasgow:
Cathcart Trinity
256. Rev Mark Malcolm, Chryston
257. Rev Daniel Manastireanu, Glasgow:
St Paul's

Roll of Commissioners

258. Rev Stuart C Matthews, Glasgow: Maryhill
259. Rev Dr Alistair S May, Rutherglen:
Stonelaw
260. Rev Ian M S McInnes, Glasgow:
Dennistoun New
261. Rev James A McIntyre, Glasgow: Partick
South
262. Rev Mark McKeown, Chryston
263. Rev David N McLachlan, Glasgow:
Langside
264. Rev Catherine H McLaughlin, OLM,
Glasgow: Kelvinbride
265. Rev Alan McWilliam, Glasgow: Whiteinch
266. Rev Monica Michelin-Salomon, Glasgow:
Causeway (Tollcross)
267. Rev Muriel B Pearson, Glasgow: Cranhill
268. Rev W Louis T Reddick, Glasgow:
Shettleston New
269. Rev Jeanne N Roddick, Greenbank
270. Rev Dr Joan Ross, Glasgow: Carntyne
271. Rev Aquila R Singh, Fernhill & Cathkin
272. Rev Jim R Teasdale, Glasgow: Eastwood
273. Rev Allan S Vint, Kilsyth: Anderson
274. Rev C Peter White, (Glasgow: Sandyford
Henderson Memorial)
275. Rev Dr Philip Wright, Kirkintilloch:
St Columba's
- Elder**
276. Ms Margaret Alexander, Glasgow: Cranhill
277. Mr Graeme D I Barrie, Glasgow:
Easterhouse
278. Mr Robert Belmore, Glasgow: Balshagray
Victoria Park
279. Mr Ralph P Boettcher, Glasgow: Merrylea
280. Mr John Boyle, Glasgow: Broomhill
Hyndland
281. Mrs Christina L Brownlie, Glasgow:
Cardonald
282. Dr Alastair K Denholm, Glasgow:
Williamwood
283. Mrs Margaret K Dundas, Cadder
284. Mrs Marion Dunn, Glasgow: Tron St
Mary's
285.
286. Ms Rebecca Gebauer, Glasgow:
Wellington
287. Mr Thomas J Griffiths, Glasgow: Temple
Anniesland
288. Mr Scott P Hamilton, Cambuslang
289. Ms Una Heaney, Sherbrooke: Mosspark
290. Mr Leslie Hooper, Glasgow: Shettleston
New
291. Mr John Jamieson, Glasgow: Trinity Possil
& Henry Drummond
292. Mr George J Kelly, Campsie
293. Mr J David Liddell, Williamwood
294. Mr John K Macaldowie, Jordanhill
295. Mr Robert Macdonald, Glasgow: Yoker
296. Mr Gordon Macfarlane, Clincarthill
297. Mr Donald H Matheson, Croftfoot
298. Mrs Fiona Matheson, Glasgow: Croftfoot
299. Mr Patrick May, Burnside Blairbeth
300. Mr Donald McCorquodale, Broom
301. Mrs Isabel McDerment, Glasgow:
Scotstoun
302. Mr William M McMurtrie, Giffnock:
Orchardhill
303. Miss Maureen McNabb, Glasgow: Cardonald
304. Mr Ian Norie, Busby
305. Mr John Thomson, Blawarthill
306. Mrs Elizabeth Walker, Glasgow:
Anderston Kelvingrove
307. Mrs Karen Wallace, Kirkintilloch:
St David's Memorial Park
308. Miss Susan Waller, Glasgow: Causeway
(Tollcross)
309. Mr Barry Watson, Glasgow: Castlemilk
310. Mr Stewart West, Glasgow: Barlanark
Greyfriars
311. Mr Andrew Wilkin, Kirkintilloch: St David's
Memorial Park
- Deacon**
312. Mrs Marion Buchanan, Glasgow:
Garthamlock & Craigend East
313. Mr J Paul Cathcart, Glasgow: Castlemilk
853. Mr James E Hamilton DCS, Glasgow:
Maryhill
314. Ms Joanna Love DCS, Iona Community:
Wild Goose Resource Group
- 17. Presbytery of Hamilton**
- Minister**
315. Rev I Ross Blackman, Hamilton: Old

316. Rev Leslie N Brunger, Uddingston:
Burnhead
317. Rev Dr W John Carswell, Hamilton:
Cadzow
318. Rev Joanne C Hood, Hamilton: St John's
319. Rev Derek W Hughes, Motherwell: Dalziel
St Andrew's
320. Rev Caryl A E Kyle, Holytown l/w New
Stevenson: Wrangholm Kirk
321. Rev Lorna I MacDougall, Overtown
322. Rev Dr Gordon A McCracken, Presbytery
Clerk
323. Rev Terence C Moran, Wishaw: South
324. Rev Gordon R Palmer, East Kilbride:
Claremont
325. Rev Graham Raeburn, Newmains: Bonkle
l/w Newmains: Coltness Memorial
326. Rev Ecilo Selemani, Coatbridge: Townhead
327. Rev Terry A Taylor, East Kilbride: South
328. Rev S Lindsay A Turnbull, Hamilton: Trinity
329. Rev Douglas W Wallace, East Kilbride:
Stewartfield
330. Very Rev Dr Hugh R Wyllie,
(Hamilton: Old)

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Elder

333. Mr David S Alexander, Uddingston:
Viewpark
334. Mrs Aileen Barrie, Airdrie: Cairnlea
335. Ms Joy Codona, Airdrie: Clarkston
336. Mrs Lynne Eland, East Kilbride: Mossneuk
337. Ms Jean Giggie, Overtown
338. Mrs Jean Hardie, Hamilton: Trinity
339. Mr Angus McConnell JP, East Kilbride: Old
340. Ms Marion McElroy, Airdrie: St Columba's
341. Mr Stuart W McGowan, Wishaw:
St Mark's
342. Mrs Irene Murray, Newarthill & Carfin
343. Mrs Linda Murray, Airdrie: New Monkland
344. Mr Douglas Pearson, Uddingston:
Burnhead
345. Mrs Janet Rankin, New Stevenson:
Wrangholm
346. Mr James Reid, Larkhall: St Machan's
347. Mr Ian Rice, Larkhall: Trinity

348. Mr George Robertson, Hamilton: Old
349. Mrs Beverley Stevenson, Coatbridge:
Calder
350. Mrs Sheena Walker, Greengairs

Deacon

351. Ms Agnes Tait DCS, East Kilbride:
Greenhills

18. Presbytery of Dumbarton

Minister

352. Rev Fergus C Buchanan, Baldernock l/w
Milngavie: St Paul's
353. Very Rev John C Christie, (Interim
Minister)
354. Rev Colin I W Johnson, Dumbarton:
Riverside l/w Dumbarton; West Kirk
355. Rev Ramsay B Shields, Milngavie: St Luke's
356. Rev Graeme R Wilson, Bearsden: Cross
357. Rev Margaret J B Yule, Clydebank: Kilbowie
St Andrew's l/w Clydebank: Radnor Park
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Elder

360. Mrs Christine Cavanagh, Bearsden:
Killermont
361. Mrs Moira Lamont, Inverkeithing
362. Mr John C McMurtrie, Craigrownie
363. Mr Jim Morris, Old Kilpatrick Bowling
364. Miss Sheila Rennie, Dumbarton: Riverside
365. Dr Grace Rogerson, Milngavie: St Paul's
366. Mrs Elma Stewart, Clydebank: Radnor
Park
367. Mrs Mary Sweetland, Alexandria

19. Presbytery of Argyll

Minister

368. Rev Dr Roderick D Campbell, West
Lochfyneside
369. Rev David Carruthers, Ardrishaig l/w
South Knapdale
370. Rev Jenny Earl, Iona l/w Kilfinichen,
Kilvickeon & the Ross of Mull
371. Rev Ruth I Griffiths, Auxiliary Minister,
South-East Council
372. Rev Catriona A Hood, Ministries
Coordinator, South Argyll

- 373. Rev David Mitchell, Kilfinan l/w Kilmodan & Colintraive l/w Kyles
- 374. Rev Lindsay Schluter, Barra l/w South Uist
- 375. Rev Hilda C Smith, Lochgilphead
- 376.

Elder

- 377. Mr Archibald M Cook, Campbeltown: Highland
- 378. Mrs Doreen Henderson, Kilmore & Oban
- 379. Mr Calum Kennedy, Dunoon: High Kirk
- 380. Mr Michael G Kidd, Muckairn
- 381. Miss Maureen M Mackinnon, North & West Islay
- 382. Mr Douglas McHugh, Strachur & Strathlachlan
- 383. Mrs Fiona Shaw, United Church of Bute
- 384. Mr W Stewart Shaw, United Church of Bute
- 385. Mrs Dorothy M Wallace, Kilmun, Strone & Ardentinny

22. Presbytery of Falkirk

Minister

- 386. Rev Robert S T Allan, Falkirk Trinity
- 387. Very Rev Albert O Bogle, Pioneer Ministry with Sanctuary First
- 388. Rev Melville D Crosthwaite, Larbert: East
- 389. Rev Dr Jean Gallacher, Dunipace
- 390. Rev Aftab Gohar, Grangemouth: Abbotsgrange
- 391. Rev Joyce A Keyes, Cumbernauld: Abrohill
- 392. Rev Alison A Meikle, Grangemouth: Zetland
- 393. Rev Andrew J Moore, Bothkennar & Carronshore
- 394. Rev James F Todd, Airth
- 395. Rev D I Kipchumba Too, Denny: Westpark
- 396. Rev David Wandrum, Denny: Westpark
- 397. Rev Ian Wilkie, Falkirk: Grahamston United

Elder

- 398. Mr George G Barrowman, Falkirk: Denny
- 399. Mr Alastair Blackstock, Falkirk: Camelon
- 400. Mrs Charlene Condeco, Slamannan
- 401. Mrs Hilda Dunn, Cumbernauld: Kildrum

- 402. Mr Alan Everingham, Bothkennar & Carronshore
- 403. Mr James B Irvine, Falkirk: Bainsford
- 404. Mrs Elizabeth Lawson, Airth
- 405. Dr Stuart McDonald, Moderator, Falkirk Presbytery
- 406. Mrs Catherine C Moore, Blackbraes & Shieldhill
- 407. Mrs Eleanor Neilson, Grangemouth: Kirk of the Holy Rood
- 408. Mr Thomas Rintoul, Bonnybridge: St Helen's
- 409. Mr Eric C Smith, Brightons

Deacon

- 410. Mr David Nicholson DCS, Cumbernauld: Kildrum

23. Presbytery of Stirling

Minister

- 411. Rev Gary J Caldwell, Dunblane: St Blane's l/w Lecropt
- 412. Rev Dr Janet P Foggie, Pioneer Minister, Stirling University
- 413. Rev A Ray C Gaston, (Leuchars: St Athernase)
- 414. Rev Alexander J Macpherson, Buchanan l/w Drymen
- 415. Rev Gary J McIntyre, Stirling: St Ninian's Old
- 416. Rev James N R McNeil, Alva
- 417. Rev Alex M Millar, Stirling: St Columba's
- 418. Rev Jennifer M Millar, Teacher, Religious & Moral Education
- 419. Rev Alan F Miller, Presbytery Clerk
- 420. Rev Anne F Shearer, Logie
- 421. Rev Margaret Shuttleworth, Sauchie & Coalsnaughton

Elder

- 422. Mrs Margaret Baxter, Bannockburn: Allan
- 423. Dr Lesley Dawson, Alva
- 424. Mrs Janette Elliott, Bannockburn: Allan
- 425. Mr Daniel Gunn, Dunblane: St Blane's
- 426. Mrs Joan Kerr, Lecropt
- 427. Mr Ian McVean, Balfron
- 428. Mr Jim Millar, Clackmannan
- 429. Dr Peter Murdoch, Stirling: St Columba's
- 430. Mrs Jennifer O'Keefe, Drymen

431. Mrs Margaret Sibbald, Stirling: St Ninian's
432. Mr Eric Smith, Sauchie & Coalsnaughton

Deacon

433. Mrs Jean T Porter DCS, Stirling: St Mark's

24. Presbytery of Dunfermline

Minister

434. Rev Colin M Alston, Inverkeithing l/w
North Queensferry
435. Very Rev John P Chalmers DD, (Principal
Clerk)
436. Rev Carolann Erskine, Dunfermline:
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437. Rev Norman M Grant, Cairneyhill l/w
Limekilns
438. Very Rev Andrew R C McLellan CBE DD,
(HM Inspector of Prisons)
439. Rev Christine Sime, Dalgety
440. Rev Hugh D Steele, Kelty
441. Rev Dr Ian G Thom, Dunfermline: North

Elder

442. Mrs Faye Buchan, Dunfermline: St Ninian's
443. Mrs Margaret Dow, Kelty
444. Mrs Veronica Forrest, Kelty
445. Mrs Alison Hay, Cairneyhill l/w Limekilns
446. Mr Kenneth Logan, Dunfermline: North
447. Mrs Isobel MacFarlane, Dalgety
448. Mr Derek Peters, Cairneyhill
449. Miss Morag K R Wilkinson, Inverkeithing

Deacon

450. Miss Morag Crawford DCS, Rosyth

25. Presbytery of Kirkcaldy

Minister

451. Rev J Kenneth Froude, Kirkcaldy: St Bryce
452. Rev Donald Lawrie, Auchterderran
Kinglassie
453. Rev Robin J McAlpine, Kirkcaldy: Bennochly
454. Rev Eileen Miller, Glenrothes:
St Margaret's
455. Rev Catriona M Morrison, Auchtertool l/w
Linktown
456. Rev Allan Morton, Kennoway, Windygates
& Balgonie: St Kenneth's

Elder

457. Mrs Rosemary A Campbell, Kirkcaldy:
Templehall

458. Mr Finlay Ferguson, Auchterderran
Kinglassie

459. Mr Douglas Hamill, Kirkcaldy: Linktown
460. Mr Stuart Lynch, Kirkcaldy: Pathhead
461. Mrs Kathryn Mackie, Dysart: St Clair
462. Mrs May Russell, Methilhill & Denbeath

26. Presbytery of St Andrews

Minister

463. Rev Jane L Barron, (Aberdeen: St Machar's
Cathedral)
464. Rev Graeme W Beebee, Camerson l/w St
Andrews: St Leonard's
465. Rev James W Campbell, Ceres, Kemback &
Springfield
466. Rev Amos Chewachong, Newport-on-Tay
467. Rev John C Duncan, Leuchars:
St Athernase
468. Rev Brian H Oxburgh, Tayport
469.

Elder

470. Mrs Dulcie Graham, Cupar: St John's &
Daisie United
471. Mr William Imlay, Newport-on-Tay
472. Mr George McIntosh, St Andrews:
St Leonard's
473. Ms Catriona Shepherd, Crail
474. Mr David Simpson, St Ayle
475. Mr Simon C Weller, Ceres, Kemback &
Springfield
476. Mrs Catherine Wilson, St Ayle

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Minister

477. Rev Michael J Erskine, Alyth
478. Rev Neil M Glover, Aberfeldy l/w Dull &
Weem l/w Grantully, Logierait & Strathtay
479. Rev Mary M Haddow, Pitlochry
480. Rev Harry Mowbray, Blairgowrie

Elder

481. Mr Derek Colley, Alyth
482. Mrs Margaret Conroy, Blairgowrie
483. Dr David Frame, Pitlochry
484. Mr John Wright, Dull & Weem

28. Presbytery of Perth

Minister

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 488. Rev John Macgregor, Errol
 489. Rev Graham McWilliams, Comrie l/w Dundurn
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 492. Rev Mairi Perkins, Ardoch l/w Blackford
 493. Rev David R Rankin, Perth: Riverside
 494. Very Rev James A Simpson DD, (Dornoch: Cathedral)
 495. Rev Allan J Wilson, Dunbarney & Forgandenny

Elder

496. Mr Kenith Barclay, Perth: Letham St Mark's
 497. Mrs Sally Bonnar, Perth: North
 498. Mr Neil Bremner, Fowlis Wester
 499. Mr William S H Folan, Dunbarney & Forgandenny
 500. Mr John Laing, Fowlis, Wester, Madderty & Monzie
 501. Mr Bayne A P Shaw, Crieff
 502. Mrs Susan E Warren, Errol
 503. Dr Dorothy A Weaks OBE, Perth: North
 504. Mrs Karin Wilson, Errol & Kilspindie
 505.
 506.

Deacon

507. Mrs Catherine Wallace DCS, Presbytery Deacon

29. Presbytery of Dundee

Minister

508. Rev Robert A Calvert, Dundee: Steeple
 509. Rev Johannes J De Villiers, Auchterhouse l/w Monikie & Newbigging & Murroes & Tealing
 510. Rev Robert Mallinson, Dundee: Menzieshill

511. Rev William McLaren, Dundee: Stobswell
 512. Rev R Gordon Reid, (Falkirk: Carriden)
 513. Rev Fiona J Reynolds, Monifieth
 514. Rev George K Robson, (Dundee: Balgay)
 515. Rev C Graham D Taylor, Dundee: Broughty Ferry St Luke's & Queen Street

Elder

516. Mr Andrew Barr, Auchterhouse
 517. Mr James T Colville, Dundee: Broughty Ferry New Kirk
 518. Mrs Frances Dent, Dundee: Logie & St John's Cross
 519. Miss Yvonne M Grant, Dundee: Coldside
 520. Mrs Menna Jefferies, Inchtute & Kinnaird
 521. Mr Alan Philip, Dundee: Barnhill & St Margaret's
 522. Mr John R Underwood, Dundee: Menzieshill
 523. Mr Colin D Wilson, Dundee: St David's High Kirk

30. Presbytery of Angus

Minister

524. Rev Brian Dingwall, Arbirlot: l/w Carmyllie
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 526. Rev Michael S Goss, Barry l/w Carnoustie
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 529. Rev Geoffrey Redmayne, Montrose: South & Ferryden
 530. Rev Linda Stevens, Team Minister, West Angus Area Ministry

Elder

531. Mr Alexander W Beedie, Arbroath: Knox's
 532. Mrs Dorothy Booth, Carnoustie: Panbride
 533. Mr Allan Duncan, Montrose: South & Ferryden
 534. Mrs Elizabeth Kidd, Brechin: Gardner Memorial
 535. Miss Evelyn McPhee, Forfar: St Margaret's
 536. Mrs Catherine Ross, Eassie, Nevay & Newtyle
 537. Mrs Anne L Shand, Brechin: Cathedral

31. Presbytery of Aberdeen

Minister

538. Rev Dr Benjamin D W Byun, Aberdeen: Ruthrieston West
539. Rev Duncan C Eddie, Aberdeen: Holburn West
540. Rev Dr John A Ferguson, Peterculter
541. Rev Louis Kinsey, Aberdeen: St Columba's Bridge of Don
542. Rev Sarah E C Nicol, Aberdeen: Bridge of Don Oldmachar
543. Rev Dr Nigel Parker, Bucksburn Stoneywood
544. Rev Michael Phillippo, Auxilliary Minister, Aberdeen: St George's
545. Rev G Hutton B Steel, Aberdeen: High Hilton
546. Rev David J Stewart, Aberdeen: Bridge of Don Oldmachar
547.
548.

Elder

549. Mrs Jane E Dargie, Craigiebuckler
550. Mrs Catriona Freeman, Aberdeen: Holburn West
551. Mrs Lorna Graham, Kingswells
552. Miss Alice Merrilees, Aberdeen: Kirk of St Nicholas Uniting
553. Mr Donald L Muir, Peterculter
554. Mrs Mary S Notman, Aberdeen: Ferryhill
555. Dr James A Repper, Aberdeen: Midstocket
556. Mrs Hilda O Smith, Aberdeen: Garthdee
557. Mrs Lesley K Steel, Aberdeen: High Hilton
558. Mr Malcolm A Steel, Aberdeen: St Mark's Parish Church
559. Mr David J Wyness, Aberdeen: St Nicholas South of Kincorth

Deacon

560. Mrs Dorothy Getliffe DCS, Aberdeen: Mannofield

32. Presbytery of Kincardine and Deeside

Minister

561. Rev Jean A Boyd, Drumoak-Durris
562. Rev Hugh Conkey, Presbytery Clerk
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Crathie

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Elder

566. Mr Gordon Edgar, Stonehaven South
567. Mr Mike Jamieson, Banchory-Ternan: East
568. Mr John McCafferty, Maryculter Trinity
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570. Mr Michael Scott, Banchory-Ternan: West

33. Presbytery of Gordon

Minister

571. Rev Alastair J Bruce, Ellon
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577. Rev Alison I Swindells, Barthol Chapel l/w Tarves

Elder

578. Miss Ann Brown, Kemnay
579. Mr Marc Falconer, Inverurie: West
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582. Mrs Yvonne Reid, Foveran
583. Mr Allan Ritchie, Belhelvie
584.

Deacon

585. Miss Marion G Stewart DCS, Skene

34. Presbytery of Buchan

Minister

586. Rev Robert A Fowlie, Longside
587. Rev Kevin R Gruer, Turriff: St Ninian's & Forglan
588. Rev Sheila M Kirk, Presbytery Clerk
589. Rev Stephen J Potts, Auchaber United l/w Auchterless
590. Rev Dr David S Ross, (Prison Chaplain)
591. Rev Paul Van Sittart, Army Chaplain

592. Rev Willem M Verster, Ordiquhill & Cornhill l/w Whitehills

Elder

593. Mrs Audrey Clark, Fyvie
594. Mrs Maureen H Esson, Cruden
595. Mr Robert M Esson, Cruden
596. Miss Ruth Mackenzie, Peterhead: New
597. Ms Ali MacLeod, Deer
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599.

35. Presbytery of Moray

Minister

600. Rev Jennifer M Adams, Duffus, Spynie & Hopeman
601. Rev Alexander Buchan, (North Ronaldsay with Sanday)
602. Rev Isabel C Buchan, Buckie: North l/w Rathven
603. Rev Stuart M Duff, Birnie & Pluscarden l/w Elgin: High
604. Rev Alastair H Gray, Keith: North, Newmill, Boharm & Rothiemay
605. Rev Geoffrey D McKee, Lossiemouth: St James'

Elder

606. Mrs Ann M C Bowie, Bellie & Speymouth
607. Mrs Sheila A Brumby, Rothies
608. Mr Alastair Rossetter, St Andrew's-Lhanbryd & Urquhart
609. Mrs Jane Rossetter, St Andrew's-Lhanbryd & Urquhart
610. Mrs Janet S Whyte, Bellie & Speymouth
611.

