

REPORT OF THE ASSEMBLY BUSINESS COMMITTEE

Proposed Deliverance

The Commission of Assembly

1. Receive the Report in terms of section 7 of the Commission of Assembly Act (Act VI 1997).
2. Instruct the Nomination Committee to populate the Faith Nurture Forum and the Faith Impact Forum through making interim appointments of Conveners, Vice-Conveners and members, such interim appointments to be effective from 1st January 2020 until the General Assembly of 2020.
3. Instruct the Nomination Committee to bring forward to the GA of 2020 nominations for the Convener, Vice-Convener and members of each Forum, such appointments to reflect the priorities of the Forums agreed with the Assembly Trustees.

Report

1. At the General Assembly of 2019 the Church committed itself to rapid structural reform in its committee structure.
2. The first major building blocks of that process are being put in place with the creation of the Faith Nurture Forum and the Faith Impact Forum. If approved by the Commission of Assembly they will begin life on the 1st of January 2020. There will then be an intensive programme of discussion between these Forums and the Assembly Trustees to establish priorities for their work.
3. In this time of change it is necessary find ways to adapt our normal processes to allow the Forums to begin meeting in January and indeed to make plans for the early months of next year before 2019 draws to a close.
4. What is being suggested is that the Nomination Committee is instructed by the Commission to make interim appointments for the Convener, Vice-Convener and members of the Forums. These appointments would run from 1st January 2020 until the close of the General Assembly 2020. The Nomination Committee would report to the General Assembly of 2020 the interim appointments made and would propose the names of those who would form the membership of the Forums in the years ahead including the length of time each would serve in the first instance i.e. one, two or three years as recommended in the Trustees' Report.
5. An open and transparent application process will be undertaken and it is anticipated that those individuals appointed on an interim basis may also be recommended for appointment from the close of the 2020 General Assembly. For the avoidance of doubt if the Nomination Committee proposes a person for appointment by the General Assembly who had previously held an interim appointment the term of that interim appointment shall not be counted as part of a one, two or three year period of service.

In the name of the Committee
FIONA SMITH, *Convener*
GEORGE WHYTE, *Secretary*