36. Presbytery of Abernethy

Minister

612. Rev Alison H Burnside, Kingussie
613. Rev Donald K Walker, Abernethy l/w Boat of Garten, Carrbridge & Kincardine

Elder

614. Mr Mark Duncan, Rothiemurchus & Aviemore
615. Mrs Jean C Munro, Kingussie

37. Presbytery of Inverness

Minister

616. Rev Robert Cleland, Ardersier l/w Petty
617. Rev Trevor G Hunt, Presbytery Clerk
618. Rev Ian A Manson, Kilmorack & Erchless
619. Rev David S Scott, Inverness Inshes
620.
621.
622.

Elder

623. Mr Arnett D Cook, Inverness Dalneigh & Bona
624. Mr Iain Macdonald, (Inverness East)
625. Mr Michael A Ronaldson, Inverness: Trinity
626.
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628.
629.

Deacon

630. Mr John Craw DCS, (Parish of Latheron)

38. Presbytery of Lochaber

Minister

631. Rev Anthony Jones, Fort Augustus l/w Glengarry
632. Rev Donald G B McCorkindale, Presbytery Clerk
633. Rev Sandy C Stoddart, Duror l/w Glencoe

Elder

634. Mrs Catherine Fraser, Fort Augustus
635. Mrs Ella Gill, Acharacle
636. Mrs Claudia Nicholson, Strontian

39. Presbytery of Ross

Minister

637. Rev James Bissett, OLM, Fodderty & Strathpeffer
638. Rev Terrence Burns, Cromarty l/w Resolis & Urquhart
639. Rev Heidi Hercus, Lochbroom & Ullapool
640. Rev Donald A MacSween, Kiltearn
641. Very Rev Alan D McDonald DLitt DD, (Cameron with St Andrews: St Leonard's)
642. Rev Dr Robert Pickles, Fearn Abbey & Nigg l/w Tarbat

Elder

- 643. Mrs Sandra Allan, Fodderty & Strathpeffer
- 644. Mrs Catherine Chambers, Presbytery Clerk
- 645. Mrs Pamela Eddington, Lochbroom & Ullapool
- 646. Mr Andrew Murdoch, Resolis & Urquhart
- 647. Mr Stuart Tickner, Cromarty
- 648. Mr David Underhill, Kiltearn

40. Presbytery of Sutherland

Minister

- 649. Rev Andrea M Boyes, Durness & Kinlochbervie
- 650. Rev Hilary M Gardner, Lairg & Rogart
- 651. Rev Ian W McCree, Presbytery Clerk

Elder

- 652. Mrs Irene Chisholm, Creich
- 653. Mrs Gladys McCulloch, Rosehall
- 654. Mr Donald McLeod, Durness & Kinlochbervie

41. Presbytery of Caithness

Minister

- 655. Rev David J B Macartney, North Coast Parish
- 656. Rev David S M Malcolm, Thurso: St Peter's & St Andrew's
- 657. Rev John Nugent, Wick: St Fergus

Elder

- 658. Mrs Elizabeth Geddes, Pentland Parish
- 659. Mrs Catherine Mappin, Wick: St Fergus
- 660. Mr Gordon McLaren, Thurso: St Peter's & St Andrew's

42. Presbytery of Lochcarron-Skye

Minister

- 661. Rev Dr Rory A R MacLeod, Strath & Sleat
- 662. Rev Anita Stutter, Applecross, Lochcarron & Torridon
- 663.

Elder

- 664. Mrs Anne MacAskill, Bracadale & Duirinish
- 665. Dr Helen V A Stewart, Applecross, Lochcarron & Torridon
- 666. Mrs Nicola Thomson, Strath & Sleat

43. Presbytery of Uist

Minister

- 667. Rev Alen McCulloch, Berneray & Lochmaddy l/w Kilmuir and Paible

Elder

- 668. Mr Kenneth Maclean, Berneray & Lochmaddy

44. Presbytery of Lewis

Minister

- 669. Rev Dr Ben Johnstone, (Strath and Sleat)
- 670. Rev John M Nicolson, Assistant Minister, Stornoway: Martin's Memorial
- 671. Rev Thimlapura K Shadakshari, Healthcare Chaplain

Elder

- 672. Mr John Cunningham, Presbytery Clerk
- 673. Mr Calum Graham, Knock
- 674. Mr Donald Smith, Barvas

45. Presbytery of Orkney

Minister

- 675. Rev John A Butterfield, Stromness
- 676. Rev Wilma A Johnston, East Mainland
- 677. Rev Iain D MacDonald, Papa Westray l/w Westray
- 678. Rev G Fraser H Macnaughton, Kirkwall: St Magnus Cathedral

Elder

- 679. Mrs Sally Barthaviak, Stromness
- 680. Mrs Liz McVicar, Papa Westray l/w Westray
- 681.
- 682.

46. Presbytery of Shetland

Minister

- 683. Rev Irene A Charlton, Dunrossness l/w Sandwick Cunningsburgh & Quarff
- 684. Rev David B Dobby, Sandsting & Aithsting l/w Walls & Sandness

Elder

- 685. Mr Andrew J Williamson, Whalsay & Skerries

686. Mr Creighton J Williamson, Aithsting & Sandsting

47. Presbytery of England

Minister

687. Rev Dr David G Coulter, Chaplain General, HM Land Forces
688. Rev Alistair Cumming, Presbytery Clerk
689. Rev Dr Cameron Langlands, NHS Chaplain
690. Rev Kleber Machado, Corby: St Ninian's
691. Rev C Angus Macleod, London: St Columba's
692. Rev Philip J Majcher, London: Crown Court
693. Very Rev John H McIndoe DD, (London: St Columba's)
694. Rev John McMahon, NHS Chaplain

Elder

695. Dr Alan Boyle, Guernsey: St Andrew's in the Grange
696. Dr Hilary Boyle, Guernsey: St Andrew's in the Grange
697. Mr George D Fergusson, London: Crown Court
698. Miss Elizabeth Fox, London: St Columba's
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700. Mr Ian Russell, London: St Columba's
701. Mrs Rosa Somerville, London: St Columba's
702. Mr Alan Wright, London: Newcastle: St Andrew's

48. Presbytery of International Charges

Minister

703. Rev Alistair G Bennett, Bermuda: Christ Church, Warwick
704. Rev Kim Hurst, Malta St Andrew's Scots Church
705. Rev Ewen Maclean, Gibraltar: St Andrew's
706. Rev Ian J M McDonald, Lausanne: The Scots Kirk
707. Rev Lance B Stone, Amsterdam: English Reformed Church

Elder

708. Mr John Barnett, Bermuda: Christ Church, Warwick
709. Mr David Lloyd, Brussels: St Andrew's
710. Mrs Sylvia McKillop, Lausanne: Scots Kirk
711. Mrs Christa D Wiegand, Malta St Andrew's Scots Church
712. Mrs Ingrid Zimmerman-Sorensen, Amsterdam: English Reformed Church

49. Presbytery of Jerusalem

Minister

713.

Elder

714. Mrs Mary Musallam, Jerusalem: St Andrew's Memorial

DELEGATES FROM OTHER CHURCHES

UNITED KINGDOM

The Presbyterian Church of Wales

715. Rev Brian Jones, Moderator

The United Reformed Church

716. Mr Alan Yates, Moderator

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717. Rev Fiona Bennett, Minister,
Augustine United

The Baptist Union of Scotland

718. Rev Frances Bloomfield, Convener

The Church of England

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St Matthew's Preston

The Methodist Church in Scotland

720. Mr Doug Swanney, Connexional
Secretary

Religious Society of Friends – General Meeting for Scotland

721. Dr Huw Lloyd-Richards

The Roman Catholic Church Bishops' Conference of Scotland

722. The Most Rev Leo William Cushley,
Archbishop and Metropolitan of St
Andrews & Edinburgh

723. Rt Rev Mgr Philip Kerr, Vice-President of
the Office of Ecumenism

The Salvation Army

724. Major Steven Turner, Assistant to the
Secretary for Scotland

The Scottish Episcopal Church

725. The Rt Rev Dr John Armes, Bishop of
Edinburgh

The United Free Church of Scotland

726. Rev Ian Boa, Moderator

The Congregational Federation in Scotland

727. Rev Ruairidh MacRae, Minister,
Eyemouth United Congregational
Church

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729. Mrs Christine Elliott, Director of
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Synod of Livingstonia, CCAP, Malawi

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Presbyterian Church of Nigeria

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740. Mr Jayant Agrawal

Church of South India

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743. Rev Dr Lee Jae Cheon

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744. Rev Kien Seng Lee

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We pray that God may guide the Spirit in your General Assembly.

ASIA

The United Mission to Nepal

May the grace of God be upon your Assembly.

Trinity Theological College Singapore

We thank the Church of Scotland for the longstanding partnership and wish God's blessings upon your 2018 General Assembly.

EUROPE

Evangelical Lutheran Church in Denmark

PACIFIC

Uniting Church in Australia

Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love” (Ephesians 4:2)

APOLOGIES RECEIVED FROM THE FOLLOWING CHURCHES

AFRICA

Igreja Evangelica de Cristo em Mocambique

AMERICAS

Presbyterian Church in Canada

AIPRAL, Uruguay

Mesa Valdense, Uruguay

ASIA

Church of Bangladesh

Church of Pakistan

Trinity Theological College, Singapore

CARRIBEAN

Presbyterian Reformed Church in Cuba

The United Church in Jamaica and the

Cayman Islands

EUROPE

United Protestant Church in Belgium

Evangelical Lutheran Church in Denmark

MIDDLE EAST

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Middle East Council of Churches

Near East School of Theology

PACIFIC

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Church of Scotland Guild

800. Mr Iain Whyte

Housing and Loan Fund

801. Miss Lin J Macmillan – 19, 21, 22, 23 & 25 May

802. Rev Ian Taylor – 24 May

Panel on Review & Reform

803. Rev Graham L Duffin

Safeguarding

804. Rev Karen K Campbell – 19, 21 & 22 May

805. Ms Julie Main – 23, 24 & 25 May

Theological Forum

806. Rev Dr Donald G MacEwan

Ecumenical Relations Committee

- 807. Rev Alison P McDonald
- 808. Rev Dr John McPake

Life & Work

- 809. Mrs Lynne McNeil

General Treasurer

- 810. Mrs Anne F Macintosh

Head of Human Resources

- 811. Mrs Elaine McCloghry

Parliamentary Officer

- 812. Ms Chloe M Clemmons

OVERSEAS STAFF ON LEAVE

- 813. Rev Colin Johnston

YOUTH REPRESENTATIVES

Youth Representatives appointed at the National Youth Assembly 2017

- 814. Miss Blyth Rodger
- 815. Miss Tamsin Dingwall
- 816. Mr Robin Downie
- 817. Miss Hannah Dunlop
- 818. Miss Rachel Hunter
- 819. Miss Seonaid Knox
- 820. Mr Connor MacFadyen
- 821. Miss Susan MacFarlane
- 822. Miss Catriona Munro
- 823. Miss Tara Shannon

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- 824. Miss Gemma King

West Lothian

- 825. Mr Fraser Borland

Lothian

- 826. Mr Gregor Penman

Irvine & Kilmarnock

- 827. Miss Amy Hannah

Lanark

- 828. Mr Euan Robb

Greenock & Paisley

- 829. Mr Shahrukh Gill

Glasgow

- 830. Mr Grant Henderson

Hamilton

- 831. Miss Nicola Forbes

Stirling

- 832. Miss Dana McQuater

Dunfermline

- 833. Miss Esther Nisbet

Kirkcaldy

- 834. Mr Ruari Morrison

Perth

- 835. Miss Molly Black

Angus

- 836. Miss Anna Linton

Kincardine & Deeside

- 837. Miss D'arcy Constance Holt

Gordon

- 838. Mr Michael Graham

Moray

- 839. Mr Chris Fett-Worsfold

Lochaber

- 840. Mr Samuel Jones

England

- 841. Miss Iris Maxfield

International

- 842. Miss Elaine De Zanger

GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2018

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Order of Proceedings

DAY 1 – Saturday 19 May - 9.30 am

SESSION I

Opening of the General Assembly

1. Constitution of Assembly.
2. Roll of Commissioners laid on the table.
3. Election of Moderator and Prayer of Consecration (*Members of Assembly stand when Moderator enters*).
4. Commission to His Grace The Lord High Commissioner to be read, and order given for recording it (*Members of Assembly stand*).
5. Her Majesty's Gracious Letter to be read, and order given for recording it (*Members of Assembly stand*).
6. Address by His Grace The Lord High Commissioner, and Reply by the Moderator (*Members of Assembly stand*).
7. Address by Retiring Moderator.
8. Appointment of Committee to prepare Answer to Her Majesty's Gracious Letter.
9. Report of Standing Committee on Commissions.
10. Submission of Standing Orders.
11. Appointment of Committee for arranging Order of Business. (*This Committee will meet at the close of the morning session*).
12. Appointment of Panel of Tellers.
13. Appointment of Committee to prepare Minute on Deceased Ministers, Missionaries and Deacons.
14. Intimation of arrangements for celebration of Holy Communion on Monday 21 May, at 9.15 am.

Circulation Break

SESSION 2

1. Appointment of Depute Clerk (OOP p41).
2. Presentation of Delegates and Visitors.
3. Report of the Assembly Arrangements Committee (Reports 1/1).
4. Report of the Scottish Bible Society and Presentation of Bible to Moderator (Reports 1/1).
5. Report of the Delegation of the General Assembly (Reports 2/1).
6. Minutes of the Appeal Hearing before the Judicial Commission (Reports 3/1).
7. Minutes of the Ministries Appeal Panel (Reports 4/1).
8. Report of the Committee on Overtures and Cases.

Lunch

SESSION 3

1. Report and Supplementary Report of the Legal Questions Committee (Reports 5/1 and OOP p60).
2. Joint Report of the Ministries Council and the Legal Questions Committee (Reports 6/1).

Circulation Break

SESSION 4

1. Report and Supplementary Report of the Council of Assembly except Strategic Plan and National Office Building (Reports 7/1 and OOP p32).
2. Joint Report of the Council of Assembly, Ministries Council, Mission and Discipleship Council, Panel on Review and Reform and Legal Questions Committee on Resourcing the Implementation of Local Church Review (Reports 8/1).

DAY 2 – Sunday 20 May

10.00 am – Assembly Service (St Giles’).

12.30 pm – Gaelic Service (Greyfriars Kirk).

1.00 pm – 6.00 pm – ‘Heart and Soul 2018’,
Princes Street Gardens.

DAY 3 – Monday 21 May – 9.15 am

SESSION 5

HOLY COMMUNION

Circulation Break

SESSION 6

1. Constitution of Assembly.
2. Report of the Business Committee.
3. Reply to Her Majesty’s Gracious letter
4. Report of the World Mission Council (Reports 9/1).
5. World Mission Council: Special Report on Lessons for Scotland from Christian Faith in Africa (Reports 10/1).

Lunch

SESSION 7

1. Report of the Council of Assembly – Strategic Plan (Reports 7/1).

Circulation Break

SESSION 8

2. Report of the Council of Assembly – National Offices (Reports 7/1).

DAY 4 – Tuesday 22 May – 9.15 am

SESSION 9

1. Constitution of Assembly.
2. Minutes.
3. Report of the Ministries Council (Reports 11/1).

Circulation Break

SESSION 10

Report of the Ministries Council cont’d.

Lunch

SESSION 11

Order of the Day – 2.00 pm

Celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the Ordination of Women to the Ministry of Word and Sacrament

1. Report of the Ecumenical Relations Committee (Reports 12/1).
2. Report of the Panel on Review and Reform (Reports 13/1).

Circulation Break

SESSION 12

1. Report of the Safeguarding Committee (Reports 14/1).
2. Report of the Iona Community Board (Reports 15/1).
3. Report of the Church of Scotland Guild (Reports 16/1).

DAY 5 – Wednesday 23 May – 9.15 am

SESSION 13

1. Constitution of Assembly.
2. Minutes.
3. Report of the Church and Society Council (Reports 17/1)

Circulation Break

SESSION 14

Church and Society Council – Part 2.

Lunch

SESSION 15

Order of the Day

2.00 pm – Stevenson Prize

Church and Society Council – Part 3.

1. Report of the Registration of Ministries Committee (Reports 18/1).

Circulation Break

SESSION 16

1. Report of the General Trustees (Reports 19/1).

DAY 6 – Thursday 24 May – 9.15 am

SESSION 17

1. Constitution of Assembly.
2. Minutes.
3. Report of the Committee on Chaplains to Her Majesty's Forces (Reports 20/1).

Circulation Break

SESSION 18

1. Report of the Social Care Council (Reports 21/1).

Lunch

SESSION 19

1. Report of the Theological Forum (Reports 22/1).
2. Overture – Presbytery of Melrose and Peebles on The Westminster Confession of Faith (OOP p28).

Circulation Break

SESSION 20

1. Report of the Church of Scotland Pension Trustees (Reports 23/1).
2. Report of the Housing and Loan Fund (Reports 24/1).
3. Report of the Church Hymnary Trustees (Reports 25/1).
4. Report of the Church of Scotland Trust (Reports 26/1).
5. Report of the Church of Scotland Investors Trust (Reports 27/1).
6. Report of the Chalmers Lectureship Trust (Assembly Papers).

DAY 7 – Friday 25 May – 9.15 am

SESSION 21

1. Constitution of Assembly.
2. Protestations called for.
3. Report on the Printing of Acts.
4. Draft Minutes of Sedereunts not yet submitted to be read if required.
5. Report of the Nomination Committee (Reports 28/1).
6. Report of the Selection Committee.
7. Report of the Mission and Discipleship Council (Reports 29/1).
8. Report of the National Youth Assembly 2017 (Reports 30/1).

Lunch

SESSION 22 - 3.00 pm

1. Constitution of Assembly.
2. Report anent Deceased Ministers, Missionaries and Deacons.
3. Appointment of Committee to revise Minutes.
4. Act Appointing Commission of Assembly.
5. Act Appointing diet of next General Assembly.
6. Presentations to the Moderator.
7. Moderator addresses the General Assembly.
8. The Lord High Commissioner addresses the General Assembly.

NATIONAL ANTHEM

9. Dissolution of the General Assembly.

THE BENEDICTION

PROPOSED COMMITTEES

Committee to Prepare an Answer to Her Majesty's Gracious Letter

(Meets on Saturday 19 May in the Moderator's Room at 11.30 am)

Very Rev Dr Derek Browning, *Convener*

BUSINESS COMMITTEE/PANEL OF TELLERS

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|-------------------------|-----|-----------------------------|-----|
| Mr Kenith Barclay | 496 | Dr Hazel Hastie | 41 |
| Rev Sandra Black | 59 | Rev Alexander G Horsburgh | 79 |
| Rev Jean A Boyd | 561 | Rev Trevor G Hunt | 617 |
| Mrs Marion Buchanan DCS | 312 | Mrs Jean C Q Hunter | 197 |
| Rev J Colin Caskie | 487 | Rev Kim Hurst | 704 |
| Mrs Catherine Chambers | 644 | Mr William Imlay | 471 |
| Dr Arthur Chapman | 34 | Rev Bryan Kerr | 203 |
| Mrs Margaret Conroy | 482 | Rev Donald G B McCorkindale | 632 |
| Rev George S Cowie | 242 | Rev Dr Gordon A McCracken | 322 |
| Miss Morag Crawford DCS | 450 | Mr John D McCulloch | 91 |
| Rev Alistair Cumming | 688 | Rev Marjory McPherson | 23 |
| Mr John Cunningham | 672 | Dr Peter Murdoch | 429 |
| Rev Helen E Cuthbert | 148 | Mr David Nicholson DCS | 410 |
| Rev Carolann Erskine | 436 | Rev Valerie J Ott | 133 |
| Rev Dr John A Ferguson | 540 | Mr Ian Russell | 700 |
| Miss Morag Ferrans | 159 | Rev Linda Stevens | 530 |
| Mrs Catriona Freeman | 550 | Dr Helen V A Stewart | 665 |
| Mr Grant Gordon | 39 | Rev Alison I Swindells | 577 |
| Mr Scott P Hamilton | 286 | Rev C Graham D Taylor | 515 |

Ms Judith J H Pearson, *Convener*

Rev Fiona J Smith, *Vice-Convener*

Committee to Prepare Minute on Deceased Ministers, Missionaries and Deacons

Very Rev Dr Derek Browning

Principal Clerk

Depute Clerk

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OVERTURE

OVERTURE ANENT THE WESTMINSTER CONFESSON OF FAITH

From the Presbytery of Melrose & Peebles

Whereas:

1. 'The Westminster Confession is justly regarded as one of the most impressive of all the Confessions framed by the Reformers or their successors in the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries... Yet the status it enjoys has also provoked searching questions about the theological adequacy and continuing relevance of its teaching – questions which began to come to the surface in the eighteenth century, grew acute in the nineteenth and are still with us today.' (Professor Alasdair Heron – Introduction to The Westminster Confession in the Church Today, Saint Andrew Press 1982);
2. The Confession was drafted in 1646 by an Assembly of English parliamentarians and clergy, with assessors from Scotland, against the background of the English Civil War and moves to unite the Churches of both countries under Presbyterian government;
3. The Confession was adopted by the General Assembly of 1647 as 'most orthodox and grounded upon the Word of God' and further approved by the Scottish Parliament in 1649 as 'the public and avowed Confession of the Church, containing the sum and substance of the faith of the Reformed Church';
4. Through these measures the Westminster Confession effectively superseded the Scots Confession drawn up by John Knox and others and approved by the Scottish Parliament of 1560;
5. Over succeeding centuries varying formulae of subscription were required of candidates for ordination and holders of certain public offices. These ranged from seeking recognition of the Confession as a statement of the Church's faith to its acceptance as an expression of personal belief;
6. By the late nineteenth century serious unease was being expressed over aspects of the Confession's teaching, in particular the doctrines of divine decrees (double predestination), election and limited atonement. This led the United Presbyterian Church in 1879 and the Free Church in 1892 and 1894 to pass Declaratory Acts, qualifying adherence in respect of such doctrines and allowing liberty of opinion on matters 'not entering into the substance of the faith'. These Declaratory Acts continue as 'leading documents' in the Church of Scotland's constitution in the area of doctrine;
7. The Articles Declaratory of the Church of Scotland in Matters Spiritual, appended to the 1929 Uniting Act, declare the Westminster Confession to be 'the principal subordinate standard of the Church of Scotland...approved by the General Assembly of 1647 (and) containing the sum and substance of the Faith of the Reformed Church.' The associated formula of subscription requires ordinands to affirm their belief in 'the fundamental doctrines of the Christian faith contained in the Confession of Faith of this Church';

8. In the General Assembly of 1968 significant concerns were raised over the Confession's accessibility and practical usefulness as a 'subordinate standard' in articulating the Church's faith in a language and style relevant to contemporary theological challenges;
9. Over the next four years the issues were debated at kirk session, presbytery and Assembly levels with the General Assembly of 1972 adopting an Overture recommending certain amendments of the Declaratory Articles. These involved introducing references to the Apostles' and Nicene Creeds as 'declarations of the faith of the Universal Church' and to the Scots and Westminster Confessions as 'historic statements of the faith of the Reformed Church.' Reference to the Westminster Confession as 'subordinate standard' was removed. In addition it was proposed that a short statement of faith be included in the Preamble read at services of ordination, with ordinands required to subscribe a revised Formula declaring their belief in 'the fundamental doctrines of the Christian Faith affirmed in the Preamble';
10. In terms of the procedure for amending the Declaratory Articles these recommendations were referred to presbyteries in two successive years where they received the required approval of more than two-thirds of presbyteries in both years. Notwithstanding this support further debate ensued in the General Assembly of 1974 leading to the rejection of the amendments in favour of a counter motion to depart from the matter 'until a new Statement of Faith is accepted by the General Assembly';
11. Over subsequent years efforts were made to produce such a Statement, with some seeking a simple, credal formula while others argued for a more substantial and detailed text. In 1978 the General Assembly drew attention to the first Declaratory Article as 'an authoritative guide in any statement of Christian belief' and in 1982 a collection of essays was published under the title *The Westminster Confession in the Church Today*. Over the next two years further amendments of the Declaratory Articles, Preamble, Questions and Formula were considered but failed to find the necessary support. Eventually, in 1992 the General Assembly, following consultation with presbyteries, approved the Statement of Christian Faith which is printed inside the back cover of *Common Order* 1994. The question as to whether this met the conditions of the successful 1974 counter-motion for re-visiting the matter remains open;
12. In 1986, in response to a petition from Dr Kenneth Stewart, an elder from Stirling, the General Assembly passed a Declaratory Act dissociating itself from the intemperate language employed by the Confession when referring to the Pope, the Mass and the Roman Catholic Church, declaring that it no longer affirmed such terms. The petitioner successfully argued that such expressions were 'beyond modification except by their exclusion', though they remain in the text of Confession;
13. In recent years questions have continued around the role of the Westminster Confession as an effective 'Standard' for the Church, both in terms of its accessibility to those required to subscribe it and its practical usefulness as an exposition of the Church's faith for today's members and enquirers;
14. Last year's Reformation 500 commemoration offers a timely opportunity for reaffirming our catholic, reformed, evangelical and ecumenical identity alongside other Churches, perhaps through a broader set of confessional documents;

15. In 1983 the Presbyterian Church USA published a *Book of Confessions* containing twelve statements of faith beginning with the ancient creeds, continuing with a number of Reformed texts (including the Scots and the Westminster Confessions) and concluding with contemporary affirmations of faith. Revised and updated editions have been issued in subsequent years. Arguably, a similar publication for the Church of Scotland, in print and/or on-line, could prove a valuable resource for church members and enquirers;
16. Much valuable theological work was undertaken in the years following the 1968 General Assembly and the various reports and verbatim records of Assembly debates remain readily available as a basis for fresh analysis and study;

It is humbly overtured by the Presbytery of Melrose and Peebles, to the Venerable the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, that the General Assembly instruct the Theological Forum:

- (1) to review the reports and debates on the role of the Westminster Confession of Faith arising from the General Assembly of 1968 and the years following;
- (2) to give fresh consideration to the issues raised therein in light of developments within Reformed and ecumenical theology since 1646 in which the Church of Scotland has been actively involved;
- (3) to advise the General Assembly on the continuing role of a 'Subordinate Standard';
- (4) to look afresh at the wording and terms of reference of the Formula of subscription used in services of ordination;
- (5) to explore the possibility of producing a Book of Confessions, in print and/or on-line as a teaching resource for office-bearers, members and enquirers;

- (6) to report to the General Assembly of 2020.

Or to do otherwise as to your Venerable Court may seem good.

PROPOSED DELIVERANCE

The General Assembly

1. Receive the Overture.
2. Instruct the Theological Forum -
 - (1) to review the reports and debates on the role of the Westminster Confession of Faith in the Church's life arising from the General Assembly of 1968 and the years following;
 - (2) to give fresh consideration to the issues raised therein in light of developments within Reformed and ecumenical theology since 1646 in which the Church of Scotland has been actively involved;
 - (3) to advise the General Assembly on the continuing role of a 'Subordinate Standard';
 - (4) to look afresh at the wording and terms of reference of the Formula of subscription used in services of ordination;
 - (5) to explore the possibility of producing a Book of Confessions, in print and/or on-line as a teaching resource for office-bearers, members and enquirers;
 - (6) to report to the General Assembly of 2020.

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SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT OF THE COUNCIL ASSEMBLY MAY 2018

Proposed Deliverance

The General Assembly:

1. Receive the Supplementary Report.
2. Approve the total to be contributed by congregations in 2019 of £46,586,000 based on the projection of congregational income for 2019 and its disposition among local congregational expenditure, the Parish Ministries Fund and the Mission and Renewal Fund. (*Section 1.2 and Appendix I*)
3. Note the indicative budget for 2019. (*Section 1.3 and Appendix II*)
4. Receive the 2017 Report and Accounts of the Unincorporated Councils and Committees of the General Assembly. (*Section 1.5.2*)
5. Affirm the steps taken by the Council to review and develop the stewardship function of the Church. (*Section 2*)
6. Appoint Ms Christine Paterson as Depute Clerk of the General Assembly with effect from 19 May 2018. (*Section 5*)

Report

1. CONGREGATIONAL FINANCE

1.1 2017 Congregational Income

1.1.1 The commitment and generosity of those who make up the congregations of the Church of Scotland across the country is evidenced in their regular giving, for which the Church remains thankful. The starting point in the preparation of the indicative budget for the following year is the estimation of total congregational income for the previous year, drawn from the returns submitted by treasurers immediately after the year end. Provisional details for 2017 Congregational Income are contained in Appendix I. These show a decrease of 0.1% in total Ordinary Income, with offerings down by 0.5%, and Gift Aid tax recovery down by 0.9%, being offset by an increase in other ordinary income of 1.5%. This is the second year where an overall reduction in ordinary income has been indicated. The financial impact is significant, particularly when inflation is taken into account and it does again highlight that the Church needs to take urgent action in order to reverse this trend. Ways in which this might in part be addressed are described in the section on Stewardship (*Section 2*) below.

1.1.2 Although early indications show a 1.5% increase in Other Congregational Income in 2017, this heading includes a number of different categories of income, and the total can only be confirmed when the detailed analysis of congregational accounts is completed in August 2018. Income from outside organisations shows an increase. It is clear that greater use of church premises benefits both the finances and the mission and outreach of local congregations. This in turn encourages the development of links with local communities and other Church of Scotland work.

1.2. 2019 Income Disposition

1.2.1 The remit of the Council of Assembly requires it “to bring recommendations to the General Assembly concerning the total amount of the Church’s Co-ordinated Budget for the following financial year and the disposition thereof amongst Local Congregational Expenditure, the Parish Ministries Fund and the Mission and Renewal Fund”. The Council’s recommendations for total congregational contributions for 2019, and the allocation of these, are to be found in Appendix II. It should be noted that this deals only with the ordinary income of congregations and does not include extraordinary income, such as legacies, restricted income not available to meet regular expenditure, receipts for major fabric projects etc., which are assumed to be used exclusively to meet local congregational expenditure.

1.2.2 The Council of Assembly proposes that the amount of the Budget to be met by congregations in 2019 should be increased to £46,586,000 (2018 £46,055,000). This increase is for the reasons outlined at 1.2.4 below. As a result, it will be seen in Appendix I that local congregational expenditure is projected to decrease from 52.6% of total Ordinary Income in 2018 to 51.9% in 2019, with a fall in the Parish Ministries Fund from 38.5% to 38.0% (after deducting vacancy allowances), and an increase in the Mission and Renewal Fund from 8.9% to 10.1%. Previously the Ministries Council’s funding from congregations came exclusively from the Parish Ministries Fund whereas some of its work is now funded from the Mission and Renewal Fund. This explains, in part, the increase in the Mission and Renewal percentage.

1.2.3 Parish Ministries Fund (*including Stipends and related expenses for Parish Ministers*): 2017 was the first year of operation of the new arrangements for the Parish Ministries Fund, an idea developed by the Joint Working Group on Strategic Funding

and Resource Allocation, in the light of declining minister numbers. This means that the Parish Ministries Fund element of the Ministries Council budget is now separated and protected and other aspects of that Council’s budget are assessed on the same basis as other Councils and Committees. From Appendix II it will be noted that the total budget for the Parish Ministries Fund for 2019 to be met by congregations is £37,473,000 (2018 - £37,942,000), a reduction of £469,000. This is a best estimate based on existing minister and Ministries Development Staff (MDS) numbers projected forward to take account of retirements, leavers and joiners. This is, however, difficult to forecast and is closely connected with the Presbytery Planning Process. The budget for the Parish Ministries Fund also incorporates minor adjustments for the 2017 actual cost compared to the ring-fenced budget; for the updated 2018 forecast compared to budget; and a contingency for changes in numbers or in stipend and salary rates.

1.2.4 Mission and Renewal Fund: The Mission and Renewal Fund’s share of the Income Disposition will rise from 8.9% in 2018 to 10.1% in 2019, after releasing £800,000 (2018 - £1,300,000) from the Fund’s annual income and reserves, which are held to support the budget and assist with containing the total amount required from congregations. Over the last decade, non-recurring, unrestricted legacies have been used to provide support for the budget, support which has increased over that period from £500,000 to £1.3 million by 2018. The Council of Assembly will continue to deploy this resource to benefit the work of the Church but, as noted in last year’s report, at a much reduced level. The Trustees have set a reserves policy, outlined in the Annual Report and Accounts, which aims to maintain a balance of £2.0 million, representing three months’ Mission and Renewal expenditure, rising to up to six months’ expenditure in the longer term. Their view is that reserves, being essentially finite, should not be used to

support regular ongoing work. The balance on the Mission and Renewal Reserve Fund as at 31 December 2017 was £1.7 million and, given decisions already taken on the budget for 2018, is forecast to reduce to £1.2 million by the end of 2018.

1.2.5 As well as supporting the Church's operational budgets, the Reserve has been used to fund unexpected contingencies, which, because of the diverse nature of the Church's charitable activities, will always be a feature. In recognition that the Reserve cannot sustain any further unexpected expenditure in 2019, the Council has agreed that a contingency for strategy implementation should be included in the 2019 budget. This would cover any potential reduction in income or increase in expenditure as well as any costs of implementing its strategy. £500,000 of the contingency will be met by making cost reductions on the budget at a national level and consultation on this will take place during the second half of 2018 for inclusion in the detailed 2019 budget. Work will also continue in 2018 to identify funds held by Councils which could be transferred to the Reserve.

1.2.6 Pressures on the National Church budget remain of concern, but Councils have been unable to reduce programme costs until such time as the Council of Assembly's proposed Strategic Plan has been agreed and implementation begins. A reduction in the Church's mission work does not sit well with the Plan's objective of fulfilling the gospel imperative. However, the financial reality is one of wage increases; price inflation; and the unavoidable costs of compliance and governance arrangements necessary to ensure that risks relating to protecting individuals, our data and business continuity are adequately controlled. The proposed Strategic Plan will address these issues and a financial strategy, including a longer-term financial plan, is being developed in parallel with this. Meanwhile there is a recognition

that investment will be required in order to bring about the changes needed to ensure a sustainable future for the Church's activities. Part of the Ministries Council's payments from reserves in 2018 and 2019 are being used to fund a programme of change with the aim of sustainable provision of ministry. Likewise the Council of Assembly is engaged in a number of infrastructure projects to ensure a national Church which is fit for purpose.

1.3 The 2019 Co-ordinated Budget

1.3.1 In Appendix II, the Council presents an indicative budget for 2019 which increases the total amount required from congregations from £46,055,000 to £46,586,000. This budget provides fully for the total projected number of Presbytery Plan posts which are likely to be filled during 2019 as part of the Parish Ministries Fund. The Council considers that it is not affordable to fill all posts within the Plans, even if ministers and Ministries Development Staff could be recruited to them. This will need to be addressed by the Presbytery planning process.

1.3.2 Presbytery planning should ensure the most effective and appropriate use of resources at a local level. Changes in congregational configuration can lead to a drop in income as well as a drop in expenditure. Continued careful financial management of the national Councils and Committees, and the increase in the proportion of congregational income which is retained for local work, are essential to present a more sustainable picture. The Council will continue to keep the Ministries and Mission contribution process under review, but what remains evident is that the Church is only able to maintain the level of ministries and mission, both local and national, which its members are prepared to support through their offerings; diligent stewardship of the Church's resources of people, property and money remains paramount.

1.3.3 The Council of Assembly proposes once again to use the funds previously released by the reduction in the amount required of local congregations to maintain the total available for the Presbytery Discretionary Allowance for 2019 at 5% of the total Ministries and Mission contributions due from the congregations in each Presbytery. This means that around £2.5 million is available to Presbyteries for regional or local use. However, maintaining this allowance is ambitious in the light of budget pressures. The Council has monitored the use of the allowance during 2017. Broadly speaking, larger Presbyteries are more creative in the use of the allowance, with some using it to employ staff. Some of the smaller Presbyteries are using the total allowance to reduce the contributions of all congregations, and increasing numbers of Presbyteries are using the allowance to pay shortfalls. The Council recognises that a reduction in the allowance at this point may have an impact on initiatives which are beginning to emerge at a regional or local level. It therefore instead proposes to adjust the scales for collecting the total to be met by congregations for 2019. The additional income will amount to approximately 1% more than the 2018 total. The contribution of an individual congregation will continue to be based on its three year average assessable income.

1.3.4 Absorbing further compliance and governance costs and change projects means that Councils and Committees will again face challenging budget decisions in 2019. Until the Strategic Review exercise is concluded, Councils and support departments have been asked to continue working within existing budgets, which with upward wage pressure, will require careful management and in some cases difficult decisions. The Council of Assembly has had to turn down some bids for additional funding for new projects and posts and has engaged in careful consideration of other proposed projects, in all cases balancing the projected cost of the work with the risk of *not* carrying it out.

1.3.5 Although Ministries Council has been able to cease pension deficit repair payments to the Scheme for Ministers and Overseas Missionaries, it is still funding from reserves, deficit repair contributions of £52,000 per annum to the Scheme for Ministries Development Staff. The Social Care Council and Central Services Committee are committed to annual deficit repair contributions of £1.1 million and £0.3 million respectively. The Council is working to ameliorate these costs by means of a longer term strategy, but funding of the Social Care deficit will be a challenge and any further assistance with this will need to be met from within the existing budgets of the National Church.

1.3.6 Appendix II shows indicative figures for Projected Gross Expenditure for each Council and how this is to be funded, using contributions from congregations, income from external sources and annual income from investments, with any projected deficit being met from the reserves of the individual Councils. This shows Projected Gross Expenditure of £102,582,000 (2018 £103,426,000), income from congregations £46,586,000 (2018 £46,055,000), income from external sources including investment income £52,881,000 (2018 £53,289,000) and deficits from reserves £3,115,000 (2018 £4,082,000). Most of the Councils are showing minor deficits to be met from their reserves, some using restricted funds to continue their work. However, in view of the lack of growth in congregational income and the necessary curtailment in the use of the Mission and Renewal Reserve, no increase has been made to overall budgets for inflation and Councils and Departments will be required to fund any increased payroll costs from within their budgets, which could in turn affect planned work programmes. Given that inflation remains a factor, this will present further budget pressures to Councils and departments. The Council of Assembly encourages Councils to use restricted funds, where possible, before general reserves and

this will continue to be a feature of the Co-ordinated Budget, with Ministries, Mission and Discipleship and World Mission all planning to use these funds again in 2019.

1.3.7 The Social Care Council's budget shows a break-even position other than for its pension deficit repair contributions. The Council of Assembly has agreed to assist with these contributions, funding half from the Mission and Renewal Fund in 2017 and 2018, the other half being funded from Social Care Council reserves. The Council is committed to achieving this budget but the area of work in which it operates is constantly changing and its budget results are subject to being able to implement its Strategic Plan against this background.

1.3.8 The Ministries Council will receive 83% of congregational contributions (including £3,609,000 of endowment income and glebe rents) directed through the Parish Ministries Fund, which includes use for:

- the National Stipend Fund which pays the stipend and other costs of parish ministers;
- ordained parish ministry support and development;
- the salaries and other costs of Ministries Development Staff, as defined below;
- new, alternative and emerging forms of ministry costs;
- readership costs;
- recruitment and education for ministries, including Ordained Local Ministers and the training of Probationers;
- parish appraisal costs;
- properties costs;
- a share of Ministries Council support and administration costs.

The Ministries Development Staff referred to above are Ministries Development Staff posts on agreed Presbytery Plans, employed or appointed by the Ministries Council and including (though not exclusively) Deacons in the employ of the Church, Associate Ministers and Team Leaders. Any parish staff engaged locally by congregations (and not designated on Presbytery Plans) will not be funded by the Parish Ministries Fund.

1.3.9 The Mission and Renewal Fund will receive 17% of congregational contributions and is used to support the work of the General Assembly's other Councils and Committees as well as, from 2017, some of the more general work of the Ministries Council including the Go For It Fund, Priority Areas and Workplace Chaplaincy.

1.4 2018 Detailed Budgets and 2017 Operating Results

1.4.1 The final 2018 budgets approved by the Council of Assembly are contained in its main report in the Blue Book (section 4.1.5) along with a summary and details of the operating results of Councils, Committees and Departments against the 2017 budget.

1.5 Systems of Internal Control

1.5.1 Role of Audit Committee

1.5.1.1 The Committee's remit includes responsibility for reviewing the systems of internal control and for oversight of the Internal Auditor function. This function is delivered by Deloitte as the appointed Internal Auditors alongside the work of the Church's own Audit and Compliance Officer. Deloitte produce an annual programme of work based on an assessment of audit risk which seeks to ensure that all the main areas of activity are periodically reviewed. Audit reports are submitted at the end of each assignment and an annual audit report is made to the Audit Committee expressing an opinion on the systems of internal control in place in the Unincorporated Councils and Committees.

1.5.1.2 Deloitte conducted a number of reviews in 2017 covering the following areas:

- Review of Middle East Governance and Management Arrangements;
- Review of the Assembly Arrangements Committee;
- Review of the Legal Questions Committee;
- HR and Payroll System Implementation Project Review.

1.5.1.3 Deloitte reported to the Audit Committee that, on the basis of the work undertaken for the year ended 31 December 2017, they consider that the Unincorporated Councils and Committees of the Church of Scotland generally had an adequate framework of control over the systems examined except in relation to two priority one matters highlighted in their reviews of Middle East Governance and Management arrangements, and the Legal Questions Committee. This conclusion is conditional upon satisfactory implementation of recommendations from previous audit reports.

1.5.2 Audit of Annual Accounts for 2017

1.5.2.1 The Council of Assembly is responsible, on behalf of the General Assembly, for preparing and approving the Report and Accounts of the Unincorporated Councils and Committees and approval was given at the Council meeting in April 2018. The Church's external auditors, PwC, gave an unqualified, or 'clean', audit opinion on the Accounts. The Assembly is invited to receive the 2017 Report and Accounts of the Unincorporated Councils and Committees.

2. THE FUTURE OF STEWARDSHIP

2.1 Introduction

2.1.1 The Council has conducted a review of the stewardship function of the Church during a period of interim leadership in the department. Last year's report underlined the importance of stewardship and urged

all congregations to participate in a cycle of stewardship on a regular basis. The Council's proposed Strategic Plan makes specific reference to stewardship and in particular proposes that, in future, the Local Church Review process, which is already required of all congregations, should include a report on diligence in carrying out a cycle of stewardship. It is in this context that plans for future patterns of stewardship are now considered.

2.2 Christian Stewardship

2.2.1 Christian Stewardship focuses on the gifts of God towards humanity and the ways in which we use those gifts. Its fundamental concern is with God's love and commitment to the world and its people and our response to that love. While many immediately think of stewardship in relation to our handling of money, it is more holistic. It is about *all* of God's gifts to us and therefore about the way we respond with our *whole* lives. Ultimately, stewardship is about being the people that God wants us to be and about allowing God to live and work in our lives.

2.2.2 For this reason, the Church has tended to talk about three complementary aspects of stewardship: time; talents; money. These embrace our whole way of living: the way we structure our lives (*time*); the way we use our God-given gifts (*talents*); the way we employ the resources God has given us (*money*).

2.2.3 We live busy lives, with demands from all sides. It is easy in the midst of this for us to lessen the importance of our ongoing relationship to God and our response. In order to help us maintain our focus more effectively, the Church has chosen over many years to offer support and encouragement to local congregations and individuals in their reflection on stewardship. This is why we have a national stewardship team, whose job it is to enable us in the service of God and to focus our response to God's many gifts towards us.

2.3 Reviewing Current Practice

2.3.1 In carrying out its review of the stewardship function, the Council consulted with a range of people, including stewardship staff, past and present, and ecumenical partners. In particular, as we note in the course of this report, the Church of England at both national and diocesan level has been generous in its cooperation and support. Staff from the Stewardship and Finance Department carried out analysis of the income fluctuations of those congregations who had utilised the services of a stewardship consultant and how those fluctuations compared with those congregations who had not utilised the services of a consultant.

2.3.2 There is much to commend the work currently being done by the stewardship team. There are visible benefits in terms of increased income by those congregations who had utilised the services of a consultant when compared with those congregations who have not. Over a six-year period, congregations who did **not** engage with the stewardship team saw an average rise in annual income of only 1.9%. Congregations who engaged with the stewardship team achieved increases in annual income on average of 7%. What is also clear from this kind of comparison, however, is that the impact of the stewardship programme lessens as time passes since the programme was completed. This suggests that a far greater return on giving could be achieved by maintaining a more regular emphasis on the stewardship of money – at least on a three-year cycle if not more frequently.

2.3.3 With a full complement of staffing, the Stewardship Team in 2016 comprised a Head of Stewardship with five consultants at a cost of around £340,000. While it is clear that the aggregate increase in income of those congregations which utilised the services of a consultant was in excess of that figure, we do not know what other factors may have influenced congregational income (e.g. legacies; rental income; etc.).

What may be suggested, however, is that if **all** congregations were to have achieved a similar percentage growth over that six-year period, income would have risen by a figure in the region of £3.4 million which would have provided significant resources for congregations to expand their missional activity.

2.3.4 Historically, the services of the stewardship team have been made available to all congregations irrespective of size. This means that even a very successful stewardship campaign might not result in any significant increase in giving. In fact, in some cases success may simply be restricting the decrease in income inevitable due to the particular circumstances of a congregation. If a prime motivator is covering costs then the services should probably be restricted to those congregations able to achieve significant increases in monetary terms rather than in percentage terms. The Council believes, however, that it would be undesirable to limit the work in this way as this could send out the wrong message to many congregations who might be in most need of support, but might not necessarily contribute significantly higher amounts due to increased income.

2.3.5 The stewardship team currently offers programmes which focus on time, talents and money. Consideration was given to focussing only on money, but it was felt that if members can be encouraged to give more in terms of time and talents then they may also give more financially. It is noticeable, however, that our colleagues in the Church of England have chosen in their stewardship material to place the emphasis very firmly on generosity of giving, with a clear focus on money, in a campaign under the title *Giving for Life*. Our finance team is working closely with our Church of England partners and will continue to learn from their experience in this and other areas.

2.3.6 The Council considered the current working practices of the consultants which largely involve working in person with congregations and leading those congregations through a range of stewardship programmes. These programmes are largely generic, but are tailored to meet the needs of the individual congregation. While they are on the whole successful, they are also labour intensive. Consultants are only able to work with individual congregations at their direct invitation and inevitably there is a large number of congregations which did not utilise the services of a consultant. It is self-evident, however, that on a model which relies heavily on a small number of consultants, the number of congregations which can be covered in a year is limited.

2.3.7 If we are to reach more congregations in future, the benefit of which would be increased income for missional activity, there needs to be a different emphasis in the provision of resources. Simply providing more consultants on the current model is not sustainable and the fact that many congregations do not take up that provision suggests that other methods are necessary. The quality and breadth of resources currently available is recognised, but it becomes quickly dated and there needs to be a more focussed approach with consistency of design. In an increasingly digital age, therefore, we need to consider ways in which the time of the team can be more effectively used in the development and roll out of digital resources which are easily and instantly available to the whole Church. This will still have resource implications and one of the pressing issues for the new National Stewardship Coordinator will be to assess this and quantify it.

2.3.8 The Council noted the number of new initiatives now available to assist donors in their giving (e.g. online donations; contactless donations; text giving, etc.) and recognised the importance of the Church's stewardship function being aware of such

developments and assisting congregations in the appropriate promotion of them. Recent reports of the Church of England's plans to make contactless donations possible in local parish churches reflect the kind of development which the Church of Scotland is likely to pilot in the very near future.

2.3.9 Stewardship is of common importance to all denominations and the Church of Scotland seeks to work ecumenically in this area. The Church of England has indicated a willingness to see more co-operation between our respective stewardship functions and has generously offered to allow us to 'brand' their material for use within the Church of Scotland, should this prove helpful. The Church of England also currently runs training courses and conferences for its stewardship staff and the Council is grateful that our stewardship advisers have already been able to participate in those events.

2.3.10 It was evident from discussions with the stewardship team that a clearer support and leadership structure is necessary going forward. Consequently a recruitment process for a new National Stewardship Coordinator was underway at the time of writing this report.

2.3.11 In the course of reviewing the stewardship function, it was noted that further work needs to be done on the development of an appropriate and sensitive church-wide legacy policy. The Council intends to consider this in the coming year and to look at ways in which it might be integrated with the proposed Strategic Plan.

2.4 Conclusions

2.4.1 The Church of Scotland should continue to promote good stewardship as a matter of priority for individuals and congregations. This is both theologically important and practically necessary. While the Stewardship team should continue to offer resources on the stewardship of time, talents and money, the overarching

aim should be to maximise congregational income through the promotion of a spirit of generosity and committed giving.

2.4.2 Roles and working practices within the team will be restructured and modernised to take account particularly of the potential of digital technology. A small team of consultants will be led by a new National Stewardship Co-ordinator. In addition to contributing to the production of both online and hard copy materials, consultants will be equipped to develop expertise in specific areas of stewardship work. Ongoing meetings with congregations in person will continue, but all members of the team will participate in online conference calling with congregations where this is more efficient and effective.

2.4.3 The National Stewardship Coordinator will have a thorough theological understanding of the importance of stewardship, but need not necessarily be an ordained minister. They will have strong people management and leadership skills as well as clear communication, influencing and presentation skills. This will include the ability to develop future resources for stewardship education in a digital age. The Stewardship team will work ecumenically, seeking to avoid duplication of effort and sharing expertise and resources.

2.4.4 In future, the Council will seek to set appropriate and measurable monetary and other targets for the Church. Consideration will be given to the development and integration with stewardship work of an appropriate church-wide legacy policy.

2.4.5 The stewardship service will continue to be provided without charge to congregations. In order to develop and monitor best practice, congregations will be required to complete pro-forma returns showing three years' results and other relevant feedback, to enable accurate assessment of the costs and benefits of the programme on an ongoing basis.

2.4.6 The Local Church Review process will be amended to ensure a report on stewardship activity, in line with the targets already outlined in the proposed Strategic Plan.

3. CHURCHES' MUTUAL CREDIT UNION

3.1 Membership of Churches' Mutual Credit Union (CMCU) within the Church of Scotland has continued to grow steadily over the past year despite some account closures as members' circumstances change and also sadly through two deaths. Membership now stands at 119 individuals with 49 having lump sum deposit accounts and 70 being regular savers (31 through payroll). CMCU has also opened a corporate account for a second Presbytery in 2017. Loans have been made to members from the Church of Scotland amounting to just over £151,000 since August 2015. CMCU is pleased to report there is no bad debt.

3.2 CMCU continues to promote the work to eligible members of the Church of Scotland as widely as possible, including taking a stall at Heart & Soul and at the General Assembly in May 2017. We have a specifically designed leaflet going to all ministers and employees at the end of April. Once again the Board of CMCU is particularly grateful for the work of Karen Hunter from the staff of the Church and Society Council and of Charles Sim, an Elder in Irvine and Kilmarnock Presbytery. Their achievement in securing access to CMCU savings and loans for the employees of CrossReach, which facility commenced in August last year, was especially significant. This was in addition to their sterling work in promoting the credit union in the workplace at the National Offices in George Street, and amongst ministers and elders by visiting as many of the Presbyteries as possible. The Board continues to benefit from the commitment of the Church of Scotland to the good governance of the Credit Union through the

presence of Sheila Nicoll OBE on the board of directors and Charles Sim on the supervisory committee.

3.3 CMCU hopes to build on the successes of previous years and looks forward to continued growth in all areas of the credit union's services over the next twelve months.

4. GAELIC IN THE CHURCH

4.1 The Gaelic Group of the Council has made significant progress this year in the development of a Gaelic Language Plan. The draft plan is now approaching completion and a short summary of key points is offered here. It focuses on a number of commitments the Council is looking for the Church to adopt in the longer term in relation to Gaelic Ministry in particular, but wider too in terms of the life of the Church. The key areas of influence include worship, staffing, visibility of the Gaelic language, day-to-day operations, communications and events.

4.2 The Gaelic Plan will look to increase the visibility and auditability of Gaelic, primarily through worship. This will involve completing a full audit of what is currently in place, developing a range of resources and working ecumenically. It is our hope that a Gaelic section on the Church's website will be developed for Gaelic worship materials. This will include a platform for broadcasting Gaelic services and access to Gaelic hymns, psalms and prayers.

4.3 The Council is also looking to greatly expand the awareness of the language and develop language skills for both those in ministry and for appropriate and interested staff in the Church Offices. The plan recommends that Gaelic will be recognised as a useful skill in the workplace and areas may be identified where the language should be desirable or even essential in some roles. Opportunities will be created for those who wish to learn more about the Gaelic language.

4.4 Following on from the success of the 2015 Gaelic conference, the plan recommends that an annual conference be held. Such events will look to stimulate interest and discussion around how to address the need for the Church to do more to promote Gaelic. Some key themes to be explored will be inter-denominational collaboration, new ways to create specialised language learning opportunities for the church, and means by which worship in the Gaelic language can be supported and developed.

4.5 On completion, the plan will be published bilingually on the Church's website.

4.6 In order to deliver on these commitments, the Gaelic Group will submit the final Gaelic Plan to Bòrd na Gàidhlig as part of seeking funding to support both initial implementation and ongoing work. This will be monitored by the Council through regular reporting from the Gaelic Group.

5. DEPUTE CLERK TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

5.1 Ms Christine Paterson, a qualified solicitor and a member of the Church of Scotland, was appointed in 2012 to the staff of the Central Services Committee as the part-time Legal Resources and Learning Officer within the Department of the General Assembly. Following the appointment of the previous Depute Clerk to the General Assembly, Rev Dr George Whyte, to the role of Principal Clerk in 2017, the General Assembly agreed to appoint Christine as Acting Depute Clerk with a consequential increase in hours worked. Christine's legal training has proved invaluable within the Department, both in the drafting of new and amending legislation and in the support of the Church's appeal processes. She has also developed a good understanding of the practice and procedure of the Church in the support of Kirk Sessions and Presbyteries.

5.2 Following a redistribution of duties within the Principal Clerk's office it is now proposed that Ms Paterson be appointed as Depute Clerk on a permanent part-time basis. Among other tasks she will have lead responsibility for the drafting of Church Law and the organisation of Appeals as well as deputising for the Principal Clerk where appropriate. The Assembly is invited to affirm her appointment.

6. STATISTICS

6.1 The annual statistics gathered from congregations and Presbyteries are listed in Appendices III - VIII. These comprise the following elements:

- Persons and Agencies in Scotland for 2017 (*Appendix III*);
- Congregational Statistical Returns – Young People (*Appendix IV*);
- All Presbyteries – Congregational Statistical Returns (2 tables) (*Appendix V*);

- Comparative Statistics from 2006 to 2017 (*Appendix VI*);
- Ministry Statistics (*Appendix VII*);
- Attendance at Worship and Congregational Activities (2 tables) (*Appendix VIII*).

6.2 The last of these Appendices was collated for the first time in 2017 and is intended to enable comparison with other data such as the Statistics for Mission profiles, which allow congregations, Presbyteries, Councils and Committees of the Church to reflect on their position in their communities. These statistics will provide information over the coming years to help the Church in identifying trends in these areas.

In the name of the Council

SALLY BONNAR, *Convener*
CATHERINE COULL, *Vice-Convener*
MARTIN SCOTT, *Secretary*

APPENDIX I

CO-ORDINATED BUDGET STATISTICS 2016 TO 2019

| | 2016 | 2016 | 2017 | 2017 | 2018 | 2018 | 2019 | 2019 |
|-----------------------------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|
| | Actual | Increase | Provisional | Increase | Projected | Increase | Projected | Increase |
| | £'000 | % | £'000 | % | £'000 | % | £'000 | % |
| CONGREGATIONAL INCOME | | | | | | | | |
| Offerings | 58,944 | (1.5) | 58,644 | (0.5) | 58,058 | (1.0) | 57,477 | (1.0) |
| Tax Recovery on Offerings | 11,857 | 1.2 | 11,751 | (0.9) | 11,633 | (1.0) | 11,517 | (1.0) |
| Total Offerings | 70,801 | (1.1) | 70,395 | (0.6) | 69,691 | (1.0) | 68,994 | (1.0) |
| Other Ordinary Income | 20,695 | 2.6 | 21,000 | 1.5 | 21,000 | 0.0 | 21,000 | 0.0 |
| Total Ordinary Income | 91,496 | (0.3) | 91,395 | (0.1) | 90,691 | (0.8) | 89,994 | (0.8) |
| EXPENDITURE | | | | | | | | |
| Available to Congregations | 47,957 | 0.3 | 48,051 | 0.2 | 47,699 | (0.7) | 46,702 | (2.1) |
| Parish Ministries Fund | 38,796 | (2.1) | 38,325 | (1.2) | 37,942 | (1.0) | 37,473 | (1.2) |
| Less: Vacancy Allowances | (2,516) | | (2,711) | | (3,063) | | (3,294) | |
| | 36,280 | (2.1) | 35,614 | (1.8) | 34,879 | (2.1) | 34,179 | (2.0) |
| Mission and Renewal Fund | 7,259 | 5.8 | 7,730 | 6.5 | 8,113 | 5.0 | 9,113 | 12.3 |
| Total Expenditure | 91,496 | (0.3) | 91,395 | (0.1) | 90,691 | (0.8) | 89,994 | (0.8) |
| INCOME DISPOSITION | | | | | | | | |
| | % | | % | | % | | % | |
| Available to Congregations | 52.4 | | 52.6 | | 52.6 | | 51.9 | |
| Parish Ministries Fund | 39.7 | | 39.0 | | 38.5 | | 38.0 | |
| Mission and Renewal Fund | 7.9 | | 8.4 | | 8.9 | | 10.1 | |
| | 100.0 | | 100.0 | | 100.0 | | 100.0 | |

APPENDIX II

2019 CO-ORDINATED BUDGET

Requirements for Parish Ministries Fund and Mission & Renewal Fund

| | Projected Total Expenditure = | To be met by Congregations | + | Income from External Sources | + | Annual Income from Councils' Investments | + | Transfers * Between Councils | 2019 Deficit to be met from Councils' Reserves | Final Budgeted Deficit 2018 |
|---|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------|------------------------------------|------------|--|----------|------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------------|
| | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 |
| Parish Ministries Fund | 42,006 | 37,473 | | 3,444 | 466 | - | - | 623 | 726 | |
| Pension Deficit Repair Contributions | 52 | - | | - | - | | | 52 | 52 | |
| | 42,058 | 37,473 | | 3,444 | 466 | | - | 675 | 778 | |
| Mission & Renewal Fund | | | | | | | | | | |
| Ministries Council | 2,313 | 334 | | 529 | 932 | (39) | 557 | 365 | | |
| Mission & Discipleship Council | 1,219 | 694 | | 111 | 316 | - | 98 | 98 | | |
| World Mission Council | 3,415 | 960 | | 1,069 | 1,223 | (37) | 199 | 199 | | |
| Social Care Council - operational | 43,776 | 1,105 | | 42,331 | 340 | - | - | 1,197 | | |
| Social Care Council - Pensions Deficit Repair | 1,105 | - | | - | - | - | 1,105 | 1,064 | | |
| Church & Society Council | 725 | 455 | | 66 | 28 | 75 | 102 | 102 | | |
| Support and Services Committees and Departments - Operational | 6,562 | 4,436 | | 1,981 | 45 | 1 | 99 | (1) | | |

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|--|----------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Support and Services | 280 | | | | 280 |
| Committees and Departments - Pensions Deficit Repair | | | | | |
| Special Contributions: | | | | | |
| General Trustees – Central Fabric Fund | 290 | - | - | - | - |
| Christian Aid | 85 | - | - | - | - |
| Ecumenical Contributions | 254 | - | - | - | - |
| Contingency for Strategy Implementation | 1,000 | - | - | 500 | 500 |
| Cost Reduction Strategy | (500) | | | (500) | |
| Mission & Renewal Fund Totals | 60,524 | 46,087 | 2,884 | 2,440 | 3,304 |
| Grand Totals | 102,582 | 49,531 | 3,350 | 3,115 | 4,082 |
| Total to be met by Congregations (before deducting vacancy Allowances) | 46,586 | | | | |

1. Income from external sources comes from the provision of services (eg CrossReach fees), legacies, donations, endowment income etc.
2. Transfers to another council are shown as a negative and transfers in from another council as positive.

APPENDIX III**PERSONS AND AGENCIES IN SCOTLAND FOR 2017**

The membership statistics shown in the following tables may be stated thus:

| | | | |
|------|---------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| | Removals by Death | 9,611 | |
| Less | Admissions by profession | <u>999</u> | 8,612 |
| | Removals by Certificate | 2,038 | |
| Less | Admissions by Certificate | <u>1,559</u> | 479 |
| | Other Removals | 6,075 | |
| Less | Restoration | <u>1,316</u> | <u>4,759</u> |
| | Total decrease | | 13,850 |

APPENDIX IV

CONGREGATIONAL STATISTICAL RETURNS – YOUNG PEOPLE

Returns from Presbyteries showed:

- (1) that the number of children and young people aged 17 years and under who are involved in the life of congregations is 50,035.
- (2) that the number of people aged 18 years and over, whose names are not on the Communion Roll, but who are involved in the life of congregations is 14,942.
- (3) that the number of children who receive Holy Communion in terms of Act V, 2000, Section 15 is 2,844.

APPENDIX V: ALL PRESBYTERIES – CONGREGATIONAL STATISTICAL RETURN On Roll as at 31st December 2017

| PRESBYTERIES | On Roll as at 31st December 2016 | COMMUNICANTS | | | | | | | | On Roll as at 31st December 2017 | +Inc or -Dec |
|----------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------|---------|-----------|----------|---------------|---------|----------------|-----------|----------------------------------|--------------|
| | | REMOVALS | | | | ADMISSIONS | | | | | |
| | | By Death | By Cert | Otherwise | To Union | By Profession | By Cert | By Restoration | New Union | | |
| Aberdeen | 12,899 | 434 | 204 | 65 | - | 29 | 85 | 62 | - | 12,372 | -527 |
| Abernethy | 1,014 | 8 | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1,005 | -9 |
| Angus | 12,035 | 359 | 68 | 600 | - | 30 | 43 | 109 | - | 11,190 | -845 |
| Annandale and Eskdale | 4,458 | 162 | 15 | 18 | - | 2 | 11 | 20 | - | 4,296 | -162 |
| Ardrossan | 7,951 | 258 | 30 | 77 | - | 13 | 25 | 15 | - | 7,639 | -312 |
| Argyll | 6,961 | 178 | 10 | 196 | 466 | 13 | 31 | 30 | 466 | 6,651 | -310 |
| Ayr | 17,099 | 268 | 57 | 366 | - | 23 | 41 | 24 | - | 16,496 | -603 |
| Buchan | 10,114 | 236 | 38 | 226 | - | 5 | 10 | 8 | - | 9,637 | -477 |
| Caithness | 1,079 | 43 | 10 | 53 | - | 1 | 1 | - | - | 975 | -104 |
| Dumbarton | 9,979 | 233 | 29 | 102 | 166 | 22 | 35 | 10 | 166 | 9,682 | -297 |
| Dumfries and Kirkcudbright | 7,872 | 252 | 70 | 77 | - | 9 | 32 | 20 | - | 7,534 | -338 |
| Dundee | 10,887 | 362 | 55 | 333 | - | 31 | 39 | 22 | - | 10,229 | -658 |
| Dunfermline | 5,674 | 164 | 35 | 110 | - | 20 | 27 | 25 | - | 5,437 | -237 |
| Dunkeld and Meikle | 4,787 | 125 | 22 | 52 | - | 2 | 14 | 39 | - | 4,643 | -144 |
| Duns | 2,474 | 70 | 15 | 39 | - | - | 12 | 22 | - | 2,384 | -90 |
| Edinburgh | 22,287 | 692 | 219 | 185 | 87 | 98 | 156 | 133 | 87 | 21,578 | -709 |
| England | 2,004 | 47 | 13 | 21 | - | 12 | 9 | 22 | - | 1,966 | -38 |
| Falkirk | 10,528 | 340 | 64 | 288 | - | 20 | 56 | 52 | - | 9,964 | -564 |
| Glasgow | 30,019 | 727 | 173 | 599 | 350 | 167 | 143 | 107 | 332 | 28,919 | -1,100 |
| Gordon | 11,564 | 312 | 75 | 26 | 269 | 23 | 42 | 16 | 269 | 11,232 | -332 |
| Greenock and Paisley | 17,011 | 508 | 122 | 306 | - | 38 | 117 | 57 | - | 16,287 | -724 |
| Hamilton | 22,795 | 724 | 106 | 543 | 1 | 89 | 112 | 66 | - | 21,688 | -1,107 |
| International Charges | 1,719 | 14 | 2 | 99 | - | 14 | 10 | 56 | - | 1,684 | -35 |

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| | Union +Inc/ -Dec | Number of Notices of Removal Sent | Number on Supplementary Roll | OFFICE BEARERS | | | | BAPTISMS | | | Weddings | Funerals |
|-----|------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------|----------------|----------|--------------|--------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------------------------------|----------|----------|
| | | | | Elders M | Elders F | Not Elders M | Not Elders F | No. During Year | Of Which Adults | Thanksgiving and Blessing Services | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| - | 11 | 1,084 | 485 | 593 | 41 | 76 | 71 | 3 | 3 | 109 | 847 | |
| - | 1 | 30 | 10 | 14 | - | - | 4 | - | - | 11 | 36 | |
| - | 20 | 1,740 | 364 | 446 | 39 | 76 | 74 | 3 | 12 | 53 | 547 | |
| - | 1 | 755 | 157 | 209 | 6 | 26 | 56 | 4 | - | 62 | 264 | |
| - | 17 | 584 | 314 | 443 | 40 | 93 | 67 | 7 | 4 | 57 | 514 | |
| - | 18 | 589 | 294 | 375 | 66 | 106 | 69 | 5 | 2 | 101 | 459 | |
| - | 8 | 910 | 358 | 471 | 39 | 83 | 81 | 2 | 9 | 83 | 630 | |
| - | 14 | 1,009 | 226 | 281 | 28 | 117 | 38 | - | 1 | 18 | 298 | |
| - | 5 | 196 | 70 | 46 | 28 | 39 | 12 | - | 2 | 19 | 179 | |
| - | 12 | 623 | 342 | 437 | 56 | 94 | 87 | 2 | 6 | 61 | 383 | |
| - | 20 | 1,041 | 265 | 266 | 82 | 149 | 87 | 2 | 2 | 106 | 358 | |
| - | 22 | 934 | 409 | 476 | 32 | 81 | 111 | 4 | 13 | 57 | 449 | |
| - | 15 | 1,463 | 242 | 324 | 27 | 54 | 50 | 6 | 19 | 76 | 388 | |
| - | 20 | 280 | 157 | 168 | 17 | 26 | 39 | - | 1 | 63 | 222 | |
| - | 4 | 289 | 85 | 97 | 25 | 45 | 29 | 1 | 5 | 29 | 155 | |
| - | 86 | 1,198 | 990 | 1,244 | 117 | 168 | 240 | 17 | 35 | 183 | 1,080 | |
| - | 10 | 562 | 67 | 90 | 8 | 7 | 37 | 3 | 3 | 25 | 90 | |
| - | 73 | 1,679 | 410 | 491 | 130 | 252 | 64 | 2 | 2 | 34 | 714 | |
| -18 | 96 | 2,888 | 1,172 | 1,451 | 201 | 411 | 297 | 38 | 23 | 139 | 1,549 | |
| - | 32 | 969 | 304 | 364 | 28 | 73 | 74 | 2 | 9 | 72 | 531 | |
| - | 47 | 2,332 | 785 | 927 | 129 | 196 | 175 | 10 | 5 | 106 | 992 | |
| -1 | 62 | 3,482 | 1,119 | 1,287 | 218 | 366 | 224 | 29 | 14 | 104 | 1,462 | |
| - | - | 248 | 52 | 62 | 12 | 19 | 27 | 7 | 6 | 23 | 18 | |

APPENDIX V: ALL PRESBYTERIES – CONGREGATIONAL STATISTICAL RETURN On Roll as at 31st December 2017 (Continued)

| PRESBYTERIES | On Roll as at 31st December 2016 | COMMUNICANTS | | | | | | | | On Roll as at 31st December 2017 | + Inc or -Dec |
|------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------|---------|-----------|----------|---------------|---------|----------------|-----------|----------------------------------|---------------|
| | | REMOVALS | | | | ADMISSIONS | | | | | |
| | | By Death | By Cert | Otherwise | To Union | By Profession | By Cert | By Restoration | New Union | | |
| Inverness | 4,356 | 115 | 21 | 25 | - | 22 | 19 | 11 | - | 4,247 | -109 |
| Irvine and Kilmarnock | 8,709 | 283 | 42 | 220 | - | 21 | 30 | 21 | - | 8,236 | -473 |
| Jedburgh | 5,094 | 105 | 7 | 16 | - | 4 | 14 | 30 | - | 5,014 | -80 |
| Kincardine and Deeside | 6,985 | 121 | 29 | 115 | - | 4 | 14 | 15 | - | 6,753 | -232 |
| Kirkcaldy | 7,269 | 235 | 42 | 20 | - | 20 | 39 | 20 | - | 7,051 | -218 |
| Lanark | 5,577 | 147 | 20 | 108 | 457 | 11 | 27 | 43 | 457 | 5,383 | -194 |
| Lewis | 810 | 19 | 11 | 2 | - | 35 | 7 | 2 | - | 822 | 12 |
| Lochaber | 1,012 | 31 | 6 | 3 | - | 4 | 4 | 2 | - | 982 | -30 |
| Lochcarron - Skye | 561 | 8 | 11 | 9 | - | 7 | 6 | 7 | - | 553 | -8 |
| Lothian | 12,237 | 370 | 52 | 185 | - | 37 | 67 | 29 | - | 11,763 | -474 |
| Melrose and Peebles | 5,815 | 134 | 24 | 44 | - | 4 | 17 | 26 | - | 5,660 | -155 |
| Moray | 7,192 | 174 | 19 | 174 | - | 14 | 22 | 15 | - | 6,876 | -316 |
| Orkney | 2,452 | 54 | 6 | 26 | - | - | 9 | 2 | - | 2,377 | -75 |
| Perth | 11,687 | 313 | 108 | 266 | - | 43 | 84 | 19 | - | 11,146 | -541 |
| Ross | 1,698 | 28 | 15 | 18 | - | 1 | 2 | 1 | - | 1,641 | -57 |
| Shetland | 1,022 | 36 | 4 | 11 | - | - | - | 5 | - | 976 | -46 |
| St Andrews | 9,014 | 267 | 42 | 137 | 320 | 14 | 43 | 48 | 320 | 8,673 | -341 |
| Stirling | 12,238 | 309 | 61 | 155 | - | 40 | 46 | 57 | - | 11,856 | -382 |
| Sutherland | 668 | 25 | 5 | 20 | - | 5 | 1 | 12 | - | 636 | -32 |
| Uist | 409 | 9 | 2 | 6 | - | 8 | 3 | - | - | 403 | -6 |
| West Lothian | 8,171 | 199 | 40 | 86 | - | 22 | 35 | 23 | - | 7,926 | -245 |
| Wigtown and Stranraer | 4,521 | 113 | 38 | 48 | - | 15 | 19 | 13 | - | 4,369 | -152 |
| Totals | 350,707 | 9,611 | 2,038 | 6,075 | 2,116 | 992 | 1,559 | 1,316 | 2,097 | 336,831 | -13,876 |

Supplementary Report of the Council Assembly.....

| | Union + Inc/ -Dec | Number of Notices of Removal Sent | Number on Supplementary Roll | OFFICE BEARERS | | | | BAPTISMS | | | Weddings | Funerals |
|-----|-------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------|----------------|----------|--------------|--------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------------------------------|----------|----------|
| | | | | Elders M | Elders F | Not Elders M | Not Elders F | No. During Year | Of Which Adults | Thanksgiving and Blessing Services | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| - | 10 | 305 | 180 | 110 | 48 | 68 | 39 | 4 | 4 | 50 | 304 | |
| - | 12 | 1,811 | 360 | 418 | 74 | 139 | 69 | 5 | 2 | 33 | 539 | |
| - | 6 | 183 | 127 | 193 | 22 | 40 | 23 | 5 | - | 34 | 207 | |
| - | 18 | 427 | 86 | 120 | 5 | 12 | 41 | 1 | 1 | 24 | 170 | |
| - | 21 | 387 | 203 | 322 | 69 | 140 | 50 | 9 | 7 | 48 | 496 | |
| - | 13 | 1,239 | 196 | 227 | 27 | 46 | 35 | 4 | 5 | 33 | 342 | |
| - | 6 | - | 51 | - | 34 | 14 | 26 | 5 | 8 | 14 | 82 | |
| - | 5 | 133 | 48 | 78 | 15 | 30 | 15 | - | - | 21 | 112 | |
| - | 6 | 152 | 32 | 20 | 14 | 28 | 10 | - | - | 9 | 72 | |
| - | 22 | 1,526 | 418 | 533 | 32 | 83 | 118 | 10 | 19 | 115 | 696 | |
| - | 1 | 278 | 144 | 139 | 12 | 25 | 33 | 2 | 3 | 28 | 195 | |
| - | 12 | 524 | 177 | 264 | 26 | 79 | 37 | 5 | 2 | 46 | 304 | |
| - | 6 | 166 | 46 | 73 | 14 | 26 | 5 | - | 2 | 30 | 115 | |
| - | 39 | 1,210 | 313 | 361 | 20 | 27 | 67 | 7 | 6 | 76 | 398 | |
| - | 4 | 159 | 62 | 43 | 9 | 26 | 5 | - | 3 | 18 | 99 | |
| - | 8 | 175 | 45 | 68 | 8 | 32 | 10 | - | - | 13 | 108 | |
| - | 21 | 560 | 290 | 398 | 38 | 82 | 64 | 1 | 6 | 86 | 425 | |
| - | 44 | 1,114 | 460 | 536 | 61 | 172 | 90 | 7 | 12 | 98 | 596 | |
| - | 5 | 114 | 37 | 62 | 10 | 31 | 19 | - | 3 | 19 | 133 | |
| - | - | 2 | 29 | 9 | 14 | 13 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 5 | 39 | |
| - | 12 | 1,155 | 323 | 367 | 66 | 148 | 104 | 11 | 1 | 83 | 605 | |
| - | 15 | 459 | 133 | 154 | 31 | 80 | 41 | 1 | - | 38 | 218 | |
| -19 | 880 | 36,964 | 12,437 | 15,057 | 2,018 | 3,898 | 2,919 | 225 | 261 | 2,512 | 18,420 | |

ALL PRESBYTERIES – CONGREGATIONAL STATISTICAL RETURN On Roll as at 31st December 2016

| PRESBYTERIES | Number of Congregations | Children 17 and under | Children 18+ on Roll | Children receiving Communion |
|----------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|------------------------------|
| Aberdeen | 36 | 1,244 | 338 | 73 |
| Abernethy | 11 | 53 | 83 | 18 |
| Angus | 33 | 1,017 | 135 | 92 |
| Annapdale and Eskdale | 19 | 385 | 128 | 21 |
| Airdrossan | 27 | 1,027 | 161 | 7 |
| Argyll | 65 | 495 | 115 | 15 |
| Ayr | 49 | 1,270 | 114 | 34 |
| Buchan | 34 | 686 | 84 | 16 |
| Caithness | 13 | 95 | 276 | 7 |
| Dumbarton | 34 | 1,100 | 121 | 27 |
| Dumfries and Kirkcudbright | 31 | 575 | 148 | 35 |
| Dundee | 35 | 1,536 | 349 | 56 |
| Dunfermline | 24 | 714 | 258 | 106 |
| Dunkeld and Meigle | 22 | 456 | 120 | 5 |
| Duns | 14 | 188 | 75 | 7 |
| Edinburgh | 73 | 3,976 | 1,440 | 437 |
| England | 7 | 107 | 36 | 6 |
| Falkirk | 34 | 2,008 | 200 | 114 |
| Glasgow | 130 | 8,099 | 1,671 | 444 |
| Gordon | 30 | 1,334 | 274 | 59 |
| Greenock & Paisley | 48 | 4,095 | 436 | 131 |

| | | | | |
|------------------------|-------|--------|--------|-------|
| Hamilton | 76 | 5,740 | 879 | 174 |
| International Charges | 11 | 184 | 17 | 22 |
| Inverness | 25 | 881 | 615 | 45 |
| Irvine and Kilmarnock | 26 | 1,817 | 360 | 64 |
| Jedburgh | 16 | 272 | 26 | 2 |
| Kincardine and Deeside | 20 | 347 | 78 | 29 |
| Kirkcaldy | 23 | 693 | 126 | 36 |
| Lanark | 23 | 1,380 | 297 | 125 |
| Lewis | 11 | 418 | 979 | 6 |
| Lochaber | 15 | 118 | 113 | 2 |
| Lochcarron - Skye | 8 | 68 | 410 | 6 |
| Lothian | 46 | 1,399 | 639 | 234 |
| Melrose and Peebles | 26 | 256 | 275 | 31 |
| Moray | 29 | 331 | 167 | 5 |
| Orkney | 20 | 95 | 42 | 5 |
| Perth | 35 | 1,164 | 299 | 80 |
| Ross | 21 | 73 | 945 | - |
| Shetland | 13 | 117 | 44 | - |
| St Andrews | 37 | 319 | 165 | 12 |
| Stirling | 46 | 1,379 | 716 | 106 |
| Sutherland | 14 | 98 | 385 | 12 |
| Uist | 8 | 74 | 435 | 4 |
| West Lothian | 26 | 1,919 | 294 | 128 |
| Wigtown and Stranraer | 19 | 433 | 74 | 6 |
| Totals | 1,363 | 50,035 | 14,942 | 2,844 |

APPENDIX VI: COMPARATIVE STATISTICS FROM 2006 TO 2017

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 |
|---------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|---------------------------------|
| Congregations | 1,513 | 1,487 | 1,464 | 1,454 | 1,441 | 1,427 |
| Communicants | | | | | | |
| Removals by Death | 12,557 | 12,478 | 11,826 | 11,218 | 11,454 | 10,488 |
| Removals by Certificate | 4,398 | 4,203 | 3,553 | 3,685 | 3,394 | 3,332 |
| Removals otherwise | 7,827 | 5,703 | 5,995 | 5,763 | 6,096 | 5,821 |
| Total Removals | 24,782 | 22,384 | 21,374 | 20,666 | 20,944 | 19,641 |
| Admission by Profession | 2,424 | 2,115 | 1,989 | 2,017 | 1,928 | 1,828 |
| Admission by Certificate | 3,572 | 3,354 | 2,941 | 2,707 | 2,467 | 2,365 |
| Admission by Resolution | 2,209 | 2,371 | 1,849 | 1,836 | 1,868 | 1,591 |
| Total Admissions | 8,205 | 7,840 | 6,779 | 6,560 | 6,263 | 5,784 |
| Total on rolls | 504,363 | 489,118 | 471,894 | 464,355 | 445,646 | 432,343 |
| Elders | 40,651 | 38,534 | 36,360 | 36,215 | 36,519 | 34,572 |
| Baptisms | 7,337 | 6,950 | 6,154 | 6,198 | 5,787 | 5,452 |
| Total Population | 5,116,900 | 5,144,200 | 5,168,500 | 5,194,000 | 5,222,100 | 5,254,800 |
| Adult | 4,130,913 | 4,161,258 | 4,189,133 | 4,151,853 | 4,184,261 | 4,218,391 |
| Children of School Age | 717,530 | 707,742 | 696,395 | 678,163 | 680,325 | 680,325 |
| Children born | 55,168 | 57,003 | 59,531 | 59,673 | 58,791 | 59,826 |
| | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 |
| Congregations | 1,414 | 1,389 | 1,379 | 1,364 | 1,373 | 1,363 |
| Communicants | | | | | | |
| Removals by Death | 11,156 | 10,648 | 10,011 | 10,433 | 9,330 | 9,611 |
| Removals by Certificate | 3,073 | 3,026 | 3,013 | 2,628 | 2,479 | 2,038 |
| Removals Otherwise | 7,047 | 5,592 | 7,673 | 6,113 | 7,057 | 6,075 |
| Total Removals | 21,276 | 19,266 | 20,697 | 19,174 | 18,866 | 17,724 |
| Admissions by Profession | 1,617 | 1,485 | 1,273 | 1,188 | 994 | 992 |
| Admissions by Certificate | 2,413 | 2,256 | 2,049 | 1,752 | 1,711 | 1,559 |
| Admissions by Resolution | 1,750 | 1,777 | 1,321 | 1,312 | 1,700 | 1,316 |
| Total Admissions | 5,780 | 5,518 | 4,643 | 4,252 | 4,405 | 3,867 |
| Total on Rolls | 413,488 | 398,389 | 380,163 | 363,597 | 351,934 | 336,831 |
| Elders | 34,138 | 32,834 | 31,146 | 30,301 | 28,346 | 27,494 |
| Baptisms | 5,147 | 4,664 | 4,045 | 3,591 | 3,333 | 2,919 |
| * Total Population | 5,313,600 | 5,327,700 | 5,327,700 | 5,373,000 | 5,404,700 | Figures not yet available |
| Adult | 4,398,929 | 4,416,021 | 4,436,318 | 4,460,738 | 4,488,783 | |
| Children of School Age | 680,291 | 679,221 | 678,872 | 679,848 | 685,142 | |
| Children born | 58,691 | 57,058 | 56,297 | 56,001 | 55,516 | |

* Calculation date changed during 2004

APPENDIX VII: MINISTRY STATISTICS

| A. AT HOME | As at 31.12.12 | As at 31.12.13 | As at 31.12.14 | As at 31.12.15 | As at 31.12.16 | As at 31.12.17 |
|---|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Number of Charges at December | 1,101 | 1,068 | 1,051 | 1,040 | 1,017 | 1,023 |
| Number of Ministers serving charges | M 652 F 205 | M 627 F 202 | M 607 F 204 | M 593 F 193 | M 574 F 198 | M 559 F 194 |
| | 857 | 829 | 811 | 786 | 772 | 753 |
| Number of Guardianships | 9 | 20 | 25 | 24 | 23 | 34 |
| Number of Vacant Charges | 223 | 223 | 215 | 230 | 222 | 236 |
| Ministries Development Staff | - | - | M 33 F 61 | M 44 F 73 | M 44 F 76 | M 48 F 82 |
| Total | - | - | 94 | 117 | 120 | 130 |
| Total MDS Posts in Plans | - | - | 138.5 | 138.5 | 144.6 | 149 |
| | | | | | | |
| B. ABROAD | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 |
| International Presbytery | | | | | | |
| Number of Ordained Ministers | 19 | 17 | 19 | 18 | 16 | 16 |
| Number of Vacancies for Ministers | 0 | 3 | 3 | 6 * | 7 | 5 |
| Jerusalem and Mission Partners | | | | | | |
| Number of Ordained Ministers | - | - | - | 4 | 3 | 3 |
| | | | | | | |
| C. FULL-TIME MINISTRY OF WORD AND SACRAMENT STUDENTS | 2012 | 2013 | 2014** | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 |
| New College, Edinburgh | | | M 10 F 5 | M 10 F 2 | M 4 F 4 | M 5 F 5 |
| Trinity College, Glasgow | | | M 4 F 9 | M 6 F 4 | M 5 F 3 | M 3 F 6 |
| St Mary's College, St Andrews | | | M 0 F 2 | M 0 F 3 | M 1 F 2 | M 1 F 2 |
| Christ's College, Aberdeen | | | M 1 F 0 | M 3 F 2 | M 6 F 6 | M 1 F 2 |
| Highland Theological College, Dingwall | | | M 7 F 1 | M 4 F 2 | M 12 F 4 | M 10 F 4 |
| Total number completing | | | 39 | 36 | 47 | 39 |

* 2 under Guardianship

** In 2014, the method of recording statistics moved to recording Full-Time Ministers of Word and Sacrament students in training rather than those simply completing courses.

APPENDIX VIII ATTENDANCE AT WORSHIP STATISTICS

| Presbytery Number | Presbytery | Under 16 % | 16-24 % | 25-44 % | 45-64 % | 65 -84 % | 85 + % | Number of Worshipers |
|-------------------|----------------------------|------------|---------|---------|---------|----------|--------|----------------------|
| 1 | Edinburgh | 12% | 3% | 11% | 21% | 37% | 7% | 7084 |
| 2 | West Lothian | 10% | 3% | 8% | 19% | 42% | 6% | 2433 |
| 3 | Lothian | 11% | 2% | 10% | 26% | 42% | 7% | 3622 |
| 4 | Melrose and Peebles | 9% | 2% | 11% | 25% | 58% | 11% | 1273 |
| 5 | Duns | 9% | 1% | 6% | 29% | 54% | 7% | 685 |
| 6 | Jedburgh | 4% | 1% | 5% | 26% | 55% | 5% | 737 |
| 7 | Annandale and Eskdale | 10% | 3% | 10% | 25% | 50% | 8% | 945 |
| 8 | Dumfries and Kirkcudbright | 7% | 2% | 10% | 50% | 72% | 12% | 1617 |
| 9 | Wigtown and Stranraer | 18% | 1% | 12% | 35% | 99% | 7% | 820 |
| 10 | Ayr | 7% | 2% | 6% | 23% | 52% | 9% | 3147 |
| 11 | Irvine and Kilmarnock | 10% | 3% | 11% | 25% | 47% | 7% | 2001 |
| 12 | Ardrossan | 9% | 1% | 9% | 27% | 50% | 9% | 1799 |
| 13 | Lanark | 12% | 3% | 12% | 29% | 51% | 3% | 1778 |
| 14 | Greenock & Paisley | 11% | 4% | 10% | 22% | 38% | 8% | 4723 |
| 16 | Glasgow | 37% | - | 14% | 21% | 49% | 10% | 265 |
| 17 | Hamilton | 12% | 3% | 12% | 23% | 45% | 8% | 7568 |
| 18 | Dumbarton | 8% | 2% | 8% | 21% | 44% | 8% | 2107 |
| 19 | Argyll | 11% | 2% | 7% | 32% | 71% | 8% | 1668 |
| 22 | Falkirk | 11% | 3% | 10% | 23% | 53% | 10% | 2938 |
| 23 | Stirling | 11% | 3% | 10% | 27% | 54% | 7% | 3368 |

| | | | | | | | | |
|----|-------------------------------|-----|----|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|
| 24 | Dunfermline | 17% | 2% | 11% | 24% | 49% | 8% | 1958 |
| 25 | Kirkcaldy | 8% | 3% | 4% | 16% | 36% | 11% | 1769 |
| 26 | St Andrews | 7% | 2% | 6% | 18% | 57% | 12% | 2033 |
| 27 | Dunkeld and Meigle | 14% | 4% | 6% | 20% | 72% | 10% | 1109 |
| 28 | Perth | 10% | 2% | 8% | 24% | 49% | 8% | 2450 |
| 29 | Dundee | 12% | 3% | 12% | 26% | 55% | 11% | 2277 |
| 30 | Angus | 8% | 2% | 14% | 34% | 58% | 14% | 359 |
| 31 | Aberdeen | 7% | 4% | 12% | 24% | 45% | 12% | 2906 |
| 32 | Kincardine and Deeside | 12% | 2% | 10% | 27% | 54% | 9% | 1244 |
| 33 | Gordon | 11% | 2% | 9% | 23% | 40% | 6% | 2110 |
| 34 | Buchan | 8% | 2% | 9% | 34% | 62% | 7% | 1248 |
| 35 | Moray | 9% | 1% | 5% | 29% | 70% | 10% | 1222 |
| 36 | Abernethy | 25% | 7% | 14% | 29% | 72% | 16% | 528 |
| 37 | Inverness | 10% | 4% | 8% | 20% | 44% | 5% | 2336 |
| 38 | Lochaber | 9% | 3% | 9% | 25% | 73% | 9% | 424 |
| 39 | Ross | 10% | 3% | 9% | 25% | 64% | 5% | 1032 |
| 40 | Sutherland | 8% | 2% | 6% | 30% | 91% | 12% | 455 |
| 41 | Caithness | 9% | 2% | 7% | 22% | 52% | 8% | 442 |
| 42 | Lochcarron - Skye | 7% | 3% | 7% | 29% | 50% | 9% | 553 |
| 43 | Uist | 17% | 3% | 9% | 28% | 41% | 8% | 348 |
| 44 | Lewis | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 45 | Orkney | 19% | 2% | 11% | 29% | 50% | 7% | 571 |
| 46 | Shetland | 6% | 3% | 4% | 18% | 50% | 6% | 324 |
| 47 | England | 9% | 6% | 21% | 30% | 57% | 9% | 508 |

CONGREGATIONAL ACTIVITIES STATISTICS

| Presb No | Presbytery | Number of Responses | School Chaplaincy | Youth Work | Community Development | International Links | Environmental Issues | Political Issues | Health Issues | Economic Inequality | Food Poverty |
|----------|----------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|------------|-----------------------|---------------------|----------------------|------------------|---------------|---------------------|--------------|
| | SCOTLAND | 1097 | 82% | 68% | 65% | 61% | 33% | 17% | 32% | 29% | 84% |
| 1 | Edinburgh | 65 | 91% | 78% | 78% | 74% | 52% | 31% | 46% | 45% | 92% |
| 2 | West Lothian | 26 | 100% | 92% | 54% | 73% | 38% | 19% | 42% | 38% | 92% |
| 3 | Lothian | 46 | 83% | 87% | 85% | 65% | 41% | 26% | 39% | 33% | 91% |
| 4 | Melrose and Peebles | 25 | 84% | 56% | 76% | 84% | 60% | 28% | 28% | 40% | 96% |
| 5 | Duns | 14 | 79% | 64% | 57% | 71% | 14% | 7% | 14% | 7% | 93% |
| 6 | Jedburgh | 15 | 60% | 73% | 73% | 27% | 20% | 0% | 13% | 7% | 80% |
| 7 | Annapdale and Eskdale | 19 | 79% | 58% | 68% | 58% | 37% | 21% | 32% | 47% | 84% |
| 8 | Dumfries and Kirkcudbright | 32 | 81% | 34% | 53% | 50% | 31% | 9% | 19% | 19% | 78% |
| 9 | Wigtown and Stranraer | 18 | 89% | 56% | 56% | 44% | 11% | 0% | 17% | 22% | 100% |
| 10 | Ayr | 37 | 92% | 54% | 84% | 62% | 22% | 24% | 32% | 35% | 54% |
| 11 | Irvine and Kilmarock | 22 | 95% | 77% | 73% | 59% | 32% | 18% | 41% | 41% | 91% |
| 12 | Ardrossan | 23 | 87% | 78% | 52% | 61% | 39% | 13% | 43% | 26% | 91% |
| 13 | Lanark | 23 | 74% | 61% | 61% | 57% | 17% | 9% | 22% | 22% | 74% |
| 14 | Greenock & Paisley | 46 | 83% | 87% | 70% | 52% | 30% | 9% | 30% | 24% | 87% |
| 16 | Glasgow* | 7 | 86% | 71% | 43% | 57% | 57% | 43% | 71% | 57% | 86% |
| 17 | Hamilton | 74 | 86% | 82% | 76% | 68% | 38% | 16% | 46% | 41% | 91% |
| 18 | Dumbarton | 24 | 92% | 79% | 75% | 58% | 46% | 25% | 33% | 33% | 83% |
| 19 | Argyll | 52 | 71% | 46% | 48% | 42% | 23% | 15% | 21% | 15% | 56% |
| 22 | Falkirk | 33 | 79% | 79% | 64% | 58% | 36% | 15% | 45% | 33% | 97% |
| 23 | Stirling | 46 | 78% | 74% | 65% | 74% | 39% | 24% | 30% | 35% | 89% |

| | | | | | | | | | | | |
|----|------------------------|----|-----|-----|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|
| 24 | Dunfermline | 23 | 91% | 65% | 65% | 78% | 39% | 22% | 30% | 30% | 100% |
| 25 | Kirkcaldy | 21 | 90% | 86% | 90% | 81% | 57% | 19% | 48% | 33% | 100% |
| 26 | St Andrews | 34 | 76% | 50% | 62% | 65% | 26% | 15% | 15% | 15% | 79% |
| 27 | Dunkeld and Meikle | 20 | 70% | 40% | 45% | 40% | 25% | 5% | 10% | 10% | 60% |
| 28 | Perth | 31 | 81% | 77% | 77% | 68% | 39% | 16% | 39% | 32% | 81% |
| 29 | Dundee | 34 | 82% | 74% | 56% | 68% | 41% | 15% | 41% | 32% | 100% |
| 30 | Angus | 8 | 88% | 75% | 75% | 63% | 38% | 38% | 50% | 50% | 100% |
| 31 | Aberdeen | 34 | 91% | 74% | 62% | 68% | 53% | 26% | 29% | 41% | 91% |
| 32 | Kincardine and Deeside | 20 | 95% | 80% | 85% | 65% | 40% | 5% | 30% | 15% | 75% |
| 33 | Gordon | 29 | 93% | 83% | 66% | 66% | 24% | 17% | 41% | 38% | 90% |
| 34 | Buchan | 25 | 64% | 64% | 40% | 28% | 12% | 4% | 12% | 8% | 68% |
| 35 | Moray | 22 | 95% | 45% | 59% | 41% | 14% | 18% | 14% | 9% | 82% |
| 36 | Abernethy | 11 | 82% | 55% | 55% | 64% | 45% | 18% | 36% | 18% | 82% |
| 37 | Inverness | 24 | 83% | 67% | 75% | 63% | 25% | 21% | 33% | 38% | 75% |
| 38 | Lochaber | 15 | 87% | 53% | 53% | 60% | 20% | 20% | 27% | 20% | 93% |
| 39 | Ross | 21 | 86% | 43% | 43% | 57% | 19% | 10% | 14% | 14% | 90% |
| 40 | Sutherland | 14 | 64% | 50% | 57% | 36% | 14% | 7% | 14% | 7% | 71% |
| 41 | Caithness | 13 | 69% | 54% | 46% | 38% | 15% | 15% | 23% | 15% | 62% |
| 42 | Lochcarron - Skye | 8 | 75% | 63% | 38% | 75% | 13% | 13% | 38% | 0% | 75% |
| 43 | Uist | 6 | 83% | 83% | 50% | 50% | 17% | 17% | 50% | 0% | 50% |
| 44 | Lewis* | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 45 | Orkney | 18 | 56% | 50% | 44% | 61% | 28% | 22% | 22% | 28% | 56% |
| 46 | Shetland | 12 | 42% | 58% | 8% | 42% | 17% | 0% | 8% | 25% | 75% |
| 47 | England | 7 | 29% | 43% | 8.6% | 71% | 43% | 0% | 29% | 43% | 100% |

* Full returns not submitted at time of going to press

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT OF THE LEGAL QUESTIONS COMMITTEE MAY 2018

Proposed Deliverance

The General Assembly:

1. Receive the Report.
2. Amend Standing Order 33.1.(a) as detailed in Section 1 of the Report. (*Section 1 – Amendment to Standing Orders*).
3. Pass an Act amending the Vacancy Procedure Act (Act VIII 2003) as set out in Appendix A (*Section 2 and Appendix A*).

Report

1. Amendment to Standing Orders

1.1 Standing Orders currently do not provide for the Theological Forum to be able to appoint a Corresponding Member to the Assembly. It is suggested that this be rectified, by adding the Theological Forum to the list set out in Standing Order 33.1.(a).

2. Amendment to the Vacancy Procedure Act (Act VIII 2003)

2.1 When the Registration of Ministries Act (Act II 2017) was enacted at last year's Assembly, section 21(3)(a) of the Vacancy Procedure Act (Act VIII 2003) was amended to provide that the nominee's eligibility would henceforth be evidenced by a certified extract from the Register of Ministry showing that the minister has category O registration.

2.2 At the same time there was also deleted a provision in the Vacancy Procedure Act which specified that for a minister in the first five years of his or her first charge, there should also be obtained an extract minute from the Vacancy Procedure Committee or the current Presbytery exceptionally releasing the minister. This deletion reflected the terms of section 19(iv) of the Registration of Ministry Act (Act II 2017) which provides that if Presbytery is not prepared exceptionally to release such a person, then Presbytery should immediately re-categorise that person, with the person choosing between category R or category I.

2.3 In practice, clerks to Nominating Committees follow the provisions of Act VIII 2003 and might not be as aware of the provision in Act II 2017. It is important for Presbyteries and Nominating Committees to note that where a minister in the first five years of his or her first charge requests permission to be released from that charge, both an extract minute from the Presbytery and an extract from the Register of Ministry will be required. It is therefore thought that

it might be helpful to reinstate the original provision in the Vacancy Procedure Act and the appropriate amending Act is set out in Appendix A.

In the name of the Committee

GEORGE S COWIE, *Convener*
ALISTAIR MAY, *Vice-Convener*
GEORGE J WHYTE, *Secretary*

APPENDIX A

[] ACT AMENDING THE VACANCY PROCEDURE ACT (ACT VIII 2003) *Edinburgh, [] May 2018, Session []*

The General Assembly hereby enact and ordain that the Vacancy Procedure Act (Act VIII 2003), as amended, shall be further amended as follows:

1. *In section 21(3) add a new subsection (c) as follows:*

“(c) In addition, in the case of a minister in the first five years of his or her first charge, an extract minute shall be obtained either from the Vacancy Procedure Committee of his or her current Presbytery, or from that Presbytery, exceptionally releasing the minister.”

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THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2018

STANDING ORDERS

I. COMMISSIONS

1. Roll of Presbytery. Each Presbytery Clerk shall, by 15 January of each year, transmit to the Clerks of Assembly the number of charges, appointments and deacons specified in sections 2 and 4 of Act III 2000 (as amended) – all as at 31 December immediately preceding.

2. Presbyterial Representation. The Assembly Arrangements Committee shall meet in January of each year for the purpose of considering the said Rolls and of ascertaining the effect, as regards representation, of any changes in Presbyteries which have occurred in the course of the previous year. The Clerks of Assembly shall immediately thereafter intimate to Presbyteries what will be their representation in the ensuing Assembly.

The decision of the Assembly Arrangements Committee, so intimated to Presbyteries, shall be subject to review by the Assembly on Petition by the Presbytery concerned.

3. Question Arising. Should there arise between the month of February and the opening of the Assembly any question regarding representation not provided for in these Orders, the Assembly Arrangements Committee shall have power to dispose thereof.

4. Furnishing of Commission. The Clerks of Assembly shall furnish Presbytery Clerks with a copy of the approved form of Certificate of Commission.

5. Transmission of Certificates. The names, in alphabetical order, and full postal addresses of Commissioners from Presbyteries, shall be transmitted by

Presbytery Clerks to the Clerks of Assembly not later than 31 March in each year so far as they have been elected by that time.

Certificates, endorsed by the Clerk of each Presbytery to the effect that to the best of his knowledge the Elders named therein are bona fide acting Elders and are commissioned by the Presbytery, shall be transmitted by Presbytery Clerks so as to be in the hands of the Clerks of Assembly not less than one week before the opening of the Assembly.

6. Committee on Commissions. The Committee on Commissions shall consist of the Clerks; the Principal Clerk shall be Convener. The Committee shall prepare a report on all Commissions and Certificates transmitted to them for submission to the Assembly at the opening Session. The said Committee shall prepare and print a list of Commissioners.

Along with the said list a copy of the Standing Orders of the General Assembly shall be made available to each member.

The Clerks shall arrange to forward to each Commissioner, at least one week before the opening day of the Assembly, a copy of the volume of Reports and Proposed Deliverances and a copy of all Assembly Papers then available.

7. Objections. The Committee on Commissions shall, if called upon, or if it shall appear to it necessary or expedient so to do, hear any person whose Commission is objected to in support of his Commission, and also any person or persons who may object to such Commission.

8. Late Commissions. It shall be competent at any time during the sitting of the Assembly to lodge with the Clerks

of Assembly Commissions which have not previously been transmitted to them; and such Commissions shall be submitted by the Clerks to the Assembly on the day next after that on which the Commissions have been lodged, and shall be disposed of by the Assembly as may seem proper.

II. CONDUCT OF BUSINESS

(a) OPENING SESSION

9. Convening. The Commissioners elected to serve in the Assembly shall convene on the day and at the hour fixed for the meeting of the Assembly, and, after prayer by the Moderator of the preceding Assembly, the List of Commissioners shall be laid on the table.

10. Election of Moderator. The election of a Moderator shall then be made.

11. Her Majesty's Commission. Her Majesty's Commission to the Lord High Commissioner shall then be read and ordered to be recorded.

12. Her Majesty's Letter. Her Majesty's Letter to the Assembly shall then be read and a Committee shall be appointed to prepare an answer thereto.

13. Standing Orders. The Standing Orders shall be laid on the table.

14. Committee on Commissions. The Report of the Committee on Commissions (SO 6) shall be called for and disposed of.

15. Order of Business. The Assembly shall appoint a Business Committee, the Convener and Vice-Convener thereof normally to be the Convener and Vice-Convener respectively of the Assembly Arrangements Committee. The Assembly Arrangements Committee shall prepare and submit at the opening session an Order of Business for the first two days.

(b) BUSINESS COMMITTEE

16. The Business Committee shall consist of forty Commissioners including the Convener and Vice-Convener; and the Moderator,

Clerks, Procurator and Law Agent shall be additional members, *ex officii*.

17. First Meeting. The Business Committee shall meet on the opening day of the Assembly as intimated and thereafter as business may require. At its first meeting it shall consider the Draft Order of Business which shall have been prepared by the Assembly Arrangements Committee for the business of the Assembly subsequent to the first two days, and shall be wholly responsible therefor.

18. Selection Committee. Commissioners to the General Assembly shall be free to nominate other commissioners to serve on the Selection Committee. The names of those proposed shall be brought before the first meeting of the Business Committee which, in turn and without being limited to those names proposed by commissioners who are not among its members, shall nominate a Selection Committee of twenty commissioners, including a Convener and Vice-Convener, whose function it shall be to select and submit to the Assembly for their approval names of persons to serve on all Special Commissions and Committees appointed during the sittings of the Assembly. Such persons need not be commissioners.

19. Communications. All letters addressed to the Moderator for the purpose of being communicated to the Assembly shall, in the first instance, be laid before the Business Committee, which shall advise the Moderator as to their disposal.

20. Paper through Boxes. Requests for permission to distribute material through Members' boxes should be submitted to the Assembly Arrangements Committee before the commencement of the Assembly, and requests received thereafter shall be submitted to the Business Committee. Any other Committee concerned should be informed and supplied with copies, if available, of the material to be distributed.

(c) DEVOTIONAL EXERCISES

21. The Lord's Supper. The Assembly shall celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper at a time appointed by the General Assembly at its opening session.

22. Acts of Worship. The Moderator shall be responsible to the Assembly for the conduct of all acts of worship, and shall consult the Assembly Arrangements Committee or the Business Committee anent any proposed innovation in such conduct.

(d) MISCELLANEOUS

23. Minutes. The minutes of each day's proceedings, if available, together with the Agenda for the following day or days, intimations of meetings of Committees, and Notices of Motion, shall be printed as the "Assembly Papers", and shall be made available for all members. The Minutes, being taken as read and full opportunity having been given for correction, shall be approved as available. It shall always be in order at the close of any particular item of business to move that the Minute thereanent be adjusted and approved. Before the dissolution of the Assembly a small Committee, appointed for the purpose, shall be authorised to approve the Minutes not already approved by the Assembly.

24. Quorum. The quorum of the Assembly shall be thirty-one, of whom not less than sixteen shall be Ministers. Any Member may at any time call the attention of the Moderator to the fact that there is not a quorum present, and if, on a count being made, it is found that such is the case, it shall be the duty of the Moderator to suspend or adjourn the session.

25. Tellers. The Assembly Arrangements Committee shall submit for the approval of the Assembly at their first session a proposed Panel of Tellers. (See SO 105.)

26. Printing of Acts. The Committee on Commissions (SO 6) shall arrange for the printing of the Acts of Assembly and shall print in the Assembly Papers of the penultimate day an Interim Report thereon,

which shall be considered on the last day of the Assembly.

27. Examination of Records. Minutes of the Standing Committees of the Assembly shall be examined by the Legal Questions Committee. The Committee shall report thereanent to the General Assembly.

28. Returns to Overtures.

(a) A Committee on Overtures and Cases, consisting of the Clerks, Procurator and Law Agent of the Church (with the Principal Clerk as Convener) shall advise any Committee or individual on the procedure to be followed in respect of measures requiring process under the Barrier Act.

(b) For the avoidance of doubt, measures other than Acts of Assembly may be referred for the consideration of Presbyteries, in which case they shall be presented to the General Assembly in the form of an Overture set out as an Act.

(c) For the avoidance of doubt, it is open to the General Assembly to decline to consider any motion of which it believes inadequate notice has been given, considering the nature of its content.

(d) Measures remitted to Presbyteries by an Overture under the Barrier Act shall be accompanied by a note of the voting figures in the General Assembly, the text of the relevant Report and a note by the Clerks explaining any technical or legal matters contained in the Overture.

(e) All Presbyteries shall make a return in respect of every Overture sent down under the Barrier Act. The return shall be made upon the schedule sent electronically to the Presbytery Clerk for the purpose, transmitted to the Clerks of Assembly, and then submitted to the Committee on Overtures and Cases. The Committee shall classify the returns and make a report to the next Assembly. It shall be the duty of the Committee to report not only the number of Presbyteries for and against an Overture, but also the numbers voting in the Presbyteries as reported in the schedule.

(f) The Report of the Committee shall include the text of such Overtures as have been approved by a majority of Presbyteries.

(g) The Assembly Arrangements Committee shall ensure that the Committee's Report classifying returns is taken by the General Assembly no later than session 2 thereof, and in any case before any debate that in the opinion of the Committee on Overtures and Cases would more usefully follow consideration of the Committee's Report.

(h) The Report of the Committee shall be given in to the Assembly by the Principal Clerk, with the reply to the debate on the merits of the measure given by the relevant Convener. Both should be available to answer questions, as appropriate.

29. Special Commissions and Committees.

Special Commissions or Committees will only be appointed where the General Assembly has no existing Standing Committee to which the matter under consideration can, in all the circumstances, properly be remitted. In normal circumstances, business proposed by Councils or Committees of the General Assembly or proposed by Commissioners in the course of debate shall be remitted to one or more of the appropriate Standing Committees listed in SO 113. When, from time to time, a Standing Committee requires to co-opt relevant expertise in order to fulfil the work remitted to it by the General Assembly, it should acknowledge the same in its Report to the General Assembly.

30. Closing of Assembly.

When the business set down for the last day of the Assembly has been disposed of, the Assembly shall be closed by addresses by the Moderator to the Assembly and to the Lord High Commissioner, and by an address by the Lord High Commissioner to the Assembly, during an act of worship, and dissolved according to the practice of the Church.

III. MEMBERS NOT COMMISSIONERS

(a) MEMBERS *ex officio*

31. These are the Moderator of the Assembly, on election, and the immediately preceding Moderator, the Clerks, Procurator, and Law Agent, and also the Convener and Vice-Convener of the Business Committee upon their election.

They have all the rights and privileges of Commissioners.

(b) CORRESPONDING MEMBERS, DELEGATES AND VISITORS – DEFINITION

32. Corresponding Members.

Representatives of Departments and Standing Committees as stated in SO 33.

Delegates from other Churches.

Representatives of other Churches who come in response to an invitation from the Principal Clerk sent at the request of the World Mission Council or from the Committee on Ecumenical Relations to their Church to send a delegate or delegates to the General Assembly and who are duly accredited by the Courts or equivalent authority of their Churches.

Visitors. Visitors from other Churches who come with a Letter of Introduction from Assembly or Presbytery Clerks or equivalent officer of their Church.

33. Corresponding Members

1. (a) The following shall have the right to appoint Corresponding Members in terms of (b) below:

Council of Assembly, Church and Society Council, Ministries Council, Mission and Discipleship Council, Social Care Council, World Mission Council, Committee on Church Art and Architecture, Central Services Committee, Ecumenical Relations Committee, General Trustees, Church of Scotland Guild, Trustees of the Housing and Loan Fund, the Nomination Committee, Panel on Review and Reform, Safeguarding Committee, Stewardship and Finance Committee and the Church of Scotland Pension Trustees.

(b) Each of the above shall appoint for each day a member or staff-member to act as Corresponding Member, and will advise the Assembly Arrangements Committee not less than one week before the commencement of the General Assembly of the names of the Corresponding Members appointed for each day. The names of Corresponding Members appointed under this Standing Order shall be printed in the Assembly Papers.

2. The Secretaries of the Council of Assembly, the Church and Society, Ministries, Mission and Discipleship, Social Care and World Mission Councils, the Ecumenical Officer, the Editor of Life and Work, the General Treasurer, the Head of Stewardship, the Head of Human Resources, the Convener of the Nomination Committee and the Scottish Churches' Parliamentary Officer shall be Corresponding Members when not Commissioners.

3. The Charity Trustees of the Unincorporated Councils and Committees of the General Assembly who are also Conveners of the Finance, Governance, Staffing and Communication Committees of the Council of Assembly shall also be Corresponding Members when not Commissioners.

34. Status. Corresponding Members of Assembly shall be entitled to attend all sessions of the same and to speak on any matter before the Assembly affecting the interests of their Council or Committee, where applicable, but shall not have the right to vote or make a motion.

(c) YOUTH REPRESENTATIVES

35. Status

(i) One person between the ages of eighteen and twenty-five on the opening day of the General Assembly shall, if possible, be appointed by each Presbytery to serve as a Youth Representative; each Representative shall be involved in the life of a congregation within the bounds of the Presbytery and be regularly involved in the life and worship of the Church of Scotland. The minister of the

congregation shall provide confirmation of this involvement if asked by the Mission and Discipleship Council.

(ii) The National Youth Assembly each year shall appoint ten of its own number, being between the ages of eighteen and twenty-five on the opening day of the following General Assembly, to serve as Youth representatives to that General Assembly.

(iii) Youth Representatives shall be entitled to speak and move motions but not to vote: during debates on Committee reports during debates on Overtures

(iv) Youth Representatives shall not be entitled to speak, move motions or vote: during debates on Petitions or cases during debates on matters affecting General Assembly procedure or Standing Orders

(v) Youth Representatives shall not be members of the Commission of Assembly.

Oversight

(vi) The Mission and Discipleship Council shall take responsibility for Youth Representatives and shall extend to them appropriate hospitality.

(d) DELEGATES AND VISITORS

36. Reception. Delegates from other Churches shall be received and welcomed by the Moderator. The Assembly Arrangements Committee is authorised, after consultation with the World Mission Council and the Ecumenical Relations Committee, to recommend to the Moderator to invite two specified delegates to convey greetings briefly after all the delegates have been received and welcomed by the Moderator.

37. Status.

(i) Delegates to the Assembly shall have the right to attend all sessions and to speak on all matters before the Assembly, except when the Assembly are exercising judicial functions, but shall not have the right to vote.

(ii) Visitors shall have the privilege of seats in the Assembly but without the right to speak or vote. As in the case of Delegates, the officials of the World Mission Council, the Ecumenical Relations Committee, or other relevant Council or Committee shall extend appropriate hospitality to Visitors.

38. Oversight. The officials of the World Mission Council, the Ecumenical Relations Committee, and other Councils or Committees which may be interested in Delegates, shall see that Invitations to Assembly functions are procured for the Delegates, and that the Members of Assembly shall do everything in their power to make the visits of all the Delegates pleasant and profitable.

(e) NON-MEMBERS

39. Guest Speakers. Where any Committee wishes that one of its members or staff members, not being a Member of Assembly, should have an opportunity of addressing the Assembly in connection with the discussion of its Report, the Convener shall, before the commencement of the debate, (i) obtain the permission of the Convener of the Business Committee, and (ii) inform the Moderator. Where any Committee wishes that a person, not being a Member of Assembly or member or staff member of that Committee, should address the Assembly, the Convener shall submit the name of such person for approval to the Assembly Arrangements Committee before the Assembly opens, or to the Business Committee during the sittings of the Assembly, and the decision of the Assembly Arrangements Committee or Business Committee shall be final, unless the Assembly themselves shall resolve in terms of SO 129 hereof to dispense with the observance of Standing Orders in respect of that particular matter.

40. Conference Sessions. The Assembly Arrangements Committee, or the Business Committee, in consultation with other Councils and Committees as appropriate may invite the General Assembly to meet

in conference sessions and arrange for guest speakers to address such sessions. Councils and Committees shall also be free to invite guests, whom they consider to have a particular interest in the matter under discussion, to participate in the debate. When the General Assembly is meeting in conference no resolutions shall be framed or decisions taken. Expert speakers invited to address the conference shall be allowed a maximum time of fifteen minutes. All other speeches shall be limited to five minutes.

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND OVERTURES

(a) REPORTS

41. Transmission. Reports of all Committees reporting to the Assembly shall be transmitted to the Clerks of Assembly not later than the first Monday after the third Tuesday in February each year provided that, by arrangement with the Clerk of Assembly, a Statement and Proposed Deliverance on the Budget of the Church, report on Congregational Statistics as reported by Kirk Sessions through Presbyteries and report on Statistics of Ministry may be submitted at a later date, but in time to be printed and forwarded with the Reports. All Reports shall be accompanied by the Deliverance to be proposed to the Assembly, and when the Proposed Deliverance exceeds two sections each section shall be numbered consecutively.

42. Printing. It shall be the duty of the Clerks to arrange for all such Reports and Proposed Deliverances to be printed in the authorised form, to be stitched together, paged, and for a copy to be forwarded to each Member of Assembly at least one week before the day of meeting. All Reports so distributed shall be held as read. Each Committee shall immediately after the rising of the Assembly furnish the publisher of the Reports with the number required for circulation.

43. Oral Reports and Reports of Sub-Committees. Oral Reports shall not be received, and no Sub-Committee shall give any Report to the Assembly.

44. In Retentis. Reports shall not be engrossed in the Minutes, but two copies of each printed Report certified by one of the Clerks as being that given to the Assembly, shall be kept in retentis; and the Reports thus collected shall be bound up in volume to be preserved among the other Records of the Assembly.

45. Questions on Reports. After the Deliverance on the Report of any Committee has been moved and seconded the Assembly, before dealing with any other motions or amendments thereon, shall have opportunity for asking questions on the Report, this being without prejudice to the right of Members to put questions, with the leave of the Assembly, at any subsequent stage.

46. Questions requiring Notice. It shall be in order to ask questions of the Convener regarding any matter in the care of the Committee to which no reference is made in the Report but in such cases timeous notice shall be given to the Convener.

47. Deliverance. The final Deliverance of the Assembly upon the Report of any Committee shall follow immediately after the consideration of that Report, except in the event of a special reason for the contrary having been approved by the Assembly and recorded in the Minutes.

48. Late Reports. Reports of Committees appointed during the sittings of Assembly, if they propose any motion not already printed, shall be put into the hands of the Clerks of Assembly at least one day prior to their being considered, and printed in the "Assembly Papers".

(b) OVERTURES

49. Transmissions. All Overtures from Presbyteries passed on or before 24 April shall be sent to the Clerks of Assembly not later than that date in each year. Overtures

from Commissioners shall be lodged with the Clerks not later than noon on the third last day of the meeting of the Assembly, unless the Assembly for special reason decide otherwise.

50. Printing. The Clerks shall arrange for the printing of Overtures, at the expense of those promoting them and for their circulation to Commissioners, either with the papers for Cases or in the "Assembly Papers".

51. Form. Overtures should contain a brief statement of the matter to be brought before the Assembly together with a Proposed Deliverance, of which the first section shall be "The General Assembly receive the Overture".

52. When Taken. Overtures relating to matters under the care of the Committees of the Church whose reports are on the Agenda for one of the first two days of the Assembly shall be assigned by the Assembly Arrangements Committee (unless the Committee on Overtures and Cases decides not to transmit) to the place in the discussion at which they shall be introduced to the Assembly. In other cases this shall be done by the Business Committee. When the Proposed Deliverance of an Overture is capable of being treated as a counter-motion or amendment to the Proposed Deliverance of a Committee, or as a new section of such Proposed Deliverance, it shall be so treated.

53. Grouping. Overtures on the same or cognate subjects shall be grouped by the Assembly Arrangements Committee or Business Committee of the Assembly and only one speaker shall be heard introducing each group.

54. Introduction. An Overture from a Presbytery may be introduced by any member of that Presbytery, specially appointed for the purpose, at the bar; or by any one of its Commissioners to the Assembly in his or her place as a Commissioner.

(c) GENERAL

55. Matters Relating to Stipend. It shall not be competent for the Assembly, without due notice of motion in the hands of Commissioners in print and in proper form (for example as a Proposed Deliverance, Notice of Motion or Crave of a Petition), to debate any proposal which might impact directly on or which might bring about binding changes to the terms and conditions of ministers which relate to stipend or stipend scales.

56. New or Additional Expenditure. Any proposal which involves new or additional expenditure must, together with an estimate of such expenditure, be in the hands of Commissioners in print and in proper form (for example, as a Proposed Deliverance, Notice of Motion, or Crave of a Petition), provided that:

(a) if it relates to the income disposition proposed within Co-ordinated Budget for the next calendar year and if the proposal is not submitted in the form of an amendment to the total of the said Budget, it shall provide for and specify the reduction or reductions to be made in other expenditure contained within the said Budget; and

(b) if it involves continuing or recurring expenditure which, if approved, would require to be incorporated in future Co-ordinated and Rolling Budgets, it shall provide for the matter to be remitted in the first instance to the Council of Assembly for consideration and report to the next General Assembly.

57. Declaratory or Interim Act. The draft of any proposed Declaratory or Interim Act, as also the draft of any Overture which it is proposed to transmit to Presbyteries in terms of the Barrier Act (other than any Overture printed and circulated in the volume of Reports), shall be printed and laid on the table of the Assembly and circulated among the Members at least one day before a Motion for the passing of such Declaratory or Interim Act, or for the transmission of

such Overture to Presbyteries, is made in the Assembly.

V. CONDUCT OF CASES

58. Commission of Assembly. The rules of procedure for the Appeals Committee of the Commission of Assembly shall be as set out in Schedule 2 to the Appeals Act (Act 1 2014). Standing Orders 59 – 61 apply where a matter is being brought before the Commission of Assembly in terms of those powers of the Commission of Assembly not being exercised by the Appeals Committee, or before the General Assembly, being a petition, a reference or an appeal on a matter of doctrine. In Standing Orders 59 - 61 references to the General Assembly shall be taken to refer where appropriate to the Commission of Assembly and all references shall be so construed *mutatis mutandis*.

(a) LODGING OF PAPERS

59. Appeal; Dissent and Complaint; Petition. The papers in all cases intended to be brought before the Assembly, whether Appeals or Dissents and Complaints against the judgement of inferior courts, or Petitions, should be lodged with the Clerks of Assembly not later than 24 April, and must be lodged not less than fourteen days before the opening session of Assembly; except in the case of judgements pronounced within sixteen days of the meeting of Assembly, in which case they shall be lodged within forty-eight hours of the judgement being pronounced.

60. (a). Reference. In the case of Reference of a matter from an inferior court for the judgement of the Assembly the same limits as to time for lodging of papers in the case shall apply as in SO 59.

(b). Reference of Matter Previously Considered. Where the matter of a Reference has previously been under consideration of the Assembly, the Reference shall state the date when the matter was previously before the Assembly and shall narrate the Assembly's Deliverance thereon.

61. Answers. It shall be competent for all parties claiming an interest in the subject matter of an Appeal, Dissent and Complaint or Petition to lodge Answers thereto complying with the requirements of this SO 61. Answers may be lodged any time after the Appeal, Dissent and Complaint or Petition is received by the Clerks, but not later than seven days before the opening meeting of Assembly. Answers shall be in the form of articulate numbered Answers to the narrative contained in the Appeal, Dissent and Complaint or Petition, indicating in particular matters of fact that are admitted and denied, and shall set forth a concise statement of the Respondent's case, together with a crave specifying the action the Assembly are invited to take thereanent.

(b) PRINTING OF PAPERS

62. Printing. It shall be the duty of the Clerks on receiving papers that are to come before the Assembly in connection with cases to arrange to have these printed in authorised form, stitched together and paged.

63. In Private. Papers relating to business dealt with by Presbyteries in private, or which the Committee on Overtures and Cases (SOs 70 - 71) consider should be taken in private, shall be printed separately and may be dealt with by the Assembly in private.

64. Cost of Printing. In cases of discipline brought before the Assembly by the Judicial Commission, by Reference from a Presbytery, or by complaint by a minority of the Court, the expense of printing shall be borne by the Assembly Arrangements Committee; in other circumstances by the Complainer or Appellant. In all other cases the expenses of printing in sufficient numbers for the use of Commissioners shall be borne by the party having interest in the same or desiring a Deliverance from the Assembly.

65. In Retentis. Two copies of every printed paper shall be kept by the Clerks of Assembly to be bound up and retained among the Records of Assembly.

(c) CIRCULATION OF PAPERS

66. Date of Dispatch. A copy of all papers transmitted to the Clerks of Assembly not later than 24 April shall be forwarded by them to each Member of Assembly at least one week before the opening day of the Assembly.

67. In Private. The Clerks of Assembly shall not issue in advance to Members the papers in cases which they think require to be conducted in private, until specially instructed by the Assembly so to do; but shall report such cases to the Convener of the Business Committee, for the information of that Committee, immediately after its appointment.

(d) INTIMATION TO PARTIES

68. Appeal; Dissent and Complaint. In all cases coming before the Assembly by Appeal or Dissent and Complaint it shall be the duty of the Clerks of Assembly to inform the parties on both sides as soon as possible of the time at which such case is likely to be taken by the Assembly. Such intimation shall, unless in a specific case the Assembly determine otherwise, be regarded as sufficient notice.

The Clerks shall further be bound, on application made to them for the purpose, to supply six copies of all prints made in pursuance of the foregoing Orders to the opposite party or parties in any case, or to his or their duly accredited Agents.

69. Petition. In every Petition it shall be the duty of the Petitioner to make such intimation of the Petition as may be necessary having regard to the nature of the Petition. Such intimation shall be made not more than seven days later than the time when the Petition is lodged with the Clerks of Assembly as provided in SO 59 above; and along with the Petition there shall be lodged a certificate signed by the Petitioner or his or her Agent setting forth the names of the parties to whom such intimation has been made or is to be made. The Assembly may refuse to dispose of any Petition if in their

opinion sufficient intimation thereof has not been made.

(e) TRANSMISSION TO ASSEMBLY

70. Committee on Overtures and Cases.

All papers lodged with the Clerks in cases of every sort in terms of the foregoing Orders shall be laid by them before the Committee on Overtures and Cases, which shall consider the same and report to the Assembly.

71. Decision not to Transmit. If the Committee on Overtures and Cases shall decide not to transmit to the Assembly any papers in cases duly lodged with the Clerks of Assembly it shall report the same to the Assembly at their first Session, or at the Session next after such decision, with its reasons for not transmitting the papers, and parties shall be entitled to be heard thereon at the bar of the Assembly. Intimation of a decision not to transmit papers shall be made to the parties concerned as soon as possible, and in time to allow of their being represented at the bar when the decision not to transmit is reported to the Assembly.

72. In Private. The Business Committee shall, in its first Report, specify any case which in its judgement requires to be conducted in private, and any case which does not appear to it to be of that character although the Clerks of Assembly may have reported it as such. The Assembly shall thereupon determine by a special Deliverance, at what stage in the proceedings the papers in such a case shall be issued to the Commissioners. In every case which the Assembly appoint to be conducted in private the instruction to issue the papers shall be accompanied by a special exhortation to the Commissioners to keep them private.

73. Proposed Legislation. All Overtures from Presbyteries or from Commissioners which propose the introduction of new or the amendment of existing Acts (or Regulations) shall contain the precise terms of the legislation which they propose; and the Committee on Overtures and Cases shall not transmit to the Assembly any Overture

which is deficient in this respect, provided always that the Clerks and Procurator shall be available to assist with the framing of such proposals

(f) HEARING OF CASES

74. Announcement. Before parties are heard in any contentious case the Clerk shall read the following announcement, viz - "The Commissioners are reminded that justice requires that all the pleadings at the bar should be heard by all those who vote in this case, and that their judgement should be made solely on the basis of the pleadings." Immediately before a vote is taken in such a case, the Clerk shall read the following further announcement, viz - "The Commissioners are reminded that only those who have heard all the pleadings at the bar are entitled to vote in this case."

75. Appeal; Complaint; One Appellant. In cases brought before the Assembly by Appeal, where there is only one appellant (or one set of appellants concurring in the same reasons of Appeal) and only one respondent (or one set of respondents concurring in the same answers to the reasons of Appeal) the case for the appellant (or set of appellants) shall be stated by him or herself or by his or her counsel, who at the same time shall submit such argument upon the case as he or she shall think fit. The party or counsel so stating the Appeal shall be followed by the respondent or his or her counsel who likewise shall submit such arguments upon the case as he or she shall think fit. At the close of the statement for the respondent the appellant shall be entitled to be again heard, and the respondent shall also be entitled to be heard in answer to the second speech for the appellant and if, in his or her final answer, the respondent shall state any fact or submit any argument not adverted to in his or her answer to the opening statement for the appellant, the appellant shall be entitled to a reply upon the new matter introduced in the final answer for the respondent. With the exception of this right of reply, so limited, more than two speeches shall not be allowed to any party at the bar.

76. Appeal; Complaint; More than one Appellant. In such cases as those referred to in SO 75 if there is more than one appellant (or set of appellants) insisting on the Appeal, or more than one respondent (or set of respondents) supporting the judgement appealed against, (a) on different grounds, or (b) in separate reasons or answers, each appellant shall be entitled to open and state his separate case, and each respondent shall be entitled to make his or her separate answer, and the debate shall be closed with a reply for the several appellants; provided always that it shall be competent to the parties, with consent of the Assembly to make any arrangement for conducting the debate other than herein prescribed, if it shall have the effect of limiting, further than is herein done, the number of speeches to be made from the bar.

77. Appeal; Complaint; Who may appear. Any Member of an inferior court whose judgement is brought under review of the Assembly may appear at the bar in support of the judgement; but, when Commissioners have been specially appointed by the inferior court to support its judgement, the Assembly shall not hear any Member of such court other than the Commissioners so appointed, unless any Member not so appointed but wishing to be heard can show a separate and peculiar interest to support the judgement; and in all such cases it shall be competent to the Assembly to limit the number of Members of an inferior court who shall be heard in support of the judgement under review.

78. Dissents and Complaints. In SOs 75 to 77, "Appeal" includes "Dissents and Complaints" and "Appellant" includes "Complainer".

79. Petition. In cases brought before the Assembly as the court of first instance by Petition, the party promoting the application shall be entitled to be heard in support of the same; and the Assembly shall also hear an answer from any party at the bar claiming to be heard whom it shall consider to be a

proper respondent, and the debate at the bar shall be closed with a reply from the person promoting the application.

80. Reference. In cases brought before the Assembly by reference from a Presbytery the reference shall be stated to the Assembly by a Member of the referring court, specially appointed for the purpose, at the bar if not a Commissioner, or in his or her place as a Commissioner if a Commissioner from the Presbytery. The Assembly shall thereafter hear the parties in the case referred in such order as the nature of the case may seem to require, keeping in view the regulations in SOs 74 to 79.

81. Readjustment Cases. In cases arising from Act VII, 2003, when a request for determination follows a decision of the Partnership Development Committee not to concur in the judgement of a Presbytery, the Convener, or other member of the said Committee, shall be heard at the bar if not a Commissioner, or in his or her place as a Commissioner if a Commissioner, immediately after the request for determination has been stated. After the initial statement and the response by the said Committee when applicable, the General Assembly shall hear at the bar such parties in the case as are not represented by Commissioners, in such order as the nature of the case may seem to require.

VI. ORDER OF DEBATE

(a) ORDER OF THE DAY

82. When the Assembly have resolved that a case or other piece of business shall be taken up at a certain hour mentioned in the Order of Business, such case or other piece of business shall be taken not later than the hour fixed and the business before the Assembly, if not finished at the hour named, shall be adjourned, provided that, in the case of an Order of the Day following the Report of the Church and Society Council, such unfinished business shall not be taken up. If, in the opinion of the Moderator, it would be in accordance with the general convenience

of the Assembly, the Moderator may allow the transaction of the business then actually under discussion to continue for a period of not more than fifteen minutes beyond the specified time, but no fresh business shall be commenced.

(b) MOTIONS

83. TIME-BOUND

On the motion of the Business Committee or moved as part of the deliverance of the Assembly Arrangements Committee, the General Assembly may resolve that the Report and draft Deliverance relating to a particular Council or Committee's Report be taken in a time-bound process of debate and decision. Such a motion shall be moved at least 24 hours in advance of the presentation of the Report concerned.

Having so resolved the General Assembly shall operate the following timetable:-

- a) Start times shall be allotted to specified Sections of the Report and to the related sections of the draft Deliverance. Discussion of any Section of the Report shall not commence later than its allotted start time, but may begin earlier if debate of the previous Section has been completed.
- b) If discussion and debate of a particular Section of the Report has not been concluded within its allotted time, then further consideration of associated sections of the draft Deliverance shall be sisted and the General Assembly shall take up the next Section of the Report.
- c) If, at the close of the debate on the last Section of the Report, there is still time before the Order of the Day requires to be implemented or business is due to conclude, then the General Assembly shall return for further debate of any outstanding sections of the draft Deliverance remaining relative to each Section of the Report

- d) If the Order of the Day or anticipated close of business is imminent, then any outstanding sections of the draft Deliverance shall be voted upon without debate, except that other motions printed in the Daily Papers shall also be taken, without debate, the Convener simply having the right to indicate whether or not the Council or Committee is willing to accept the motion.
- e) Where motions printed in the Daily Papers do not relate directly to the Report and draft Deliverance proposed by the Council or Committee, they will be taken either at the end of the appropriate Section, if there is time available according to the allotted timetable, or at the end of the appropriate Section when the procedure leading to the Order of the Day (or close of business) is being implemented.

84. Right to Move. Any Commissioner to the Assembly may make a motion upon any matter coming regularly before the Assembly; and on rising to do so he or she shall read the terms of the motion having wherever possible handed the same in writing on the form provided to the Assembly Office or other point of collection intimated to the General Assembly. It shall be in order to move a motion regarding any matter in the care of a Committee to which no reference is made in the Report of that Committee, provided that reasonable notice has been given in writing to the Convener before presentation of the Report. The mover of any counter-motion or amendment may reply to the discussion of his or her motion, immediately before the Convener closes the debate.

85. Withdrawal. When a motion has been duly seconded it shall not be competent to withdraw it, or to make any alteration upon it, without the permission of the Assembly.

86. Priority. The Deliverance on the Report of a Committee shall take precedence of any other motion on that subject.

87. Committee Convener. The Convener of a Committee when a Commissioner, on giving in the Report of that Committee, shall move the Deliverance proposed in terms of SO 41. A Convener, when not a Commissioner, shall be allowed to submit the Report of the Committee, and to give explanations in the subsequent discussion. In such a case the Principal Clerk, whom failing, the Depute Clerk, shall formally move the Deliverance. In all cases the Convener shall have the right of replying to the debate.

88. Introducer of Overture. The Introducer of an Overture, if a Commissioner, shall move the Deliverance; and if he or she is not a Commissioner the Principal Clerk, whom failing the Depute Clerk, shall formally move the Deliverance. The Introducer, whether a Commissioner or not, may answer questions or give explanations in the course of the debate and, if a Commissioner, may reply to, the discussion immediately before the relevant Convener closes the debate.

89. Notice of Motion. Any Commissioner may, during the sittings of the Assembly, give notice of Motion on any subject due to come regularly before the Assembly, other than a contentious case. Notices of Motion so given in shall be printed in the "Assembly Papers" not later than the day before that on which the business is to be taken. Such printed Notice of Motion shall confer no right of priority of moving same, the Moderator being the sole judge of the order in which Members are entitled to address the Assembly.

(c) THE DEBATE

90. The Chair. Every speaker shall address the Assembly through the Moderator, and the correct address is "Moderator".

91. In Support. When a motion or motions have been made and seconded, any Member (including a formal seconder in terms of SO 95) may take part in subsequent debate.

92. Speeches. (1) Except as provided in SOs 84 and 87, no Member may speak twice on the same question except in explanation, and then only by special permission of the

Assembly. (2) Members shall make relevant declarations of interest where the topic of debate makes it appropriate to do so.

93. Point of Order. Any Member may rise to speak to a Point of Order. A speaker is not to be interrupted unless upon a call to order. When so interrupted he or she shall cease speaking, and shall resume his or her seat until the Point of Order is decided. The Member calling to order shall state the grounds for so doing; and the speaker who has been interrupted may briefly reply in explanation, to show that he or she is not out of order, but no other Member may speak to the Point of Order unless with the permission or at the request of the Moderator, with whom the decision of the point rests, though the Moderator may put the point to a vote of the Assembly.

94. There shall be no right of reply to a debate except as provided for by SOs 84 and 87.

95. Limits. All speeches shall be limited to 5 minutes, with the following exceptions:

- (i) COMMITTEES
 - Convener giving in the Report of his or her Committee and moving thereon (seconding to be formal) 15 minutes
 - Convener responding to a question 4 minutes
 - Movers of Amendments or Counter-Motions (seconding to be formal) 10 minutes
- (ii) OVERTURES
 - Introducing an Overture and when the Introducer is a Commissioner, moving thereon 10 minutes
 - Mover of other Motions in relation to Overture (seconding to be formal) 10 minutes
- (iii) PETITIONS Speeches of Petitioners 10 minutes

96. No Time Limit. The time limits shall apply, except in the following cases:

- (a) when the Assembly are debating specific proposals for change under Barrier Act procedure;
- (b) when the Assembly are exercising judicial functions;
- (c) in Petitions when, for special reasons, the Committee on Overtures and Cases reports that the circumstances demand an extension, and when the General Assembly adopt that opinion;
- (d) in any other matter when the Assembly Arrangements Committee (in respect of the Order of Business for the first two days) or the Business Committee (in respect of the Order of Business for the subsequent days) declares that, in its opinion, such matter is of exceptional importance, and when the Assembly adopt that opinion.

(d) DEALING WITH MOTIONS

97. Character of Motions. Motions shall be considered as belonging to one of the following categories, and shall be dealt with as prescribed, viz:

1. The original Motion.
2. Counter-Motions – being Motions contradictory or negative of the original Motion or of a substantial part of the original Motion.
3. Amendments being Motions not substantially contradictory of the original Motion or Counter-Motion, but for making deletions, alterations, or additions thereto without defeating its main object.
4. Amendments of amendments already moved and seconded.

98. Moderator to Judge. The Moderator shall be judge of the category to which any Motions shall be considered to belong, and the ruling of the Moderator shall be final.

99. Grouping of Amendments. When to any Proposed Deliverance there has been given notice of amendments which differ from each other only slightly in their general

tenor, the Moderator shall decide whether or not to permit more than one of such amendments to be moved.

100. Voting on Amendments. When an amendment (Category 3) has been proposed it shall be disposed of by the Assembly before any other counter-motion or amendment is proposed. However, it shall be in order for an amendment of an amendment (Category 4) to be proposed, seconded and debated, after which the Moderator shall take a vote “For” or “Against”. When all such Category 4 motions have been so disposed of, the Assembly shall complete its consideration of the original amendment (Category 3) and the Moderator shall take a vote “For” or “Against” the original amendment amended or unamended as the case may be. For the avoidance of doubt, it is affirmed that the order of debate for Category 3 and Category 4 motions shall be the same except as herein provided and that the provisions of SO 87 shall apply to both.

101. Voting on Motions. After all amendments, if any, have been disposed of, the Moderator shall take a vote between all Motions in Categories (1) and (2), and in doing so shall adopt the following procedure. A vote shall be taken in one of the methods provided below, between all the Motions in the order in which they were made, beginning at the first. Each Commissioner may vote for one Motion only. If, on the numbers being announced, one Motion has obtained a clear majority of votes, all the other Motions shall fall; but if no Motion has obtained a clear majority, the Motion having the smallest number of votes shall be struck off and a vote taken between the remaining Motions; and the Assembly may determine.

102. Voting for Appointments. In the case of voting for appointments to vacant offices in the Church, where there are more than two nominations the Assembly shall vote separately on all the names proposed, and, unless there be a majority in favour of one over all the others combined, the one having the lowest number shall be dropped, and

the Assembly shall again vote on those that remain.

103. Deliberative Vote. The Moderator or Acting Moderator in the Chair shall have no Deliberative Vote.

104. Casting Vote. If in any division there shall be an equality of votes for two proposals before the Assembly, the Moderator shall have power to give a deciding vote; and if in the course of the voting as provided in SOs 100 and 101 above, there should be an equality of votes for the two Motions having fewest votes, the Moderator shall have power to give a deciding vote and the Motion for which the Moderator shall vote shall be retained for the purpose of the next vote of the Assembly.

(e) TAKING THE VOTE

105. The Moderator may, in any circumstances and at his or her sole discretion, ascertain the mind of the Assembly by asking the Commissioners to stand in their places, and shall intimate to the Assembly on which side there is in his or her opinion a majority. Unless the opinion of the Moderator so intimated is at once challenged, it shall become the decision of the Assembly. If any Commissioner challenges the opinion of the Moderator, the Assembly shall proceed to take an electronic vote using a system approved by the Assembly Arrangements Committee. Alternatively, it shall be open to the Moderator, again at his or her sole discretion and in any circumstances, to ascertain the mind of the Assembly by recourse to the use of electronic voting. After all votes have been counted the Moderator shall intimate the result of the voting which will become the decision of the Assembly. In no circumstances shall a second vote be taken on a matter which has already been the subject of a vote by electronic voting. The Business Committee shall ensure that Commissioners are familiar with the method of electronic voting and will appoint tellers to assist Commissioners, where necessary, with the process of casting votes and to assist the

Assembly with the process of voting by paper ballot which shall be a competent alternative to the taking of a vote by electronic means in the event of a failure in the electronic voting system.

(f) DISSENTS

106. Entering. Any Commissioner dissatisfied with a judgement of the Assembly, which has not been unanimous, has the right to enter his or her dissent against it; but no dissent can be given in until the matter to which it refers has, for that session, been disposed of, the Minute adjusted, and the Assembly is ready to proceed to other business.

107. Adhering. When a dissent has been entered, it is in order for any other Commissioner present when that judgement was pronounced to adhere to such dissent. No other's adherence may be entered.

108. Reasons. A person dissenting may do so with or without giving in reasons of dissent. If he or she dissent for reasons given in at the time, or to be afterwards given in, such reasons shall, if received by the Assembly as proper and relevant, and provided they are given in before the close of the next session (or, when made on the last day of the Assembly, before the close of the same session), be recorded in the Minutes.

109. Answers. If the Assembly appoint a Committee to prepare answers to reasons of dissent, the Report of the Committee shall, except on the last day of the Assembly, be printed in the "Assembly Papers"; and, as approved by the Assembly, shall be printed in the Minutes, if the reasons of dissent have been so printed.

110. Record of Dissents. Reasons of dissent and answers thereto when not entered in the Minutes, shall be kept in a separate Record of Dissents.

VII. COMMITTEES AND THEIR MEMBERSHIP

(A) COMMITTEES

111. Committees. The Committees of the General Assembly shall be those listed in SO 113 together with such ad hoc Committees as the General Assembly may appoint from time to time. Clerical services for the ad hoc Committees shall normally be provided by the staff of the Principal Clerk’s Department.

112. Quorum. Save for the Judicial Proceedings Panel and those bodies where provision is already made for a quorum, the quorum of Standing Committees of the General Assembly listed in SO 113 shall be three. When a meeting ceases to be quorate, business must be suspended. The quorum shall apply also to sub-committees and other bodies constituted from the relevant Standing Committees where such sub-committees and other bodies have decision-making powers, but not otherwise.

113. Membership. The Standing Committees of the General Assembly shall have membership as follows, General Assembly appointments being made on the nomination of the Nomination Committee except where otherwise stated.

1. Council of Assembly27
 Convener, Vice-Convener, and 10 members appointed by the General Assembly, one of whom shall have appropriate knowledge and experience of Christian stewardship, the Secretary of the Council of Assembly, the Principal Clerk, the General Treasurer and the Solicitor of the Church as members *ex officio*s (non-voting); the Conveners and Council Secretaries (Secretaries to be non-voting) of the Church and Society, Ministries, Mission and Discipleship, Social Care and World Mission Councils and the Convener of the Panel on Review and Reform.

2. Church and Society Council32
 Convener, 2 Vice-Conveners, 27 members appointed by the General Assembly and one member appointed from and by the Social Care Council and the Guild. The Nomination Committee will ensure that the Council membership contains at least 5 individuals with specific expertise in each of the areas of Education, Societal/Political, Science and Technology and Social/Ethical. This number may include the Convener and Vice-Conveners of the Council.

3. Ministries Council47
 Convener, 4 Vice-Conveners, 38 members appointed by the General Assembly and 1 member appointed from and by the General Trustees, the Housing and Loan Fund, the Committee on Chaplains to Her Majesty’s Forces and the Diaconate Council. For the avoidance of doubt where a representative of these other bodies is a member of staff, they will have no right to vote.

4. Ministries Appeal Panel5
 Convener, Vice-Convener and 3 members appointed by the General Assembly. At least 1 member shall be legally qualified, at least 1 shall be a minister and at least 1 shall be an elder.

5. Trustees of the Housing and Loan FundUp to 11
 Up to 3 ministers and 1 member appointed by the Ministries Council, who having served a term of 4 years shall be eligible for re-appointment for a second 4 year term;
 Up to 4 appointed by the General Assembly on the nomination of the Trustees, who having served a term of 4 years shall be eligible for re-appointment for a second 4 year term;
 Up to 3 appointed by the Baird Trust, for a term of office determined by that Trust.

Any Trustee (other than one appointed by the Baird Trust) may serve for up to a further two four-year terms if elected also as Chairperson or Depute Chairperson.

6. Committee on Chaplains to HM Forces18

Convener, Vice-Convener and 16 members appointed by the General Assembly. There are also 2 non-voting members: one representative from and appointed by each of the Ministries and the Church and Society Councils.

7. Mission and Discipleship Council33

Convener, 3 Vice-Conveners and 25 members appointed by the General Assembly, the Head of Stewardship, 1 member appointed from and by the Guild and the *Go For It* Committee, and the Convener or Vice-Convener of the Committee on Church Art and Architecture as that Committee shall determine. The Nomination Committee will ensure that the Council membership includes at least 3 individuals with specific expertise in each of the areas of Congregational Learning, Church Without Walls and Resourcing Worship.

8. Committee on Church Art and Architecture18

Convener, Vice-Convener and 16 members appointed by the General Assembly. Notwithstanding SOs 114 & 118, members shall be appointed for a term not exceeding eight years. The Committee shall have the power to invite a representative of each of the following bodies to attend its meetings: the General Trustees, the Scottish Episcopal Church, the National Association of Decorative Fine Arts Societies and Historic Environment Scotland.

9. Social Care Council31

Convener, 2 Vice-Conveners and 28 members appointed by the General Assembly.

10. Assembly Arrangements Committee16

Convener, Vice-Convener and 10 members appointed by the General Assembly, the Moderator, the Moderator Designate and the Clerks of Assembly, the Convener and Vice-Convener also to serve as Convener and Vice-Convener respectively of the General Assembly's Business Committee.

11. Central Services Committee13

a) Convener, Vice-Convener (Human Resources), Vice-Convener (Property) and 6 members appointed by the General Assembly, together with, *ex officio*s and non voting, the Secretary of the Council of Assembly, the Solicitor of the Church, the General Treasurer and the Head of Human Resources.

b) Appeal Group8

8 members appointed by the General Assembly with the Solicitor of the Church as Secretary. Members shall not include any former or current members of staff of any of the Church's Employing Agencies (including the Social Care Council), nor any current Council or Committee member.

12. Ecumenical Relations Committee

.....8 plus representatives, co-optees and corresponding member

a) 6 members appointed by the General Assembly one to be attached, for the purposes of ecumenical accompaniment, to each of the Church and Society Council, the Ministries Council, the Mission and Discipleship Council, the Social Care Council, the World Mission Council and the Theological Forum.

b) Convener who will act as a personal support for the Ecumenical Officer (EO) and Vice-Convener, appointed by the General Assembly.

c) A representative of the Roman Catholic Church in Scotland appointed by the Bishops' Conference and 1 representative from each of 3 churches drawn from among the member churches of ACTS and the Baptist Union of Scotland, each to serve for a period of 4 years.

d) The Committee shall co-opt Church of Scotland members elected to the central bodies of Churches Together in Britain and Ireland (CTBI), the Conference of European Churches (CEC), the World Council of Churches (WCC), the World Communion of Reformed Churches (WCRC) and the Community of Protestant Churches in Europe

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(CPCE, formerly the Leuenberg Fellowship of Churches).

e) The General Secretary of ACTS shall be invited to attend as a corresponding member.

f) For the avoidance of doubt, while only those persons appointed under paragraphs a) and b) above shall be entitled to vote, before any vote is taken the views of members representing other churches shall be ascertained.

13. Legal Questions Committee16
Convener, Vice-Convener and 10 members appointed by the General Assembly, the Clerks of Assembly, the Procurator and the Solicitor of the Church.

14. Safeguarding13
Convener, Vice-Convener and 6 members appointed by the General Assembly, 1 representative (voting member) from and appointed by each of the Ministries, Church and Society, World Mission, Mission and Discipleship and Social Care Councils, the Solicitor of the Church, the National Adviser (Head of Safeguarding) as Secretary to the Committee, the Secretary of the Council of Assembly and up to 4 members co-opted by the Committee for their expertise. For the avoidance of doubt it is declared that only the following persons will be entitled to vote: Convener, Vice-Convener, the six Assembly appointed members and the five representatives from each of the Ministries, Church and Society, World Mission, Mission and Discipleship and Social Care Councils.

15. World Mission Council32
Convener, 2 Vice-Conveners, 28 members appointed by the General Assembly and 1 member appointed by the Presbytery of International Charges.

16. Panel on Review and Reform11
Convener, Vice-Convener and 8 members appointed by the General Assembly, together with the Ecumenical Officer (non-voting).

17. Nomination of ModeratorUp to 16
Convener, up to 8 ministers and deacons and up to 7 elders elected by the immediately

preceding General Assembly from among its commissioners.

18. Judicial Commission

2 Conveners, 2 Vice-Conveners and a pool of 40 ministers, elders and deacons appointed by the General Assembly. (The Clerks of Assembly are Clerks of the Judicial Commission though not members thereof.)

19. General Trustees

Trustees are appointed as required, by the General Assembly on the nomination of the Trust.

20. Nomination Committee26

Convener, Vice-Convener and 24 members appointed by the General Assembly. Notwithstanding SO 118, no member of the Committee, having served a term of 4 years, shall be eligible for re-election until after a period of 4 years, except for special cause shown. The Convener of the Committee shall be for 3 years.

21. Church of Scotland Trust

Trustees are appointed as required, by the General Assembly on the nomination of the Trust.

22. Church of Scotland Investors Trust

Trustees are appointed as required, by the General Assembly on the nomination of the Trust.

23. Delegation of the General Assembly.....4

The Clerks of Assembly, The Principal Clerk as Chairman, the Procurator and the Solicitor of the Church, *ex officio*.

24. Iona Community Board20

Convener and 5 members appointed by the General Assembly;

6 members appointed by and from the Iona Community, 2 changing each year;

The Leader of the Iona Community;

1 member appointed by and from the Presbytery of Argyll.

In addition the Board will invite 6 member churches of Churches Together in Britain and

Ireland (CTBI) to appoint a representative member to the Board, such members being eligible to serve for a maximum period of 4 years.

25. Judicial Proceedings Panel

A Panel of ministers, elders and deacons appointed by the General Assembly who are suitably experienced in the law and practice of the Church and whose number shall, in accordance with the Discipline of Ministry Act (Act III, 2001), section 1(1)(e), be determined, from time to time, by the Legal Questions Committee. Notwithstanding SOs 114 & 118, appointments shall be for three years with the option of further consecutive terms. In calculating how many Panel members may be appointed, no account shall be taken of any members whose current term has expired but who are deemed to remain as members of the Panel by operation of the Discipline of Ministry Act (Act III, 2001), section 1(1)(f).

26. Theological Forum.....12

Convener, Vice-Convener and 10 members appointed by the General Assembly, the membership being selected to provide an appropriate balance of (a) ministers of Word and Sacrament, (b) members of academic staff from the Divinity Schools (or equivalent) of Institutions of Higher Education in Scotland, (c) elders and (d) members drawn from the wider membership of the Church chosen for their particular expertise, experience or provenance.

27. Registration of Ministries

Committee.....5

Convener, Vice-Convener and 3 members. 1 member is appointed by the Legal Questions Committee, 1 member by the Ministries Council and 3 members by the General Assembly. The Convener and Vice-Convener are appointed by the General Assembly from the General Assembly appointees. One or other of the Clerks to the General Assembly and the Secretary to the Ministries Council attend the Committee *ex officio* in an advisory capacity but are not members. The Committee is clerked by a person from the

Ministries Council who is not a member of the Committee.

(b) MEMBERS

114. Period of Service. All Members of each of the Standing Committees shall retire after serving for four years.

115. Representatives. Bodies entitled to appoint representatives shall be permitted to make changes in their representation for special reasons in any year.

116. Non-attendance. The name of a Member shall be removed from any Standing or Special Committee which has met three times or oftener between 1 June and 1 March unless he or she has attended one-third of the meetings held within that period. Attendance at meetings of Sub-Committees shall for this purpose be reckoned as equivalent to attendance at the meeting of the Committee itself.

117. Replacement. When a Minister, Elder, or Member of any Standing or Special Committee is unable to accept the appointment, or where from any cause vacancies occur in Committees during the year, that Committee, after consultation with the Convener of the Nomination Committee, may appoint a Member to take the place of the Member whose retirement has caused the vacancy. All such appointments, if for a longer period than one year, shall be reported for confirmation through the Nomination Committee to the General Assembly.

118. Re-election. A Member retiring from a Council or Committee by rotation, or having his or her name removed for non-attendance, shall not be eligible for re-election to that Council or Committee until the expiry of one year thereafter, unless the Assembly are satisfied, on the Report of the Nomination Committee, on information submitted to it by the Council or Committee concerned, that there are circumstances which make re-election desirable; but where more than one member is due to retire then not more than one-half of the retiring members be so re-elected. No Member shall normally

serve for more than two consecutive terms of office. (If possible 20 per cent of the Assembly appointed members of Councils or Committees should be under the age of 35 at the time of their appointment). A Member appointed in the room of one deceased, resigned or removed, or of one appointed as Convener or Vice-Convener, shall serve for the remainder of the period for which the person was appointed whose place he or she takes, and on retirement shall be eligible for re-election if he or she has not served for more than two years.

A retiring Convener shall be eligible for re-election as an additional member of the Council or Committee concerned to serve for one year only immediately following tenure of office as Convener.

119. Eligibility. No person shall be a Member of more than three Councils or Committees at the same time. Appointments *ex officio* shall not be reckoned in this number. This rule shall not apply to those for whom the Nomination Committee is prepared to give special reason to the Assembly for their appointments to more than three Committees.

The Nomination Committee shall not nominate for Committees any of its own number except in special circumstances which must be stated to the Assembly.

120. Secretaries and Deputes. It shall be the responsibility of the Secretary of each Council and Committee to attend the meetings thereof, to provide information and advice as requested, and to provide a depute for any meeting that he or she cannot attend. Members of staff shall not have the right to vote at any meeting.

121. Expenses. Expenses incurred by Members of Committee, consisting of travel charges and a sum for maintenance when required shall be defrayed.

(c) CONVENERS AND VICE-CONVENERS

122. Appointment. Conveners and Vice-Conveners of Councils and Committees shall

be appointed by the Assembly. Conveners shall hold office for not more than four consecutive years (in the case of the Nomination Committee, three consecutive years) and Vice-Conveners shall hold office for not more than three consecutive years, unless the Assembly are satisfied that there are exceptional circumstances which make the reappointment of Conveners and Vice-Conveners desirable. The period of reappointment shall be for one year only. If at the time of their appointment they are already members of the Council or Committee another Member shall be appointed in their room for the remainder of the period of their original appointment.

123. Replacement. In the event of the death, resignation, or supervening incapacity of the Convener of any Council or Committee, the body concerned, after consultation with the Convener of the Nomination Committee, may appoint an Interim Convener. Such appointment shall be reported by the Committee to the General Assembly and the Assembly shall make such order as the situation may require.

(d) NOMINATION COMMITTEE

124. List of Nominations. The Nomination Committee shall include in its Report its list of nominations to be submitted to the Assembly. The Report, so prepared, shall be included in the Volume of Reports issued to Members of Assembly.

125. Nomination of Conveners. When the Convener or Vice-Convener of a Committee or Council is completing his or her term of office the Council or Committee shall be invited by the Convener of the Nomination Committee to suggest the name of one who may be appointed in succession. The Nomination Committee shall satisfy itself that an open and transparent process has been followed in identifying the Convener or Vice-Convener so suggested.

126. Conveners to Attend Meeting. Conveners of Standing Committees shall be entitled to be present at meetings of

the Nomination Committee when the composition of their respective Committees is under consideration, but not to vote.

127. Amendment to Report. No amendment to the Report of the Nomination Committee shall be in order of which due notice has not been given.

All notices of proposed amendments on the Report, including such as propose the omission or insertion of any name or names, or the addition of a name or names where the full number eligible has not been nominated by the Committee, must be given in to the Clerks before midday on the third day prior to the closing of the Assembly, signed by the Member or Members giving them.

All such notices of proposed amendment shall, with the names of those signing them, be printed in the "Assembly Papers" issued on the second day prior to the closing of the General Assembly, and on the morning of the day the Report is to be called for.

VIII. ALTERATION AND SUSPENSION

128. Alteration. Any proposal for alteration of Standing Orders shall be either (a) on the Report of the Legal Questions Committee and printed in the volume of Reports or (b) by Overture and the subject of at least one day's notice in the "Assembly Papers". This Standing Order shall not apply to SO 113 which may be amended by the Principal Clerk in accordance with the decisions of the General Assembly.

129. Suspension. It shall always be competent for the Assembly, on the Motion of any Commissioner and on cause shown, summarily to dispense with the observance of the Standing Orders, or any part of them, in any particular case: provided that such Motion shall receive the support of not less than two-thirds of those voting on the question when put from the Chair, and that such suspension shall not contravene any Act of Assembly.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

FIRE PROCEDURE

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The following arrangements **MUST BE STRICTLY ADHERED TO:**

A. ON DISCOVERING A FIRE –

Sound the Alarm by operating the nearest break-glass Call point. This will automatically call the Fire Brigade.

B. ON HEARING THE ALARM –

1. Evacuate the building by nearest available Exit route following the stewards' directions

Debating Chamber Level: Main doors down to QUADRANGLE

Gallery Level: 4 Exits on to LAWNMARKET

2. Do not use the Lift in the event of an emergency, due to the risk of power failure

3. Do not stop to collect belongings, *ie.* Coats, brief-cases, handbags, *etc.*

4. Exit doors must remain clear at all times. When exiting leave in an orderly fashion

5. ASSEMBLE –

a. OPPOSITE THE MAIN ENTRANCE, MOUND PLACE or

b. LAWNMARKET/JOHNSTON TERRACE, WHICHEVER IS NEARER

(Note: The above-mentioned arrangements relate to the Assembly Hall building. If present within New College when the College fire alarm sounds, leave the College by the nearest available exit. New College areas include the Cloakroom, Assembly Office, Stewards' Office, Martin Hall, Media Rooms and Commissioners' Box area (Rainy Hall).

FIRST AID ROOM – This room is off the “black and white” corridor of the Assembly Hall.

REPORTS – Commissioners are reminded that the Volume of Reports is available for downloading through www.gapublications.co.uk or from the Church of Scotland website. Printed copies of the Reports are only issued in advance to those Commissioners whose request was submitted along with their Presbytery Commission. A limited stock of the Volume of Reports will be held, for purchase, at the Cornerstone Bookshop.

NOTICE TO SPEAKERS – Speakers are asked to speak from one of the microphones situated round the Hall and in commissioners' galleries.

TIME LIMIT FOR SPEECHES – A bell will notify Speakers that they are approaching the time limit and are expected to finish their speeches within one minute.

HEARING AIDS – These should be switched to “T” for best results from the induction loop. BSL interpreters will cover each session of the General Assembly. Please advise the Principal Clerk's office if you would find this facility helpful so that a seat can be reserved for you in the appropriate area.

COMMISSIONERS – Are informed that the Ground Floor and the South and West Galleries of the Hall are solely appropriated for them. Only when these parts of the Hall are fully occupied may Commissioners sit elsewhere, as guided by the Stewards.

LEAVE TO MEET DURING ASSEMBLY – Applications from Church Courts or Assembly Committees for leave to meet during the Sittings of the General Assembly should be handed in to the Clerks' Office. There is a standing permission for Kirk Sessions to meet if no members are Commissioners.

FILMING/PHOTOGRAPHY – We draw to your attention that cameras are used to film and photograph the General Assembly throughout its meeting and that the footage may be streamed live on the Church of Scotland website and used in other media including Social Media. In addition the footage and live stills obtained may, at some future point, be broadcast on national or international television and/or be used in other publications. If you do not wish to be filmed/photographed in this way, you should sit out of range of the cameras in the corners against the back wall on the ground floor of the Assembly Hall, and not behind any of the microphones which are located around the Hall. If you are unsure where this is, please ask a steward.

LOST PROPERTY SHOULD BE REPORTED OR HANDED IN TO THE ASSEMBLY OFFICE